

Dog – Division M

1. **Rules.** All exhibitors are expected to read and follow livestock general rules, health requirements, Code of Ethics and showmanship guidelines in front of Fair Book.
2. **Eligibility of Exhibitor.**
 - a. Exhibitor and dog must meet class qualifications and attend project training classes.
 - b. Classes are listed in order of novice to advance. Dogs and handlers advance in class. Once a dog and handler have advanced in class, they cannot enter a less advanced class.
3. **Eligibility of Dogs.** Dog must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Be identified on the Dog ID Form and on file at the EO by May 15.
 - b. Must have current rabies and distemper vaccination. Exhibitors must have a Veterinarian's Certificate showing the dates of immunization with them. Puppies over four (4) months old can participate in dog obedience classes and Fair if they can have a rabies vaccination.
 - c. No wolves or wolf/dogs will be admitted due to State of Iowa Dept. of Agriculture rabies notification.
 - d. Female dogs in season, pregnant, or nursing may not be shown at the fair.
 - e. Dogs in handling class must be shown and owned by exhibitor (or family owned). Dogs may not have obedience legs or titles not earned by the 4-H/FFA handler.
 - f. Complete and turn in the Livestock/Small Animal Entry Form for your dog by the due date.
 - g. The use of choke chains, buckle collars, and head halters, such as gentle leaders, are acceptable.
4. **Arrival.**
 - a. All exhibitors with dogs must report to the Fairgrounds thirty minutes before show time. See schedule in back of Fair Book.
 - b. All dogs must be on the leash or in the owner's kennel at **ALL** times except when being shown. All dogs must be kept away from all other animals at the Fair and out of the exhibit building and barns at all times.
5. **Dog Obedience Awards.**
 - a. To earn a Blue Ribbon in a pre-novice class, a dog must score 170 points or more.
 - b. To earn a Blue Ribbon in Novice A through Utility classes, a dog must score 170 points or more.
 - c. A trophy will be presented to the first place winner in each class of dog obedience with ribbons to other exhibitors.
 - d. A Grand Champion trophy will be given to the dog and exhibitor with the highest score from Classes M4, M5, M7, M8, M9, M10; and a Reserve Grand Champion trophy will be given to the dog and exhibitor with the highest score from Class M1, M2, or M3.

Dog Obedience Classes:

(Dogs trained, cared for, and managed by exhibitors)

- M 1 **Pre-Novice A Obedience** – For dogs and exhibitors in their first year of 4-H dog obedience training. Dogs will heel, stand for examination and do the figure 8 all on leash. They will recall on leash and do a sit-stay for one minute and a down-stay for three minutes on leash. Dogs must not have completed any leg toward any CD degree.
- M 2 **Pre-Novice B Obedience** – For exhibitors who are in their second year or greater of dog obedience or for first year project exhibitors who have a dog with previous experience. Dogs will heel, stand for examination and do figure 8 all on leash. They will recall on leash and do a sit-stay for one minute and a down-stay for three minutes on leash. Dogs must not have finished any leg toward any CD degree to show in this class.
- M 3 **Sub-Novice** – For dogs and handlers with two years or less of obedience training. *Exhibitors will* heel on leash, figure 8 on leash, recall OFF leash, stand for examination OFF leash, sit-stay (1 minute) and down-stay (3 minutes) OFF leash. Dogs may not have any CD degree to show in this class.

- M 4 Novice A Obedience – For exhibitors with three years or less of dog obedience. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in class M1, M2, or M3. Dogs will heel and do figure 8 on leash and heel off leash, stand for examination off leash, recall off leash, do a sit-stay for 1 minute and a down-stay for 3 minutes off leash. This class is open to dogs that have not completed their third leg toward any CD degree.
- M 5 Novice B Obedience – For exhibitors with three years or less of dog obedience. Dogs will heel and do figure 8 on leash and heel off leash, stand for examination off leash, recall off leash, do a sit-stay for one minute and a down-stay for three minutes off leash. This class is open to dogs that have not completed their third leg toward any CD degree. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in classes M1-M4.
- M 6 Challenge Novice Obedience – For dogs and handlers with three years or more of training. Exercises are the same as Novice A or B. Dogs may be entered in any other class except M1 or M2. Dogs shown in the class are not eligible for the Grand Champion Trophy.
- M 7 Graduate Novice A Obedience – This class is open to project exhibitors of four or more years in dog obedience. Dogs will perform open heel free & figure 8 exercise, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, and a down-stay with handlers out of sight for three minutes. Dogs entered in this class cannot be entered in class M1-M5 or M8 open to dogs that do not have any CDX degree.
- M 8 Graduate Novice B Obedience – This class is open to project exhibitors of five or more years in dog obedience. Dogs will perform open heel free & figure 8 exercise, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, recall over broad jump and a down-stay with handlers out of sight for three minutes. Open to dogs that do not have a CDX degree. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in classes M1-M5 or M7.
- M 9 Open Obedience – This class is open to project exhibitors of three or more years in dog obedience. Dogs will perform heel and figure 8 off leash, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over the high jump and perform the broad jump and do three-minute sit-stays and five-minute down-stays off leash and with exhibitor out of sight. Dogs entered in this class may not enter classes M1-M5 or M7.
- M10 Utility Obedience – This class is open to project exhibitors of three or more years. Dogs will do scent discrimination (selection of articles handled by owner) directed retrieve, signal exercises (hand signals), directed jumping and the moving stand for examination. Dogs entered in this class may also enter class M6, M7, or M8 (if they do not have a CDX) and/or M9.

Dog Handling/Showmanship.

Exhibitors must enter and exhibit in at least one obedience class in order to participate in handling/showmanship.

All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in Showmanship. After winning Junior or Intermediate Showmanship, a member will advance to the next age division. A member will be allowed to win Senior Showmanship only once. See Livestock General Rule #8 for Elite eligibility.

Dog Handling/Showmanship

- M 11 Junior – Rosette & Award
- M 12 Intermediate – Rosette & Award
- M 13 Senior – Rosette & Award
- M 14 Elite – (\$50 Savings Bond)

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