

4-H / FFA DOG

General rules, regulations & health requirements apply.

1. Members must attend at least two Dog Practices prior to county fair to be eligible to compete.
2. Dogs must present a rabies certificate in person or by e-mail to dog project leader or County Youth Coordinator by the first scheduled dog class/practice even if the exhibitor is not planning to attend the first practice. An exception will be if dog is not old enough to receive rabies at the time of the first class but they are still to check in with the leader that they plan to attend as soon as rabies can be given. Must provide proof of rabies before first class they attend.
3. All dogs will be required to have a certificate of veterinary inspection, presented to Superintendents at check-in on Show Day.
4. Identification of animals must be done in 4HOnline by May 15th. Entering animals in classes in Fair Entry must be done by the Fair Entry Deadline.
5. This class is open to all properly enrolled members in the Dog Obedience project.
6. All dogs must be on leash or crated while waiting for their class to be called.
7. Any female in heat may not be shown or come to practice.
8. Dogs are to be shown by the 4-H member.
9. This is not an AKC sanctioned dog show. However, AKC rules have been used as guidelines.
10. An exhibitor may have only one entry in an obedience class.
11. Dogs may be entered in not more than two obedience classes per exhibitor.
12. This is a haul in, haul out show.
13. Sharing of dogs is permitted withing the exhibitor's family (siblings/step-siblings).

OBEDIENCE

Class 28001 - Intro

1st year for both exhibitor and dog. Dog must not have earned any obedience title.

Heel & Figure 8 ON Leash	40 pts
Sit for Examination ON Leash	40 pts
Recall (No finish) ON Leash	40 pts
Long Sit (1 min) Handler at end of leash	40 pts
Long Down (1 min) Handler at end of leash	40 pts

Class 28002 - Beginners Novice A

2nd year exhibitor AND 2nd year dog. Exhibitor/dog team may only enter this class for one year. Dog must not have earned any obedience title. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1 of current year, is not eligible to enter this class.

Heel ON Leash	40 pts
Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
Sit for Examination ON leash	40 pts
Sit/stay Handler walks ring Drop leash	40 pts
Recall (No finish) OFF Leash	40 pts

Class 28003 - Beginners Novice B

Either exhibitor or dog with previous training experience, but 1st year for the other team member. Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1 of current year, is not eligible to enter this class.

Heel ON Leash	40 pts
Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
Sit for Examination ON leash	40 pts
Sit/stay Handler walks ring Drop leash	40 pts
Recall (No finish) OFF Leash	40 pts

Class 28004- Preferred Novice A

Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class 1 year. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1 of current year, is not eligible to enter this class.

Heel & Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
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Stand for Examination Off leash	30 pts
Heel Free Off leash	40 pts
Recall with finish Off leash	30 pts
Stay – Sit or Down, Handler walks ring	30 pts
Sit Stay – Get your Leash	30 pts

Class 28005 - Preferred Novice B

Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1 of current year, is not eligible to enter this class.

Heel & Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
Stand for Examination Off leash	30 pts
Heel Free Off leash	40 pts
Recall with finish Off leash	30 pts
Stay – Sit or Down, Handler walks ring	30 pts
Sit Stay – Get your Leash	30 pts

Class 28006 - Novice A

Exhibitor/Dog team may enter this class 1 year. Any dog that has earned any 'CD' level title before January 1 of current year is not eligible to enter this class.

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight	40 pts
Stand for Examination	30 pts
Heel Free Off leash	40 pts
Recall with Finish Off Leash	30 pts
Sit Stay – Get Your Leash	30 pts
Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay	30 pts

Class 28007 - Novice B

Exhibitor/Dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Any dog that has earned any 'CD' level title before January 1 of current year is not eligible to enter this class.

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight	40 pts
Stand for Examination	30 pts
Heel Free Off leash	40 pts
Recall with Finish Off Leash	30 pts
Sit Stay – Get Your Leash	30 pts
Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay	30 pts

Class 28008 - Graduate Novice A

This class is for exhibitor/ dog team that is just beginning dumbbell work.

Exhibitor/Dog team may enter this class 1 year. Exhibitor must provide their own dumbbell for this class. Dog must not have earned any "CDX" level titles. All OFF Leash.

Heel free & Figure 8	40 pts
Drop on Recall	40 pts
Dumbbell Recall	30 pts
Dumbbell Recall over High Jump	30 pts
Recall over broad Jump	30 pts
Stand/Stay—Get your Leash	30 pts

Class 28009 - Graduate Novice B

Exhibitor/Dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Exhibitor must provide their own dumbbell for this class. Dog must not have earned any "CDX" level titles. All OFF Leash.

Heel free & Figure 8	40 pts
Drop on Recall	40 pts
Dumbbell Recall	30 pts
Dumbbell Recall over High Jump	30 pts
Recall over broad Jump	30 pts
Stand/Stay—Get your Leash	30 pts

Class 28010 - Open

No limit to number of years of experience for exhibitor/dog team. Exhibitor must provide their own dumbbell for this class. All OFF Leash.

Heel Free & Figure 8	40 pts
Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)	30 pts
Drop on Recall	30 pts
Retrieve on flat	20 pts
Retrieve Over High Jump	30 pts
Broad Jump	20 pts
Stand Stay—Get Your Leash	30 pts

HANDLING/SHOWMANSHIP

1. The exhibitor is limited to one entry.
2. In order to exhibit in handling classes, you must also enter and exhibit in an obedience class.
3. The handler ages are by grade. Exhibitors will wear armbands on the right arm to coordinate with age groups. Colors are as follows: Juniors— blue, Intermediates— green, and Seniors— red.

Class 28101 - Junior Handler (4th-6th Grade)

Class 28102 - Intermediate Handlers (7th-9th Grade)

Class 28103 - Senior Novice (10th-12th Grade)

AGILITY

Class 28107-Agility

1. Exhibitor and dog must also participate in dog obedience in the current fair season.
2. Dog must have shown in first year 4-H/FFA dog obedience prior to this year.
3. Vaccination requirements are the same as obedience.
4. Dog may not be pregnant or nursing puppies at the time of practice or competition. Females in season may not be shown.
5. Dogs must have a buckle collar or slip collar - no chains, tags or attachments on collar.
6. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to consult their veterinarian before beginning agility training to be sure that there are no problems such as hip dysplasia, disc problems, overweight, etc.
7. Any breed or mixture of breeds and any size dog is allowed to show.
8. Handler must have complete control over their dog at all times. This is at the discretion of the dog project superintendent and/or judge.
9. Dogs 18 months and younger and 7 years and older are encouraged to jump at least one height lower than measured jump height.
10. Dogs are not allowed to mark (urinate or defecate) on equipment. Keep control and an eye on your dogs. If this happens two times, that dog will not be allowed to continue with training.

Class Jump Height

4" class - For dogs up to 10" at the shoulder

8" class- For dogs greater than 10" and up to 14" at the shoulder

12" class- For dogs greater than 14" and up to 18" at the shoulder

16" class - For dogs greater than 18" at the shoulder

Classes

JTT (Jumps, Tunnels, Table)

Only equipment will be jumps, table and tunnels. A total of 7-10 obstacles and a course time of 60 seconds.

Beyond 60 seconds, a time penalty will be assessed as described in the scoring section.

Standard Agility

Only equipment will be A-frame, 6 weave poles, jumps, tunnels, and table. A total of 10-15 obstacles and a course time of 75 seconds. Beyond 75 seconds, a time penalty will be assessed as described in the scoring section.

General Course Information

1. The course will be clearly marked with a start/finish line.
2. A dog's time starts whenever any part of the dog crosses the start line. Its time will end when any part of the dog crosses the finish line.

3. Each obstacle will be marked with a number. Handlers and dogs will be required to follow the course in numerical order.
4. Before the show begins, the handler will be allowed to walk through the course to become familiar with the course. The walk through is restricted to the handlers only and is limited to 10 minutes.
5. Food and toys are not permitted on the course.
6. Handlers are not permitted to have whistles, stopwatches, fanny packs or other training devices on the course.
7. The handler may be on either side of the dog while running the course.

Obstacles

A-Frame: Dogs must go up one side touching the contact zone on the up side with any part of one foot and down the other side in the direction designated by the judge. The dog must also touch the contact zone on the down side with any part of one foot prior to exiting the obstacle.

Weave Poles: The dogs must enter the weave poles by passing between poles #1 and # 2 from the right to left. They must continue this sequence until they pass the last two poles. Missing one or more will be a 10-point penalty. The dog's left shoulder must enter on the right of the 1st pole.

Pause Table: The dogs must pause on the table for 5 seconds in either a sit or a down position, as specified by the judge at the beginning of the competition. The judge will do an oral count and will also give a signal to "Go". If the dog breaks from the sit or down position the judge will stop counting and will only continue the counting when the dog returns to the proper position. When the judge say, "Go", the handler may then release the dog and proceed.

Open Tunnel: The dogs must enter the end specified by the judge and exit the other end.

Bar Jumps: The dogs must jump over the top bar, without displacing it, in the direction indicated by the judge.

Tire Jump: The dogs must jump through the tire opening in the direction indicated by the judge, without knocking the tire/frame over.

Scoring for Agility

1. Each course is worth a maximum 100 points.
2. A penalty consists of the loss of 5-10 points.
3. 10-point penalties (judge holds up two hands) include not making contact in contact zones, not doing the obstacles in proper order or not completing an obstacle, the handler going over the obstacle with the dog, or the dog missing one or more weaves after two attempts. Obstacles may **not** be re-attempted, except the weave poles.
4. If a handler loses control of their dog while on the course, it will be considered a 10-point penalty.
5. 5-point penalties (judge holds up one hand) include: knocking down a jump bar, excessively guiding the dog with leash (max of 3 penalties), touching the dog, or touching the obstacle.
6. Failure to follow the judge's verbal instructions is a 5-point penalty.
7. Excessive or harsh commands or correction will not be allowed. This will be a 5-point penalty.
8. The dog/handler team's run will be timed. A 5-point penalty will be given for going over the course time limit and an additional 5 points for each 15 seconds over the course time. After 60 seconds of additional time the handler will be asked to leave the course immediately and will be given a 25-point time penalty and a 10-point penalty for each obstacle not completed.
9. Refusals or run-by's will not be faulted. A handler may redirect the dog to the obstacle.
10. The only penalty for breaking a sit or a down on the pause table is the extra time that accumulates when the count stops, and is not resumed, until the dog is back in position.
11. The contact zone on the A-frame is colored by yellow at the start and end of obstacle
12. Any dog that commits to a contact obstacle (A-frame) with all four paws must, for safety reasons, continue with the obstacle. whether the obstacle is completed or if the dog jumps off, the dog and handler must go on to the next obstacle and may not attempt that obstacle again.
13. If the judge determines that a dog is no longer working with the handler, the team will be excused from the course. No score will be given. (DQ)
14. Un-sportsman-like conduct will not be tolerated. This will be a disqualifying penalty and the handler and the dog will be excused from the competition with a DQ.
15. If the dog urinates or defecates in the ring (from the time it enters until it leaves the ring), the dog and handler will be disqualified from the class with a DQ.

16. In the case of a tie in total points, the fastest time will win.