

4-H & FFA

DOG, CAT & PET

Superintendents: Christina Howe, Michelle Ramos

1. Animals must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor or in partnership with parent or guardian.
2. **Cats, pets, and dogs need to be identified on v2.4honline.com by May 15.** Dogs can be identified by more than one 4-H member provided the members are all 4-H members and are siblings. Sibling definition includes brother, sister, or stepsiblings with one common parent/guardian. The same animal(s) cannot be identified by one sibling in 4-H and another sibling in FFA. Immediate family members (siblings/stepsiblings) can co-identify the same dog.
 - a. Each dog must be identified in 4hOnline under each sibling/4-H member.
 - b. A dog is EITHER identified as 4-H or FFA, not both.
 - c. Siblings must both be in 4-H to identify the same dog.
 - d. A single dog will only be allowed to show in a class ONCE.
3. Dogs must have a health certificate showing the dog has been vaccinated for rabies within the past three (3) years. It is recommended the dog also have had either a temporary or permanent distemper immunization. Vaccination certification must be turned in along with 4-H Online registration.
4. Dogs must be checked in 30 minutes prior to the start of the Dog Show.
5. Dogs must remain on a leash until the judge directs the exhibitor to remove it.
6. The superintendents will provide water for dogs.
7. Exhibitors may receive help with control of their animal until the show begins.
8. Cats and other pets must be checked in 30 minutes prior to the start of the Cat and Pet Show.
9. No wild animals known to be carriers of rabies are allowed to be entered. These include raccoons, skunks, and bats.
10. Wild-caught animals will not be allowed. These include squirrels, opossums, woodchucks, etc.
11. Venomous species will not be allowed such as scorpions or venomous snakes.
12. Cages will be provided for cats. Provided cages are 24" wide by 18" deep and 19" tall. Exhibitors may choose to bring their own cages when they are similar in size and constructed of open wire. Pet Taxis are not acceptable.
13. Decorated cat cages shall be entered in Display of Cages class.
14. Display of Cages is only open to exhibitors in the Cat show.
15. The animal serving as the subject of Display of Cages shall also be entered in the cat show.
16. If cages are available and appropriate, they may be used for other pets at the discretion of the Superintendent.
17. Dogs, cats, and pets will be released following the completion of judging, distribution of awards and group photos.
18. Decorated pet cages shall be entered in the Halters, Hats and Habitats class.
19. Halters, Hats & Habitats is only open to exhibitors in the Pet show. The animal serving as the subject of this class shall also be entered in the pet show.
20. Decorations and costumes used in Display of Cages and Halters, Hats & Habitats should be a representation of the animal's personality, traits, breed, or other notable characteristics and/or the exhibitor's relationship with their animal.
21. Decorations and costumes for Display of Cages and Halters, Hats & Habitats must be provided by the exhibitor
22. The exhibitor must work independently in setting up their Display of Cages and/or Halters, Hats & Habitats entries.
23. Frozen water bottles are recommended for cats and pets, and may be decorated or otherwise

covered, if desired.

DOG SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- *Pre-Novice Juniors – First year handling a dog*
- *Novice Juniors – Second and third years handling a dog*
- *Pre-Novice Intermediates – First year handling a dog*
- *Novice Intermediates – Second and third years handling a dog*
- *Dog Handler Intermediates – Four or more years handling a dog*
- *Pre-Novice Seniors – First year handling a dog*
- *Novice Seniors – Second and third years handling a dog*
- *Dog Handler Seniors – Four or more years handling a dog*

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

- *Young Puppy Class – dogs 3-6 months of age, on leash, recognizes name, interacts with judge.*
- *Puppy Class – dogs 6-12 months of age, on leash, sit - 1 minute, down - 3 minutes, stand for exam.*
- *Pre-Novice – dogs in their first year of training, on leash – heel, figure 8, recall, off leash, stand for exam, sit – 1 minute, down – 3 minutes*
- *Novice – dogs in second year of training, on leash – heel, figure 8; off leash –heel, recall, stand for exam, sit, down*
- *Graduate Novice – dogs in third year of training, off leash – sit, down, stand for exam, heel and drop on recall, figure 8*
- *Open – dogs in fourth year of training, off leash – heel, figure 8, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, sit – 3 minutes, down – 5 minutes, handler out of sight. All sits in obedience classes are for 3 minutes. All downs are 5 minutes, handler out of sight.*

DOG AGILITY CLASSES (Done from sit position at starting line; level of requirements increases with class level)

- *Pre-Novice - on leash—10 stations—one jump*
- *Novice - off leash unless permitted—12 stations—2 jumps*
- *Graduate Novice—off leash—15 stations—4 jumps*
- *Agility Course— Three attempts to master obstacle—animal and handler work as team - must do from sit position on starting line.*
- *Senior (Grand Novice) - off leash.*

CATS CLASSES

- *Long Hair Male*
- *Long Hair Female*
- *Short Hair Male*
- *Short Hair Female*
- *Male Kitten (3-9 months)*
- *Female Kitten (3-9 months)*

CATS SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- *Junior - exhibitor displays overall knowledge of care and grooming*
- *Intermediate - exhibitor takes an active role in care and grooming*
- *Senior - exhibitor understanding cat's needs and is taking an active role in care at home and in seeking professional care*

CATS DISPLAY OF CAGES

- *Junior*
- *Intermediate*
- *Senior*

PETS CLASSES

- *Rodent*
- *Reptile/Amphibian*
- *Ave (Bird)*
- *Aquatic*
- *Insect/Arachnid*
- *Large Animal*
- *Other*

PETS SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- *Junior - exhibitor is discovering the needs of his or her pet*
- *Intermediate - exhibitor is investigating food and shelter for his or her pet*
- *Senior – exhibitor is taking over all aspects of pet care including food, housing, grooming and veterinary care*

PETS HALTERS, HATS & HABITATS CLASSES

- *Junior*
- *Intermediate*
- *Senior*