

2011 Linn County Fair



Dog Department

Superintendent—Cindy McDonald

Check-in—Sunday July 10, 8:00am—8:30am

Judging—Sunday July 10, 2011, 9:00am • Indoor Arena
Showmanship, followed by Obedience, then Agility

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 cannot be kept under control, will be asked to leave immediately.
4. Proof of rabies, distemper, and parvo vaccinations must be presented to a committee by July 1 if not attending the county sponsored training classes. 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. All dogs attending county sponsored training classes must provide proof of current vaccination prior to attending any class.
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. Outside class verification forms due no later than June 28th at the Extension Office. Please note: Exhibitors must attend the required number of classes in each event- obedience, agility, 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. Members are strongly encouraged to remain in a level for no more than two years. 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. Prenovice A obedience**—Open only to dogs and members with no previous showing experience and dog has no titles in rally or obedience.
 - B. Prenovice 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 at the novice level. Dog must have no obedience or rally titles.
 - D. Novice B obedience**—For dogs or member with previous showing experience at the novice level. Dog must not have any obedience titles but may have a Rally Novice title but no higher titles.
 - E. Grad Novice**—Dog and member must have no previous showing experience at the grad novice level. Dog may have CD obedience or RA rally titles, but nothing higher.
 - F. 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.
 - G. On leash agility**—for dogs and/or members with no previous agility experience and dog is not shown in the novice or higher obedience. Dogs shown in novice or higher obedience are not allowed to show in on-leash agility, only those showing in the prenovice classes.
 - H. 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. Showmanship classes will start with Junior showmanship, followed by Intermediate, then Senior. Advanced and Best in Show will follow. Obedience classes will run starting with Open, Grad Novice, Novice then Prenovice. Agility will start with the On Leash class followed by Advanced.
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 or agility at county fair must also enter and exhibit in at least one obedience class. The dog used in showmanship may be a different dog than the member's obedience entry. Dogs entered in agility must also be entered and exhibited in an obedience class. If a family is sharing one animal, one member must show the dog in obedience and another can then show the dog in showmanship and/or agility.
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. Prenovice obedience exhibitors must have a 6' leash. Buckle collars only in agility. All tags or identification items must be removed from collars. Appropriate showmanship collars are allowed for showmanship only. Small toys, treats or "bait" may be used showmanship only.
14. Show attire: long pants or jeans, tennis shoes or close toed shoes. 4-H or FFA tshirt. No sandals, shorts, capris, or hats. Showmanship: Exhibitor has the option to dress in appropriate dog show attire-suit, skirt or dress, long pants, button down shirts, tie and suit or sport coat. Comfortable dress shoes. But no open toed shoes or heels. Exhibitor will be judged on their neatness of their attire and appropriateness to the breed of dog they are handling. No deductions will be made for those choosing to wear 4-H or FFA t-shirt.
15. Dogs should be brought to the grounds between 8:00am and 8:30am Sunday July 10th.
16. Exhibitor conduct: Exhibitors shall not strike dogs nor use any other unnecessarily harsh physical means of disciplining dogs.
17. It is understood that fair is a busy time and parents are encouraged to be help to their child as needed. Remember, this is the child's project and that the majority of the care and handling should be done by the project member. Committee members will be available to hold dogs as needed or to assist members before they enter the ring.
18. 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 and/or the show superintendent will be final.
19. Dogs may be taken home after judging and presentation of ribbons.

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20. 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.

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

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.

22. 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: Advanced** --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.**

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

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

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' on lead 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

111BC—Agility—On Leash-under 16"

For first year dogs or those dogs in prenovice obedience. Dogs will measure under 16" at the withers. Dogs under 18 months of age that are over the height limit, at the decision of the agility instructor, may also participate in this class. 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.

111BD—Agility—On Leash-16" and over

For first year dogs or those dogs in prenovice obedience. Dogs will measure over 16" at the withers or any dog that is under 16" and the handler requests a higher jump height. 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 under 16"

Course will be run off leash. Dogs must have at least one year's showing experience and be in novice or higher level obedience. Dogs will measure under 16" at the withers. 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. Weave guide wires are optional.

111BF—Agility—Advanced-over 16"

Course will be run off leash. Dogs must have at least one year's showing experience and be in novice or higher level obedience. Dogs will measure

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over 16" at the withers or any dog under 16" that the handler requests a higher jump height. 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. Weave guide wires are optional.