

2009 Linn County Fair



Dog Department

Superintendent— Cindy McDonald

Check-in— Thursday July 8, 3:00pm – 3:30pm; Sunday July 12, 7:30am—8:00am

Judging—**Thursday July 9, 2009** in Horse Barn Arena • **3:30pm** Showmanship followed by Rally
Sunday July 12, 2009 in Horse Barn Arena • **8:00am** Obedience followed by Agility Judging

Rules (Note: All General Rules and rules for Animal Division apply)

1. A dog must be owned by the 4-H/FFA member or in partnership with a family member. A member may exhibit a dog they do not own if they have cared for and trained it and it is the only dog the member exhibits
2. A dog may be identified by only one member unless it is the only dog owned by the family. A member may only show one dog per obedience class, unless permission is given by the dog committee. A member is only allowed to enter and show in one showmanship class, other than Best in Show. Members may show more than one dog in agility and rally.
3. Any dog that shows aggressive behavior towards any dog or human or can not be kept under control, will be asked to leave immediately.
4. Proof of rabies, distemper, parvo vaccinations must be presented to a committee by July 1. Kennel Cough (Bordetella), Corona and Lepto vaccinations are encouraged but not required. All dogs on show site or at training classes must show proof of vaccination or they will be asked to leave.
5. Members must attend the required number of lessons to exhibit: 7 of 10 classes offered, or show proof of outside class participation. Outside classes will only be accepted if taken between January 1st and July 1st of the current year. Please note: Exhibitors must attend the required number of classes in each event-rally, obedience, agility, herding and showmanship. Failure to attend will result in ineligibility to show at fair.
6. Once an exhibitor and dog have received a blue ribbon in a level, the exhibitor is required to progress to the next level. Exception: If the 4-H dog obedience instructor feels the dog is not ready for classes in the next level, the member may remain at the same level for lessons and showing for the next year. If a dog achieves an AKC or UKC title or equivalent during the current 4-H/FFA year, the dog will be allowed to show in its current level, but must move up the following year. For purposes of these rules, AKC titles will be used as the standard.

A. Pre-novice A obedience—Open only to dogs and members with no previous showing experience and dog has no titles in rally or obedience.

B. Pre-novice B obedience—For dogs or members with previous show experience or dogs with obedience or rally titles.

C. Novice A obedience—Dog and member with no previous showing experience. Dog must have no obedience or rally titles.

D. Novice B obedience—For dogs or member with previous showing experience. Dog must not have any obedience titles but may have a Rally Novice title but no higher titles.

E. Grad Novice A—Dog and member must have no previous showing experience at this level. Dog may have CD obedience or RA rally titles, but nothing higher.

F. Grad Novice B—Dog and/or member may have previous grad novice showing experience. Dog may have CD obedience or RA rally title, but nothing higher.

G. Open—Dog and/or member may have previous open level showing experience, but dog must not have a CDX or higher obedience title and shall not have RE or higher title.

H. Rally Novice—Dog and member with no off leash experience. Dog must not have any obedience or rally titles nor shown in Novice levels or higher in obedience.

I. Rally Advanced—Dogs with previous off lead experience and may have obedience or rally titles.

In order to compete in agility, all dogs must pass a skills competency test. If the instructor feels that the exhibitor and dog cannot run a course in a safe manner, they will not be allowed to exhibit at fair. Dog and exhibitor must also meet all class attendance requirements.

J. On leash agility—for dogs and member with no previous agility experience and dog has not shown in the novice or higher obedience.

K. Advanced Agility—is run off leash and member and dog must have had previous experience in agility and are showing in novice or higher obedience.

7. Dogs are to remain in the area on leash or crated until show time and their class is called.
8. Obedience classes will run starting with Open, Grad Novice, Novice then Pre-novice. Agility will start with the On Leash class followed by Advanced. Rally will start with Advanced, followed by Novice.
9. No wolves or wolf-dogs will be admitted due to State of Iowa Department of Agriculture rabies notification.
10. No female dog in season may be exhibited. No pregnant or nursing females may be exhibited or present on the show grounds or at training classes. Females must have weaned puppies at least 4 weeks prior to showing and must be completely dry.
11. Puppies must be at least six months old on show date.
12. All exhibitors entering showmanship, agility, herding and/or rally class at county fair, must also enter and exhibit in at least one obedience class. Dogs entered in agility, herding and rally must also be entered and exhibited in an obedience class. The dog used in showmanship may be a different dog than the member's obedience entry.
13. Proper equipment must be used, as explained at dog obedience classes. No prong, martingale, halter, gentle leader or training collars may be used when showing. Buckle (either leather or nylon) or choke (metal or nylon) collars are acceptable. Appropriate showmanship collars are allowed for showmanship only.
14. Dogs participating in Showmanship and Rally should be brought to the grounds between 3:00pm and 3:30pm Thursday July 9th. A health check will be conducted at that time. Obedience and Agility dogs that have not already been health checked on Thursday should be brought to the grounds between 7:30am and 8:00am Sunday July 12th for their health check.
15. Dogs are to **remain in the area** on a leash or crated until show time and their class is called. Advanced Class will start the obedience show.
16. Exhibitor conduct: Exhibitors shall not strike dogs nor use any other unnecessarily harsh physical means of disciplining dogs.
17. Failure to comply with these rules will result in not being allowed to show your dog. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** The decision of the dog project committee will be final.
18. Dogs may be taken home after judging and presentation of ribbons.
19. Exhibitors must receive the following points to receive appropriate ribbons in Dog_Obedience:

LEVEL	Blue	Red	White
Pre-Novice A & B	200-170	169-100	99-0
Novice A & B	200-170	169-100	99-0
Grad Novice	200-170	169-100	99-0
Open	200-170	169-100	99-0

Utility 200-170 169-100 99-0

One first place trophy will be given per class.

Rally Scoring

Novice 100-85 84-70 69-0

20. Exhibitors must receive the following percentages of their total score in order to receive the appropriate ribbon in Agility and Rally:

Blue 100-85% of total score

Red 84-70% of total score

White 69-0% of total score

Score is based on the total number of stations x 10 points per station.

Agility deductions: 1 point for each missed contact, 3 points for retry on obstacle, 5 points for incomplete obstacle and 10 point for refusal or missed obstacle.

Rally deductions: 1 point for tight leash, 3 points for retry, 5 points for incomplete station, 10 points for missed station. Other deductions may be made for correction of dog in the ring or others at the judge's discretion.

21. Showmanship: placing and ribbons are at the discretions of the judge but will be based on the following criteria:

30% will be based on the Dog: behavior and training, grooming and overall appearance

70% will be based on the Exhibitor: training of dog, appearance, skills in handling dog and a significant portion of their overall placing will be based on knowledge questions.

Showmanship Classes in order of showing

Judging will be based on member's personal appearance, handling of dog and grooming of dog. Members must meet requirement as stated in Rule #5.

111CA—Showmanship and Grooming: Junior—Grades 4-6

111CB—Showmanship and Grooming: Intermediate—Grades 7-8

111CC—Showmanship and Grooming: Senior—Grades 9-12

111CD—Showmanship and Grooming: Best of Show—for previous year's class and Best in Show winners. Also for those prior year's class winners who have not advanced to the next level. Premiums will be given to each first place winner.

Rally Classes in order of showing

111AL—Rally Novice

Handler and Dog will perform 12-15 exercises on a course predetermined by the judge. No treats allowed in the ring but handler is encouraged to talk to their dog during the course. Any corrections made to dog during the run will result in severe deductions or a disqualification. Deductions will be made for tight leads, incorrectly performed or missed exercises. This class will follow all AKC rally rules as of January 1, 2006. (See class qualifications above)

111AM—Rally Advanced

Same as Rally Novice but all exercises will be performed off lead. (See qualifications above)

Obedience Classes in order of showing

111AA—Obedience—Utility

Differs from Open by consisting of scent discrimination of a leather and metal article, directed retrieve, heeling and signal exercise, directed jumping and group examination.

111AB—Obedience—Open

Exercise: Heel off leash, drop on recall, 3 min out of sight long sit and 5 min long down, retrieve on the flat and over high jump. Broad jump recall.

111AC—Obedience—Graduate Novice A

Heeling on leash, Figure 8 off leash, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over broad jump, moving stand for exam, 3 min out of site long down.

111AD—Obedience—Graduate Novice B

Same exercises as Novice A (See class qualifications above)

111AE—Obedience—Novice A

Heel on leash, figure 8 on leash, Stand for exam off leash, Heeling free, recall, 1 min long sit, 3 min long down.

111AF—Obedience—Novice B

Same exercises as Novice A (See class qualifications above)

111AG—Obedience—Pre-Novice A

All exercises on leash-Heeling pattern, figure 8, stand for exam, 6' recall, 1 min long sit and 3 min long down.

111AH—Obedience—Pre-Novice B

Same exercises as Prenovice A (See class qualifications above)

111AJ—Obedience—Best in Show—Regular Class

High scoring dog from Novice A & B, Prenovice A & B, that has also won a blue ribbon and first place in their respective class. Ties will be broken by the heel on leash score or heel off competition.

111AK—Obedience—Best In Show—Advanced Class

High scoring dog from Grad Novice A & B, Open and Utility class. Must have won a blue ribbon and first place in their respective class. Ties will be broken by the heel free exercise or heel off competition.

Agility Classes in order of showing

111BD—Agility—On Leash

For first year dogs or those dogs in prenovice obedience. Dogs will remain on leash and be scored. Times will also be recorded but only used in the event of a tie. Dog may not have any agility titles. Dog must hit both up and down contact points to avoid deductions.

111BE—Agility—Advanced

Course will be run off leash. Dogs must have at least one year's showing experience and be in novice or higher level obedience. Dog may have agility titles. NOTE-any dog that cannot be controlled off leash will not be allowed to show in this level. This event is timed with penalties added for obstacle faults. Dogs must hit both up and down contact points to avoid deductions.