

Dept.9 Dog Obedience

Lorraine Wagner, Superintendent

Rules Governing Exhibits

4-H members must be enrolled in the Dog project, unless otherwise stated—open to FFA exhibitors. All exhibitors will have attended five dog training sessions and the County Dog Project mandatory meeting.

Registration for dog show will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday of the Wisconsin Valley Fair. Judging will begin at 4:00 p.m. (Dog project members are encouraged to exhibit in Dept. 10, Animal Science as well as Dept. 9)

- All dogs exhibited must be a result of a 4-H project with a Marathon County certified project leader or an equivalent training course with a private trainer in the current year. Dog project members must attend five training sessions with the exception of grade 13 members who have prior dog show experience. Please bring signed validation of your training Division to the Pre Fair Dog Show. Private training requirements must be submitted in writing to the superintendent prior to June 15. Dog show entrants who do not fulfill requirements will be denied participation in the dog show.
- Participants are required to attend the Pre Fair Dog Show; see dates posted in the Family Focus, at the Judging Pavilion on the Wisconsin Valley Fairgrounds. Those unable to attend must contact Mrs. Wagner 715-223-3931 prior to the date of the Pre Fair Dog Show. Times for the pre fair are 6:15 p.m. for pre-novice obedience, 7 p.m. for showmanship and 7:45 p.m. for novice and above obedience Divisions.
- If your dog has people aggressive or dog aggressive issues, please inform one of the dog show superintendents by the Pre Fair Dog Show. Dog issues will be addressed on an individual basis. Superintendents may deny eligibility to show any dog at the Fair.
- Dogs will be required to be vaccinated for rabies within current state requirements. Veterinarian certificate will be required at registration. Any dog not having required certificates will not be allowed to compete in the dog show. Canine parvo virus and distemper (DHL) vaccinations, heart worm and stool check within 12 months of show is highly recommended. The person bringing the animals into the Fairgrounds should have all pertinent health and identification papers with him/her.

- Each handler is limited to two dogs trained during the current 4-H year. If two dogs are entered in pre-novice through open in the same Division (i.e. two pre-novice), an additional handler must be provided for long sits and downs
- All obedience classes will be judged according to A.K.C. guidelines. Danish judging will be used.
- No exhibitor will be allowed to discipline or manhandle their dog on the show site. Superintendent reserves the right to disqualify any dog or exhibitor for inappropriate show behavior.
- No puppies under six months will be allowed to compete. No females in heat will be allowed to compete.
- Dogs must be equipped with slip collar or buckle collar with no attachments (no tags), and a 6 foot leather, nylon or web leash. Spike collars and chain leashes will not be allowed.

Dog Training Exercise Entry

This entry is designed to provide a dog & handler a positive experience within the show ring displaying treat/reward training. The dog entered may not participate in another obedience event within the same show. The dog may only participate one year in the same lot in class B and must not have attained a qualifying score at the same level listed in class A.

Trophies and premiums are base on:

- Ability to have dog complete requested exercise
- Handlers knowledge of exercise score sheet including qualifying/non-qualifying skills
- Appropriate treat/reward (size/type/timing/presentation).

Dog Showmanship

Trophies and premiums are based on:

- Skills by the exhibitor in handling the dog
- Grooming and conditioning of the dog
- Knowledge of dogs
- Members appearance

Costumes judged on:

- Originality
- Neatness
- Participant's effort

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Division A Class Premiums

1st - \$4.50 2nd - \$3.50 3rd - \$2.50 4th - \$1.50

Division A - Obedience

Class Description	Class Number	Class Description	Class Number
Beginner Pre-Novice A (Junior)	1	Pre-Open	9
Beginner Pre-Novice A (Senior)	2	Open	10
Beginner Pre Novice B	3	Pre-Utility	11
Novice	4	Utility	12
Graduate Novice	5	Pre-novice Team (all work on a 6 ft leash)	13
Pre-Open	6	Novice Team (4 team members plus alternate)	14
Novice	7	Pre-novice brace	15
Graduate Novice	8	Novice Brace	16

Division B Class 1-4 Premiums

1st - \$2.25 2nd - \$2.00 3rd - \$1.75 4th - \$1.50

Class Description	Class Number	Class Description	Class Number
Rally Obedience—Novice	1	Rally Obedience—Advanced	3
Rally Obedience—Intermediate	2	Rally Obedience—Excellent	4

Division C - Showmanship

1st - \$2.00 2nd - \$1.75 3rd - \$1.50 4th - \$1.25

Class Description	Class Number	Class Description	Class Number
Exploring Grades 3-4	1	Championship Showmanship, All Grades	5
Beginner, Grades 3-5	2	Best Handler (No Premium)	6
Intermediate, Grades 6-8	3	Costume, Trick or Special Talent (No Premium)	7
Senior, Grades 9-13	4	Dog Training Exercise (No Premium)	8