

DEPARTMENT J-25: DOG CARE & OBEDIENCE SHOW

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You and Your Dog (formerly Dog Care): Saturday, September 6
Junior Fair Building, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Dog Skillathon: Saturday, September 13
Junior Fair Show Arena 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dog Show Registration: Sunday, September 14
Junior Fair Show Arena

Obedience 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 Showmanship 3:00 p.m.

Dog Show to start promptly at 12:30 p.m. with the costume class

Premiums: A - \$ 6.00 B - \$ 4.00 C - \$ 2.00

1. Read the FAIR GENERAL RULES.

- Only 4-H and FFA members carrying dog projects and meeting specific club requirements are eligible to participate in these classes.
- Only domestic dogs can be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
- Pregnant and/or lactating (nursing) bitches are not permitted to be shown.
- Any male or female dog that is a disturbing element to other dogs will be eliminated from the show and must leave the fairgrounds.
- Bitches showing **any** signs of heat are not permitted on the Fairgrounds and are not permitted to be shown.
- Any dog that is not under its handler's control and any handler who willfully interferes with another competitor or that competitor's dog will be excused from competition.
- Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior or any exhibitor or other person(s) abusing or neglecting the dog will be removed from the fairgrounds.
- All dogs exhibited must be six months of age by the date of the judging. This includes Pilot Dog puppies and other Assistance Dogs.
- Dogs must be kept on leash while on the fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging. Dogs are not allowed in any of the barns or on the midway.
- Muzzles, prong collars, and electronic collars are prohibited. Exhibitors will be disqualified if using. Head halters are permitted in Assistance Dog and Dog Care classes only. The use of chain leashes is discouraged.
- Food treats or toys are not permitted in the show ring areas during obedience classes.
- Dumb bells will be made of one or more solid pieces of wood or non-wooden material similar in size, shape and weight to a wooden dumb bell. Metal dumb bells are not permitted. Dumb bells will not be hollowed out. They may be finished, coated with a clear finish, or may be any color. They may not have any decorations or attachments but may bear an inconspicuous mark for identification. The size of the dumb bell will be proportionate to the size of the dog.
- Dogs must be owned by the Junior Fair exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as the Junior Fair exhibitor's father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather or grandmother, including the corresponding step and half step relationships, or by a member of the exhibitor's household.
- Ownership of Assistance Dogs is respective of each applicable organization.
- Only the exhibitor may train the dog at any type of training class on or after June 1.
- No one other than the Junior Fair exhibitor is permitted to show the project dog at any type of dog show or fun match on or after June 1.

- Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match must show their dogs at the same or higher B level classes than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling show. Dogs completing their Companion Dog (CD) title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) prior to or anytime during the project year must show in the Graduate Novice class at the very minimum.
- Dogs completing their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) prior to or anytime during the project year must show in Open, Graduate Open, or Utility classes.
- Any dog receiving one or more legs toward a title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the first leg was earned.
- For Grooming & Handling classes, dogs with AKC Jr. Handling or like experience must be shown in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. Dogs completing a title prior to, or anytime during the project year must show in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. Any dog receiving points toward a championship title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the points are first earned.
- The Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate must be completed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. See next rule for vaccinations required. All dogs must be currently licensed in the exhibitor's county of residence. **The exhibitor must submit the Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate along with a copy of the certificate of license to the extension office with fair entries in order to be judged. Without these forms on file at the extension office they will not be allowed to be judged.**
- All dogs must be vaccinated yearly by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. Required vaccines are: Rabies (1yr or 3yr must be specified), Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza and Parvovirus. If the veterinarian follows the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) recommendations, does vaccine antibody titer tests or feels that administering the Leptospirosis vaccination would jeopardize the dog's health the administering veterinarian must initial the applicable box under the DHLP section on the Vaccination Certificate. If the veterinarian does not administer certain vaccinations to older or other dogs, those vaccinations must be noted by the administering veterinarian either on the vaccination form or letterhead.
- All classes are scored on exhibitor's appearance, dog's appearance and sportsmanship.
- Exhibitors may enter up to two project dogs in obedience, but each dog must be eligible to be shown at a different level.

NOTE: Score sheets used in judging can be found in the new Dog Project & Record Book or on the Ohio 4-H website. <http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog>

Pet Pals and Assistant Dog projects will be judged as a poster project. Enter Under Department J-12, Section A, Class 6

My-T-Fine Kennels will provide 2nd – 5th place ribbons for all classes with the exception of costume.

Section A: Costume Class no premiums

Class 1 – Junior 9-11 years of age as of January 1

of current year

Class 2 – Intermediate 12-14 years of age as of January 1

of current year

Class 3 – Senior 15-18 years of age as of January 1

of current year

Pay particular attention to rules 17, 18 & 19 above when signing up for classes

**Section B: You and Your Dog (formerly Dog Care) – judged
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday, September 6**

Areas to be evaluated in all You and Your Dog classes include:
1) *member's interview* (questions will come from the Ohio 4-H *Dog Resource Handbook*) 2) *member's record book* Must be current; animal records section cannot be photocopied.
3) *Member's Appearance and Attitude*; 4) *Dog's Appearance and Manners*; 5) *Creative Achievement of Member and Dog* - Exhibitor must present a poster that shows an activity learned with their dog this year.
Class winners may compete in same class as long as they meet the age requirements.

- Class 1 – Junior You and your Dog– 9-11 years of age as of January 1
- Class 2 – Intermediate You and Your Dog – 12-14 years of age as of January 1
- Class 3 – Senior You and Your Dog – 15-18 years of age as of January 1

Section C: Sub-Novice – all exercises performed on a 6' leather or fabric leash.

Heel on leash, figure 8 on leash, stand for exam, recall on leash, 1 minute sit/stay on leash and 3 minute down stay on leash.

- Class 1 – Sub-Novice A – this class is for the beginning exhibitor and beginning dog. Neither exhibitor nor dog has had any prior obedience experience before June 1 of the current year. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to sub-novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the sub-novice B level at the very minimum.
- Class 2 – Sub-Novice B – This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in sub-novice A or has had experience at the sub-novice level before June 1 of the current year. The first place winner must move to Novice A or higher with the same dog. This class can be repeated each year with the same or different dog unless the dog is a class winner, provided that dog is not performing at a higher level.

Section D: Novice – exercises performed;

Heel & figure 8 on leash, stand for exam off leash, heel free off leash, recall off leash, 1 minute sit/stay off leash and 3 minute down stay off leash.

- Class 1 –Novice A – In this class neither the exhibitor or dog has had any experience at the novice level before June 1 of the current year. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Novice B level at the very minimum
- Class 2 –Novice B – This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Novice A or has had experience at the Novice level before June 1 of the current year. The first place winner must move to Grad Novice A or higher with the same dog. This class can be repeated each year with the same or different dog unless the dog is a class winner, provided that dog is not performing at a higher level.

Section E: Graduate Novice – exercises performed;

Heel free & figure 8 off leash, drop on recall, dumb bell recall, recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, 3 minute down – handler out of sight. *See rule number 12 for dumb bell specs*
Class 1 – Graduate Novice **A** – In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any experience at the graduate novice level before June 1 of the current year. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduate Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog

must be shown at the Graduate Novice B level at the very minimum.

Class 2 –Graduate Novice B – This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Graduate Novice A or has had experience at the Graduate Novice level before June 1 of the current year. The first place winner must move to Open A or higher with the same dog. This class can be repeated each year with the same or different dog unless the dog is a class winner, provided that dog is not performing at a higher level

Section F: Open – exercises performed;

Heel free & figure 8 off leash, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, broad jump, 3 minute sit (handler out of sight) and 5 minute down (handler out of sight) *See rule number 12 for dumb bell specs*

Class 1 - Open A – In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any experience at the Open level before June 1 of the current year. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Open B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Open B level at the very minimum.

Class 2 - Open B – This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Open A or has had experience at the Open level before June 1 of the current year. Exhibitors can show in Open B a maximum of two years with the same dog unless winning first place, they then must move to Graduate Open A or higher with the same dog.

Section G: Graduate Open – exercises performed;

Signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and exam, go out and directed jumping

Class 1 – Graduate Open A – In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any experience at the Graduate Open level before June 1 of the current year. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduate Open B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Graduate Open B level at the very minimum.

Class 2 –Graduate Open B – This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Graduate Open A or has had experience at the Graduate Open level before June 1 of the current year. The first place winner must move to Grad Open A or higher with the same dog. This class can be repeated each year with the same or different dog unless the dog is a class winner, provided that dog is not performing at a higher level.

Section H: Class 1 - Team Class

The teams shall consist of 2 members and 2 dogs working simultaneously performing the sub-novice exercises listed above. **Both team members must be listed on the entry form.**

Section I: Class 1 - Brace Class

This class is for the exhibitor with two dogs that are capable of performing the sub-novice exercises.

Section J: Grooming and Handling (Showmanship)

See rule # 21 above

- Class 1 – Junior 9-11 years as of January 1 of current year
- Class 2 – Intermediate 12-14 years old as of January 1 of current year
- Class 3 – Senior 15-18 years old as of January 1 of current year

Register for Dog Skillathon in Division J-30 Junior Fair Skillathons

AWARDS

- Junior Costume Class Trophy
- Intermediate Costume Winner Trophy
- Senior Costume Class Winner Trophy

Best Costume in Show.....Trophy
Dog Care Junior Trophy
Dog Care Intermediate Trophy
Dog Care Senior Trophy
Sub-Novice A Trophy
Sub-Novice B Trophy
Novice A..... Trophy
Novice B Trophy
Graduate Novice A Trophy
Graduate Novice B Trophy
Open A Trophy
Open B Trophy
Graduate Open A Trophy
Graduate Open B Trophy
Junior Showmanship Trophy
Intermediate Showmanship Trophy
Senior Showmanship Trophy
Showman of Showmen Trophy
Team Class Trophy
Brace Winner Trophy