

**DEPARTMENT: DOGS**

Superintendent: Shelly Harris

All dog exhibitors not entered in the “You and Your Dog” project at the fair are required to have an interview the Saturday prior to the start of the fair 9:30 am – 1:30 pm (this is different than the livestock interview)

Dog Skillathon: Saturday prior to the fair, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

You and Your Dog, Pet Pals, and Showmanship: Grade interviews Judged Saturday prior to the start of fair: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Showmanship - Sunday, 9 a.m.

Rally - Sunday, following Showmanship

Costume class to follow completion of Showmanship and Rally show. Sign up day of show.

Dog Agility: Last Saturday of fair, 9 a.m.

Obedience: Last Saturday of Fair, following Agility

Premiums	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C
	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

For all classes with the exception of costume and team.

Rosettes provided for 2nd-5th place in all classes with the exception of agility and costume.

**Rules:**

1. The Delaware County Fair General Rules apply for all exhibitors.
2. Only youth eligible for the Junior Fair carrying dog projects and meeting specific club requirements are eligible to participate in these classes.
3. Only domestic dogs can be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
4. Pregnant and /or lactating (nursing) bitches are not permitted to be shown.
5. Any male or female dog that is a disturbing element to other dogs will be eliminated from the show and must leave the fairgrounds.
6. Bitches showing any signs of heat are not permitted on the Fairgrounds and are not permitted to be shown.
7. Any dog that is not under its handler’s control and/or any handler who willfully interferes with another competitor or that competitor’s dog will be excused from competition by the judge or the Delaware County 4-H Dog Committee. The dog committee also reserves the right to dismiss dogs or handlers for inappropriate or unsafe behavior.

8. 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.

9. All dogs exhibited must be six months of age by the date of the judging. This includes Pilot Dog puppies and other Assistance Dogs. Agility dogs, Rally Advance and Rally Excellent dogs must be 18 months or older by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

10. Dogs must be kept on leash or in a crate 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.

11. Muzzles, prong collars, and electronic collars are prohibited. Exhibitors will be disqualified if using. Head halters are permitted in "You and Your Dog" classes only. The use of chain leashes is discouraged.

12. Food treats or toys are not permitted in the show ring areas during judging of classes. The exception being showmanship classes where the use of bait (food) is permitted.

13. Dogs must be owned by the Junior Fair Exhibitor, the exhibitor's immediate family, or a member of the exhibitor's household. A household is defined as those individuals that share an official mailing address.

- Up to two siblings (full siblings, half siblings, step siblings, and adopted siblings) that live in the same household may share a dog. Both siblings must share the daily care of the project and submit individual paperwork for each project dog.
- Siblings sharing a dog must participate in different categories if they show in Obedience (including Rally Obedience), Showmanship, Agility, PetPALS, or Assistance Dogs. It is not permissible for siblings to exhibit the shared dog in different class levels in the same category.
- A shared dog is allowed to be entered twice - once for each sibling – in You and Your Dog, and Dog Achievement Program.

14. Ownership of Assistance Dogs is respective of each applicable organization. Only the exhibitor may train the dog or show the dog after June 1. This includes any type of training, any dog show, trial or fun match.

15. Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match or Trial must show their dogs at the same or higher level classes than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling show. Completing a title (AKC, UKC or other titling equivalents) prior to or anytime during the project year must show in the next level class at the very minimum.

16. 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.

17. All dogs must be currently licensed in the exhibitor's county of residence. A copy of the license and the Dog Project Identification Form, Vaccination Certificate, and Dog Agility Form (if applicable) must be on file with the extension office by June 7. Forms not sent to extension office by June 7 are considered a late entry and subject to a fee under Rules #25 and #26 in the Fair General rules. Without these forms on file at the extension office they will not be allowed to be judged.

18. All dogs must be vaccinated yearly by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. See the County Dog Project I.D. form and Vaccination Certificate for required vaccines.

19. Exhibitors may enter up to two project dogs in obedience, agility and rally. Only one project dog per exhibitor may be entered in showmanship, You and Your Dog, and team.

NOTE: Score sheets and study questions used in judging can be found on the Ohio 4-H website:  
[www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs)

#### The Delaware County Fair Dog Versatility Award

This award is based upon participation, not points. The exhibitor must be scored in 5 of the following 7 categories to earn the award: Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, Agility, Skillathon, You and Your Dog and PetPALS. This award will be presented the last Saturday of fair during obedience awards.

#### SECTION 310: YOU AND YOUR DOG

“You and Your Dog” youth will be evaluated on: an interview, with questions coming from the Ohio 4-H Website (see address above), the member’s record book, the member’s appearance, dog’s appearance, and a poster showing an activity learned with their project dog this year. Poster board cannot exceed 22 inches by 28 inches. No foam or oversized posters allowed

Class winners may compete in same class as long as they meet the age requirements.

Class 31001 - Junior You and Your Dog – 4-H age 9-11

Class 31002 - Intermediate You and Your Dog – 4-H age 12-14

Class 31003 - Senior You and Your Dog – 4-H age 15-18

#### SECTION 311: CLASS 31101 – PET PALS

Interviewed on Saturday prior to fair. For grade, premium and participation award only. No placings or trophies.

Class 31101 - PetPALS A - First year

Class 31102 - PetPALS B - Year 2 & beyond

#### SECTION 312: CLASS 31201 - DOG ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Interviewed on Saturday prior to fair for grade and premium only. All youth completing the program will be acknowledged with a certificate from the State 4-H Dog Program during the Sunday dog show. Interviews are not a required part of the program, but are required for grade premium.

#### SECTION 313: OBEDIENCE

#### Class 31301 –Beginner Novice A

- Heel on Leash with rally signs
- Figure 8 ( on leash)
- Sit for Exam (on leash)
- Sit Stay (on leash 45 sec)
- Recall (on leash)

May only be entered 1 year, then must move to Pre-Novice A. (This class can never be repeated by handler OR Dog)

#### Class 31302 – Pre-Novice A – all exercises performed on 6 ft leash

- Heel
- Figure 8
- Stand for Exam
- Recall
- Long Sit – 1 minute
- Long Down – 1 minute

May only be entered 1 year, then must move to Pre-Novice B. This class can never be repeated by handler OR dog.

Class 31303 – Pre-Novice B – Same as Pre-Novice A, for handlers or dogs who have competed in Pre-Novice A. Can repeat class with same or different dog for two years unless class winner, then move to Novice A.

#### Class 31304 –Novice A

- Heel on leash and Figure 8
- Stand for Exam
- Heel Free
- Sit, Stay, Get your Leash
- Recall
- Long Sit – 1 min on leash
- Long Down – 1 minute on leash

1 year then move to Novice B (Novice A class can never be repeated by handler OR dog)

Class 31305 – Novice B - Same as Novice A above, for handlers OR dogs who have competed in Novice A before. Can repeat class with same or different dog for 2 years unless class winner, then move to Grad Novice.

#### Class 31306 – Graduate Novice

- Heel and Figure 8 (off leash)
- Drop on recall
- Dumbbell recall
- Dumbbell Recall over high jump
- Recall over broad jump
- Stand, Stay, Get Your Leash

Can repeat class.

#### Class 31307 – Open

- Heel free and Figure 8
- Stand Down Sit
- Drop on Recall
- Retrieve on flat
- Retrieve over high jump
- Broad Jump
- Stand, Stay, Get Your Leash

Can repeat class.

#### Class 31308 – Graduate Open

- Signal Exercise
- SD (sit or direct)
- Directed Retrieve
- Moving Stand and Exam
- Go Out
- Directed Jumping

Can repeat class.

Class 31309 – Utility – can repeat this class with same dog regardless of winning.

#### TEAM CLASS

Time permitting team class will be held at the completion of the obedience show. Teams shall consist of 2 members and 2 dogs working simultaneously performing the Pre-Novice exercises. Sign-up will be during the obedience show.

#### SECTION 315: CLASS 31501 – BRACE CLASS

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

#### SECTION 316: SHOWMANSHIP

AN INTERVIEW WILL BE PART OF THE SCORING and will be done at pre-fair judging. Rules are listed in Delaware County Fair general rules for all exhibitors section.

Class 31601 - Junior 9-11 years of age

Class 31602 - Intermediate 12-14 years of age

Class 31603 - Senior 15-18 years of age

#### SECTION 317: CLASS 31701 – ASSISTANCE DOG

For grade, premium and participation award only. No placings or trophies.

#### SECTION 318: DOG AGILITY

Rules:

1. The Delaware County Fair General Rules apply for all exhibitors.
2. The same rules that are set forth in Obedience and rally shall also apply to the Agility classes except where otherwise noted.
3. All 4-H youth who are considering agility are encouraged to consult with their vet before beginning Agility training. This is to be sure that there are no problems such as hip dysplasia, disc problems, overweight etc.
4. Dogs competing in Agility must be 18 months or older by June 1 of the current year. Dogs 7 yrs and older are encouraged to jump at least one height lower than measured jump height. Handlers should inform the judge of dog's age and request the lower jump height.
5. Each agility team will be permitted 1 run per class in which they are entered.
6. All off-leash (Novice obedience classes and above) dog exhibitors must show off-leash in agility.
7. This event could be held outdoors on grass, rain or shine. This will also be at the judge's and Dog Committee's discretion. It is recommended that you bring your own pop up tents and chairs.
8. A dog's time will start whenever any part of the dog crosses the start line. Its time will end when any part of the dog crosses the finish line.
9. Flat buckle or quick release collars are required (no training collars, tags or decorations) and a 6 ft leash if competing in the Standard Beginner A and Jumpers Beginner classes. Youth running in all other agility classes must remove the leash at the start of their run. Chain leashes are not permitted.

## Class Descriptions

\*Number of obstacles per class may be modified to accommodate ring size.

All youth who have a qualifying run will receive an award.

Class 31801 – Standard Beginner A (on leash):

The obstacle course shall be comprised of nine (9) obstacles set in a simple horse shoe or M design. The following Standard Agility obstacles and related modifications shall be used:

- Table at 12" for all dogs (to be performed in the sit position for five cumulative seconds)
- Pipe Tunnel
- Six Hurdles (non-winged jumps will be used).
- A-frame – set at 5' at the apex

Class 31802 – Standard Beginner B (off leash): The obstacle course shall be comprised of nine (9) obstacles set in a simple horse shoe or M design. The same agility obstacles and related modifications shall be used as in the Beginner A class.

Class 31803- Standard Elementary (off leash): The obstacle course shall be comprised of ten (10) obstacles and be slightly more challenging than the Beginner class in design. The following Standard Agility obstacles and related modifications shall be used:

- Table at 12" for all dogs (to be performed in the sit position to five cumulative seconds)
- Pipe Tunnel
- Six Hurdles (non-winged jumps will be used)
- A-frame – set at 5' at the apex

Class 31804 – Standard Intermediate (off leash): The obstacle course shall be of simple design, being slightly more challenging than a figure 8, and shall include twelve (12) to fourteen (14) obstacles as follows:

- Table at 12" for all dogs (to be performed in the sit position for five cumulative seconds)
- Pipe Tunnel
- Six-Eight Hurdles (non-winged jumps will be used)
- A-frame – set at 5' at the apex
- Tire
- Broad jump or Long jump

Class 31805 – Standard Advanced (off leash): The obstacle course shall be of simple design and shall include thirteen (13) to fifteen (15) obstacles as follows:

- Table at 12" for all dogs (to be performed in the sit position for five cumulative seconds)
- Pipe Tunnel
- Six-Eight Hurdles (non-winged jumps will be used)
- A-frame – set at 5' at the apex
- Tire

- Broad jump or Long jump
- Dogwalk- a standard dogwalk with an elevation no less than 3' and planks no less than 8' in length

Class 31806 – Standard Pre-Novice (off leash): The obstacle course shall be of simple design and shall include fourteen (14) to fifteen (15) obstacles as follows:

- Table at 12" for all dogs (to be performed in the sit position for five cumulative seconds)
- Pipe Tunnel
- Six-Seven Hurdles (non-winged jumps will be used)
- A-frame – set at 5' at the apex
- Tire
- Broad jump or Long jump
- Dogwalk- a standard dogwalk with an elevation no less than 3' and planks no less than 8' in length
- Weaves – set of no more than 6 poles The standard course time shall be 80 seconds

Class 31807 – MadShape Dash (on leash) – Complete the required number of triangle, circle and line obstacles, then run to the finish line to stop the clock.

Class 31808 – MadShape Dash - (off leash) for class description see above

Class 31809 – Jumpers (on leash) Course will be a simple "S", "M" or "U" design and consist of 10 obstacles which may include Open tunnel(s) and Jumps. Standard course time 60 seconds. Maximum course time 75 seconds. Dogs going over 75 seconds will be excused.

Class 31810 – Jumpers (off leash) for class description see above

## SECTION 319: RALLY

### Rules:

1. The Delaware County Fair General Rules apply for all Exhibitors.
2. The same rules that are set forth in Obedience and Agility apply except where otherwise noted.
3. All dogs that have not been measured in previous years will be required to be measured if entering Rally Advanced or Rally Excellent.
4. These are the jump heights that will be used for Rally Advance and Rally Excellent. Dogs competing in these 2 classes must be 18 months of age or older by June 1 of the current year.
5. All off-leash (Novice obedience classes and above) dog exhibitors must show off-leash in rally.

Height of Dog at Withers	Height to be jumped
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Less than 10 inches	4 inches
10 inches to less than 15	8 inches
15 inches to less than 20	12 inches
20 inches and over	16 inches

Height of dog withers must be stated on fair entry form for Rally Advance and Rally Excellent classes.

#### Class Descriptions:

Each Rally exercise is described on an 8½ x 11inch instructional sign via word, directional arrows, colors, and geometric shape. There are 10 to 20 signs per course depending on the level. Rally Novice A & B and Intermediate classes are performed entirely on leash. Beginner Novice and Pre-Novice level dogs must be shown in either Rally Novice A or B, or Intermediate depending on their experience in Rally. Rally Advance classes are performed off leash. Rally Excellent classes are performed off leash except the honor exercise. Novice or above level dogs must be shown in either Rally Advance or Excellent depending on their experience in Rally.

Class 31901 – Rally Novice A (on lead) – May be entered only first year then must move to Rally Novice B class. (Rally Novice A class can never be repeated by handler or dog)

Class 31902 – Rally Novice B (on lead) – You may repeat class with same or different dog until handler and dog has achieved a score of 5 point faults or less then they would progress to Rally Intermediate

Class 31903 – Rally Intermediate (on lead) – You may repeat class with same or different dog until handler and dog has achieved a score of 5 point faults or less then they would progress to Rally Advanced.

Class 31904 – Rally Advanced (off lead) – You may repeat class with same or different dog until handler and dog has achieved a score of 5 point faults or less then they would progress to Rally Excellent.

Class 31905 – Rally Excellent (off lead) – You may repeat class with the same or different dog.

#### Trophies

You and Your Dog Junior

You and Your Dog Intermediate

You and Your Dog Senior

Beginner Novice A

Pre - Novice A

Pre - Novice B

Novice A

Novice B

Graduate Novice

Open

Graduate Open

Junior Showmanship

Intermediate Showmanship

Senior Showmanship

Showman of Showmen

Reserve Showman of Showmen

Team Class (1 trophy for each handler)

Brace Winner

Rally Novice A

Rally Novice B

Rally Intermediate

Rally Advanced

Rally Excellent

Costume