

4-H DOG DEPARTMENT

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General Rules for Animal Departments, Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock and Schedule of Activities are in the front of this book.

1. To be eligible for exhibition, dog project members must have completed and signed dog identification reports on file with the County Extension office for 4-H members and with FFA advisors for FFA members by May 10 of the current year. Youth may identify a maximum of three dogs.
2. 4-H and FFA members who are enrolled in the dog project and have dogs that meet the class qualifications are eligible to enter.
3. Dogs may only be shown by the 4-H member.
4. Housing cannot be provided on the fairgrounds for dog entries; thus exhibitors should plan to arrive prior to the show and will be released after the completion of the show.
5. Participants must have a current rabies certificate with the date of vaccination for each dog in order to attend summer obedience training. Dogs must be vaccinated for parvo virus and it is recommended dogs also be immunized for distemper.
6. To show at the Clay County Fair each exhibitor must bring a current rabies certificate to registration. Without the certificate, exhibitors will not be able to show. Exhibitors are responsible for picking up the certificates after the end of the dog show.
7. Dogs in heat at time of show are not eligible to compete.
8. Exhibitors shall not substitute a different dog for the one entered in a class without a veterinarian's certificate stating the reason(s) for the needed change and approval by the Clay County Extension Office. The substituted dog MUST BE a bona fide project identified by May 10 of the current year.
9. All dogs must be on leash or crated while waiting for their class to be called. Dog exhibitors must provide their own leashes, grooming equipment, pet crates, water pan, and food.
10. While in the show ring exhibitors must use properly fitting collars and leashes appropriate for their dog's breed and level of training. Exhibitors shall be ready with the dog when the class is called.
11. Exhibitor Dress Code for Obedience, Rally and Agility: An official 4-H or FFA t-shirt with blue, black or khaki jeans or slacks, no shorts. No caps or hats are allowed in the show ring. Exhibitors are to wear tie shoes or boots. No sandals, slip-on, heelless, or high heeled shoes are allowed in the show ring.
12. Exhibitor Dress Code for Showmanship: Exhibitors in showmanship classes may follow the obedience and agility dress code or change to dress pants or skirts, shirts or blouses, no shorts. FFA dog project members may wear official FFA dress. Exhibitors are to wear tie shoes or boots. No sandals, slip-on, heelless, or high heeled shoes are allowed in the show ring.
13. A trophy may not be awarded if there are less than 3 entries in the class.

OBEDIENCE DIVISION

1. Any dog or handler that HAS received a leg toward any obedience title must compete in classes 504-506.
2. An exhibitor may have one entry in each of the Obedience Division classes.

Class 500 - Sub-Novice A: Training Dog Year 1, Member Year 1

Exhibitor and dog will perform the following task on leash: Heel / Figure 8 / Stand for Examination / Recall / Long Sit (one minute) / Long Down (3 minutes).

Class 501 - Sub-Novice B: Training Dog Year 1, Member Year 2+

Exhibitor and dog will perform the following task on leash: Heel / Figure 8 / Stand for Examination / Recall / Long Sit (one minute) / Long Down (3 minutes).

Class 502 - Sub-Novice C: Training Dog Year 2+, Member Year 1

Exhibitor and dog will perform the following task on leash: Heel / Figure 8 / Stand for Examination / Recall / Long Sit (1 minute) / Long Down (3 Minutes).

Class 503 - Sub-Novice D: Training Dog Year 2, Member Year 2

This class is for dogs not ready to show in Class 504. Exhibitor and dog will perform the following task on leash: Heel / Figure 8 / Stand for Examination / Recall / Long Sit (one minute) / Long Down (3 minutes).

Class 504 - Novice A: Training Dog Year 2-3, Member Year 2+

Exhibitor and dog will perform heel on and off leash. Off leash the exhibitor and dog will perform the following tasks: Stand for Examination / Figure 8 / Recall / Long sit (one minute) / Long Down (3 minutes).

Class 505 - Novice B: Training Dog Year 3-4, Member Year 2+

Exhibitor and dog will perform the following tasks: Stand for examination off leash, Heel on leash / Heel free off leash / Figure 8 / Drop on Recall off leash / Long sit (three minutes) off leash, owner out of sight / Long Down (five minutes) off leash owner out of sight.

Class 506 - Graduate Novice: Training Dog Year 4+, Member Year 2+

Exhibitors are to provide their own dumbbell for this class. Exhibitor and dog will perform the following tasks all off leash: Heel Free / Figure 8 / Moving Drop on Recall / Moving Stand of Examination / Dumbbell Recall / Recall over Broad Jump / / Long Down (five minutes) owner out of sight.

Supreme Obedience

Champions in classes 500-506 may compete for the title of Supreme Obedience. A champion will be named using scores gained in obedience classes according to the level of ability each trainer and dog have achieved.

HANDLING (SHOWMANSHIP) DIVISION

1. The exhibitor is limited to only one entry in this division.
2. The cleanliness and appearance of the dog will be part of the showmanship judging.

Class 507 - Novice Junior Handling

For exhibitors grades 5-8 who are in their first year of handling (showmanship) training.

Class 508 Junior Handling

For exhibitors grades 5-8 who have not won a first place prize in a novice handling (showmanship) class with this dog at any show and who are in their second year or beyond of handling.

Class 509 - Novice Senior Handling

For youth exhibitors grades 9-12 who are in their first year of handling (showmanship) training.

Class 510 Senior Handling

For youth exhibitors in grade 9-12 who have not won a first place prize in a novice handling (showmanship) class with this dog at any show and who are in their second year or beyond of handling.

Class 511 - Supreme Handling

For youth exhibitors in grades 5-12 who have won a first place in a novice handling (showmanship) class with this dog at any show. Winners of Class 507-510 may also compete.

RALLY DIVISION

1. Rally classes are open to dogs in second year or beyond of obedience training and that have also exhibited in an obedience class at a county 4-H show.
2. Dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.
3. The exhibitor is limited to one entry per class.

Class 512 - Rally Novice A

For exhibitor and dog combinations which have not previously competed in rally classes. All exercises are judged on leash at between 10-15 stations.

Class 513 - Rally Novice B

For exhibitor or dog combinations which has previously competed in novice rally classes but are not yet ready for the advance class. There will be between 10-15 stations and leash is optional.

Class 514 - Rally Advance

For exhibitor or dog which has won a novice rally title or are ready to compete off leash. All exercises are judged off leash at between 12-17 stations.

Class 515 - Rally Excellent

For exhibitor and dog combinations which have won an advance rally title. All exercises are judged off leash at between 15-20 stations, except the Honor Exercise. Unlike the novice and advance classes, excellent handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections.

AGILITY DIVISION

1. All first and second year exhibitors must enter and exhibit their dog in an obedience class in order to participate in the agility division.
2. Third year or beyond exhibitors must enter and exhibit their dog in an obedience and/or rally class in order to participate in the agility division.
3. Scoring for all agility classes will be based on performance and course time.
4. The exhibitor is limited to one entry per class.
5. Agility classes will use a variety of equipment which may include any of the following: 12' dog walk, 9' A-frame, 12' teeter, single jumps, double jumps, triple jumps, weave poles, panel jumps, board jump, pipe tunnel, closed tunnel, pause table, and tire jump.
6. Any dog who has received an agility title should be shown in classes 518 or above.

Class 516 Beginners Agility A

For dogs and exhibitors in their first year of dog agility training. Dogs will follow a course on leash.

Class 517 Beginners Agility B

For dogs in their second year of agility training or for exhibitors that have trained a dog in agility before, but this is the first year for the dog.

Class 518 Novice Agility

For exhibitors in their second year or greater and dogs who are in their first to third year of training. Leash is optional.

Class 519 Open Agility

For exhibitors in their second year or greater and dogs who have been in training for three years or more or have received any agility title. Dogs will follow a course off leash.

Agility High in Trial

The high point exhibitor dog combination will be awarded the title of "High in Trial."

County Overall Point Honors

Clay County 4-H/FFA dog project members will be eligible to earn points for the honor of being named the overall point winner. Points from obedience, rally, showmanship (handling) and agility classes will be added together for each county exhibitor/dog team. Only the first Handling score will be used in calculating the final score. The high point team will be awarded a traveling trophy. The recipient is responsible for adding his/her own brass name plate to the trophy before the subsequent fair. Please contact Spencer Trophy and Awards to add a matching name plate.