

DOGS

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Dog Committee: Jordyn Shaw, Darlene Groothuis

Judging: Wednesday, July 31, 8AM. – Grass Show Arena

Must be entered in <https://bremer.fairentry.com> on or before **July 1st of current year.**

Entry fee: \$2.00 per entry paid by

1. Dog Obedience Classes are not required, however highly recommended, in-order-to learn necessary skills to complete the exercises for various classes for judging at the fair.
2. Dog Identification Form must be filled out and on file (FFA) or entered in 4-H Online <https://www.4honline.com> (4-H) in the Extension Office by **May 15, of the current year.**
3. Dogs must ***always*** be leashed and kept away from other animals and buildings.(Exception in inclement weather)
4. All dog exhibitors must present a current rabies certificate at project classes, or they will not be able to participate. Distemper is highly recommended. The official fair veterinarian may inspect animals when unloading on the grounds. If for any reason the veterinarian determines the animal may be a health risk to other animals, it will be disqualified and will need to be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
5. Exhibitor Conduct - Exhibitors shall not strike dogs nor use any other unnecessarily harsh physical means of disciplining dogs. The exhibitor must be ready when the class #is called.
6. Dress Code: Exhibitors should wear a 4-H/FFA t-shirt during agility, rally, showmanship/handling, and obedience. For showmanship/handling, exhibitors should wear clothing that accentuates their dog. Appropriate attire will be discussed during project training classes. Exhibitors should wear closed-toe shoes for all events. The following are **NOT** allowed for any event: hats, athletic shorts, sandals, or flip flops. Shirts with names are also not allowed at any event.
7. Any bitch in season or nursing may not be shown.
8. Dogs are to be shown & trained in project classes by 4-H/FFA member.
9. Exhibitor and dog experience determine division/class level. Show scores from the previous year's fair will be used to determine division/class along with experience of exhibitor and dog. A qualifying score is achieved when an exhibitor earns 170 points or more. When an exhibitor achieves this standard, he/she must advance to the next class with the exception of Graduate Novice B and Open. However, an exhibitor may advance to the next level without a qualifying score. An exhibitor who does not achieve a qualifying score will move to the "B" level of the class with the exception of Graduate Novice A.
10. All dogs must be four months of age and vaccinated against rabies as of June 1st to show at the Bremer County Fair.
11. Bait and treats will not be allowed in ring for obedience, rally, or agility.
12. Dogs displaying aggressive behavior towards handlers, trainers, other dogs, or other participants will not be eligible to participate.
13. This is not an AKC sanctioned show. However, [AKC rules](#) have been used as guidelines.

Department: Dog

Division: 301: Dog Obedience

Class:

Entries in the class are open to purebred or mixed breed dogs. In all cases, the dog is to have been trained, cared for, and managed by the exhibitor according to the Code of Ethics.

30100: Intro Class A & B

A. Intro Class A: This class is for first year exhibitors showing a first-year dog. Dog must not have any leg towards an obedience title or through AKC, UKC, etc. or a Canine Good Citizen title.

B. Intro Class B is for dog/team handlers that did not achieve a qualifying score in Intro class A and would like an additional year of training prior to moving into Beginners Novice. You may only be in Intro Class B for one year. Dogs and handlers will move into Beginner Novice A regardless of whether or not they achieve a qualifying score.

***Intro class B is NOT offered at State Fair and is unique to Bremer County.*

Exercises in this class include:

Heel & Figure 8	ON leash
Sit for Examination	ON leash
Recall (No finish)	ON Leash
Long sit (1 min)	ON leash - Handler at the end of the leash
Long down (1 min)	ON leash - Handler at the end of the leash

Sample judges scoring sheet can be seen here: <https://bit.ly/IntClass>

30101: Beginners Novice A & B

A. Beginners Novice A is for dogs and handler teams who had a qualifying score in Intro Class A or who have completed Intro Class B. Exhibitor/Dog team may only enter this class 1 year. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc.

B. Beginners Novice B is for dog/handler teams, where either the dog has had previous training, but this is the first year for the exhibitor, or for an exhibitor with experience, but this is the first year for the dog. This class is also open to exhibitor/dog teams in their 3rd or 4th year of training that did not receive a qualifying score in Beginners Novice A last year. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc.

Exercises in this class include:

Heel	ON leash
Figure 8	ON leash
Sit for Examination	ON Leash
Sit / Stay	Drop leash - Handler walks the ring
Recall (No finish)	Off leash

Sample scoring sheet can be seen here: <http://bit.ly/BegNovice>

30102: Preferred Novice A & B

- A. Preferred Novice A** - This class is for dog/handler teams that have achieved a qualifying score in Beginners Novice A or B. A handler /Dog team may enter this class 1 year.
- B. Preferred Novice B class** - This class is for dog/handler teams that did not achieve a qualifying score in Preferred Novice A. A handler/Dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score.

Any dog that has earned a "PCD" level title or higher is not eligible to enter these classes.

Exercises in this class include:

Heel & Figure Eight	On leash
Stand for Examination	Off leash*
Heel Free	Off leash*
Recall with finish	Off leash
Stay – Sit or Down	Handler walks ring
Sit Stay	Get your leash

Sample scoring sheet can be seen here: <http://bit.ly/PrefNovice>

**Participant can elect to do these on leash, however, will not be able to earn a qualifying score and are not eligible for overall champion obedience.*

30103: Novice A & B

- A. Novice A** - This class is for the dog/handler team that achieved a qualifying score in Preferred Novice A or B. A handler/Dog team may enter this class 1 year.
- B. Novice B** - This class is for the dog/handler team that did not achieve a qualifying score in Novice A. A handler/Dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score.

Any dog that has earned any "CD" level title is not eligible to enter these classes.

Exercises in this class include:

Heel & Figure Eight	On leash
Stand for Examination	Off leash
Heel Free	Off leash
Recall with finish	Off leash
Sit Stay	Get your leash
Group Exercise – Sit & down stay	On leash

Sample scoring sheet can be seen here: <http://bit.ly/PrefNovice>

30104: Graduate Novice A & B

- A. Graduate Novice A** – This class is for dog/handler teams that received a qualifying score in Novice A or B. Dogs in Graduate Novice A are dogs that are working on carrying a dumbbell but are not yet proficient. Dog/handler teams will remain in Graduate Novice A until they reliably are able to carry the dumbbell. Dogs will attempt to carry the dumbbell in this level but failure to do so will result in a smaller deduction, allowing the participant to still earn a blue ribbon.
- B. Graduate Novice B** – This class is for dog/handler teams that received a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A.

Participants in this class must provide their own AKC approved dumbbell. Any dogs that have received any “CDX” title is not eligible to enter these classes.

Exercises in this class include:

Heel Free & Figure Eight	Off leash
Drop on Recall	Off leash
Dumbbell Recall	Off leash
Dumbbell Recall over High Jump	Off leash
Recall over Broad Jump	Off leash
Stand Stay	Get your leash

Sample scoring sheet can be seen here: <http://bit.ly/PrefNovi>

30105: Open

This class is for dog/handler teams that have achieved a qualifying score in Graduate Novice B.

Exercises in this class include:

Heel Free & Figure Eight	Off leash
Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)	Off leash
Drop on Recall	Off leash
Retrieve on Flat	Off leash
Retrieve over High Jump	Off leash
Broad Jump	Off leash
Stand Stay	Get your leash

Sample scoring sheet can be seen here: <http://bit.ly/PrefNovi>

Department: Dog

Division: 302: Dog Agility

Class:

30200: Novice Agility

For the 4-H/FFA member and dog who are currently enrolled in 4H/FFA dog project obedience training. Must attend project workouts to be eligible. Dogs must not have completed any leg towards an agility title. Agility is both a scored and timed event, with time being used as a tiebreaker.

30201: Open Agility

For the 4-H/FFA member and dog who received a blue or purple ribbon in the Novice Agility Class. Must attend project workouts to be eligible. Dogs with at least 1-year obedience and legs earned toward an agility title are eligible for this class. Agility is both a scored and timed event, with time being used as a tiebreaker.

Department: Dog

Division: 303: Fun and Games (*Fun and Games points in this class do not apply to Overall Dog Award*)

Class:

30301: Trick Class

Train your dog to do a trick not covered in obedience (examples might be shake, roll over, catch a Frisbee, etc.). The judge will select the best trick demonstrated. If you need trick ideas, visit: <https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>

Department: Dog

Division: 304: Dog Handling/Showmanship

Class:

Entries in the class are open to purebred or mixed breed dogs. In all cases, the dog is to have been trained, cared for, and managed by the exhibitor according to the Code of Ethics.

Handling/Showmanship - One entry per exhibitor

30400: Jr. Novice Handling

For 4-H'ers 13 years and under (as of January 1). It is judged entirely on the member's ability to groom and show the dog by breed standards. A crossbred dog should be shown and groomed by the breed standard it resembles. Conformation of the dog is not evaluated.

30401: Jr Open Handling

For the 4-H/FFA member who has achieved a blue ribbon in Junior Novice.

30402: Sr. Novice Handling

For the 4-H/FFA member 14 years and over (as of January 1). It is judged entirely on the member's ability to groom and show the dog by breed standards. A crossbred dog should be shown and groomed by the breed standard it resembles. Conformation of the dog is not evaluated.

30403: Sr. Open Handling

For the 4-H/FFA member who has achieved a blue ribbon in Senior Novice.

Department: Dog

Division: 305: Clover Kids

Class:

30500: Clover Kids

Dog will be shown on leash and should lead easily. Members should have knowledge of showmanship, obedience, and care of their dog. Dogs entered in this class cannot be entered in any other class in the same year. Point system not used for this class. Clover Kids do not receive premiums.

Department: Dog

Division: 306: Rally

Class:

30600: Novice Rally

This class is for dog/handler teams that have not yet received a blue or purple ribbon in rally. Rally exercises will vary, but handlers are able to give multiple commands, use both hand signals, and voice commands as needed. Participants will follow 10-12 directional signs in this class and all work will be completed on leash. Rally is both a scored and timed event, with time being used as a tiebreaker.

Dogs must not have completed any leg towards a rally title to be eligible for this class.

30601: Open Rally

This class is for dog/handler teams that have received a blue or purple ribbon in Novice rally. Rally exercises will vary, but handlers are able to use both hand signals and voice commands as needed. Participants will follow 10-15 directional signs in this class and all work will be completed on leash. Rally is both a scored and timed event, with time being used as a tie breaker.

Overall Dog Award

Open to any dog participant. Those wishing to be considered will be given a form to fill out during dog workouts. Participants earn points through their various dog-related activities, community service, leadership, citizenship during the year, attendance at dog workouts, performance in fair show, etc. Winners of this award are not eligible to win it again the following year.