

Dog Rules

Buchanan County Fair 2023

Superintendent – Emma Kress

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 1	Mentor & lease paperwork needs to be turned in.
MAY 15	All Clover Kids and 4-H members must identify animals on 4hOnline
JUNE 15	Animal entries completed on Fair Entry

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Exhibitors will bring their dogs to the show ring 30 minutes before the show for entry and must have a current Rabies vaccination certificate on file. Show follows immediately.
3. All dogs must be on leash during the entire time they are on the fairgrounds (except in the show ring).
4. Dogs may be shown only by the exhibitor. No substitutes allowed.
5. Any dog in heat shall be shown separately, last in class.
6. Dogs and owners must participate in at least 4 dog clinics during the current 4-H calendar year in order to participate. Exhibitor must provide the Dog Project Leader/Obedience Instructor a copy of their dog's current Rabies and DHLPP vaccination records before bringing the dog to the first clinic. Vaccination records must be from a certified and licensed veterinarian. Any DHLPP shots given at home must be verified by vet records.
7. Any dog entered in grooming will not be allowed to be "professionally" groomed within two weeks of the show day.
8. Aggressive dog behavior at training or at the fair will not be tolerated and removal of the dog will be left to the discretion of the superintendent or judge.
9. Any dog that soils in the show ring will be disqualified.
10. See Dog Handbook for more details and information. Can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h>.
11. Animal can be identified by more than one 4-H member (immediate sibling or step-sibling only) but cannot be identified as 4-H under one sibling and FFA under another sibling. Additionally, the same dog can't be shown by two different people in the same class. (Ex: siblings showing same dog in obedience. They can split up and one do obedience and one do rally.)
12. The Dog Superintendent will keep the score sheets and distribute them to the exhibitors at a later date.

DEPARTMENT CLASSES

Clarification on handler and showman years: The class that the handler and dog is in is determined by the number of years that the dog has shown, not the handler.

Showmanship

Classes will be judged on the following criteria: exhibitor (appearance and attitude), condition of the dog, but primarily the exhibitor's knowledge of grooming, handling and any other questions related to the dog. The grooming portion is judged on the basic knowledge of the breed, the condition of the dog's coat and the appropriate grooming of the coat based on the breed. Judging criteria include but are not limited to presentation of the clipping of nails and hair, cleaning of the coat/fur and ears, combing of the coat/fur and ridding of any mats or loose hair, teeth and eyes. Dogs entered cannot be professionally groomed in the two weeks prior to the show. Parents, guardians, or mentors may assist the exhibitor in preparing the dog to enter the show ring. The exhibitor must convey to the judge that they are knowledgeable of the methods of grooming and caring for their dog.

30200 Junior Handling/Grooming – Grades 4th-6th

30201 Intermediate Handling/Grooming – Grades 7th-8th

30202 Senior Handling/Grooming – Grades 9th-12th

Obedience

30101 Obedience, Pre-Novice A—For dogs and handlers in their first year of training. Dogs must not have a leg toward an AKC/CD degree. Dogs will heel and Figure 8, sit for examination, recall (no finish), and do group exercise of long sits for one minute and long downs for three minutes *all while being on leash*.

30102 Obedience, Pre-Novice B—For dogs in second year or more of training but not ready to move into Novice. This decision will be made by the committee following the clinics. Dogs must not have a leg toward Open Degree. Dog will heel and Figure 8, sit for examination, and do group exercise of long sits for three minutes and down for five minutes, *all while being on leash*. Recall (no finish) off leash. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in Class 30101.

30103 Obedience, Novice—For dogs in second year or more of training. Dogs must not have a leg toward Open Degree. Dog will heel both on and off leash, stand for examination off leash, recall off leash and do long sits for three minutes and down for five minutes, both off leash. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in Class 30101 or 30102.

30104 Obedience, Graduate Novice – For dogs in third or more year of training. Dogs must not have CDX Degree. Dogs will heel and Figure 8 off leash, drop on recall off leash, recall over broad jump, stand stay, and do group exercise of long sits for three minutes and down for five minutes, both with owner out of sight. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in classes 30101, 30102 OR 30103.

Rally

This class is open to all exhibitors. Exercises may include, but are not limited to, jumping exercises and obedience commands.

31110 Rally, Pre-Novice – For dogs and handlers in their first year of training (on leash).

31111 Rally, Novice – For dogs in second year or more of rally participation (on leash).

31112 Rally, Graduate Novice – For dogs in third year or more of rally participation (off leash).

Costume

Costumes need to be made by the 4-H'er. Store bought costumes will not be allowed, however, store-bought accessories will be allowed. Participants will be judged on the following criteria: costume design, costume fit, creativity, 4-H'er's presentation and dog's presentation.

30500 Mini Costume – Dogs measuring less than 14" at shoulders.

30501 Midi Costume – Dogs measuring 14" to 20" at the shoulder.

30502 Maxi Costume – Dogs measuring 20" or more at the shoulder.

Agility

These are timed obstacle courses, but the emphasis is on their ability to complete the course. Each dog individually will run an obstacle course that may contain jumps, weave poles, teeter-totter, A-frame, pause box, dog walk, closed tunnel, and/or open tunnel. Each handler starts with 200 points. Deductions will be applied for faults. Tie scores will be broken by run time.

Ribbons will be awarded as follows (top scoring dog in each class will receive a trophy):

Purple	190-200 points	Red	150-169 ½ points
Blue	170-189 ½ points	White	149 ½ points or lower

30400 Pre-Novice—For dogs and handlers in their first year of training.

30401 Novice—For dogs in second or more years of agility participation.

30402 Graduate Novice (off leash)—For dogs in third year or more of Agility participation.

Clover Kid Show

30300 Clover Kids—see Clover Kid Rules (Obedience, Rally, Grooming, Handling Show Day Only)

For more rules see the Dog Handbook found online at www.extension.iastate.edu/buchanan/4h or pick up at the Extension office.