Poster Presentation Criteria

Posters:
All posters will be judged as follows:
1. Neatness – even if handwritten or drawn, it can still be neat.
2. Balance – Use the whole board
3. Informative
4. Eye Catching – Make the eye drawn to it.
5. Accurate – make sure that you can back up your information
6. Correct spelling and grammar – Proof Read!
7. Stand Alone – the general ideas are discussed in the poster and do not rely on the presentation
   – think of the poster being displayed at the Fair.

** At the Fair the posters will be judged as above but without the benefit of a presentation. The topics should include those that would interest the general public. Describe your subject in a way that will make the general public either understand the subject as presented or be so interested that they want to get more information.

Presentation:
1. Neat Appearance (4-H dress = bonus points)
2. Clear speech
3. Organized
4. Rehearsed
5. The presentation should be presented as outlined:
   Personal Introduction (Name, age, Club, years in dog project)
   Title
   Introduction
   Body
   Conclusion
   Questions (from the judges)

Time and Content:
(See next page for suggestions)

1st Year  2-minute presentation
Presenter should demonstrate basic knowledge

2nd Year  2 – 3 minute presentation
Fill in more details

3rd and 4th Year  3 – 4 minute presentation
Full knowledge of subject; easily verbalized and visually clear.

5 ++ Years  4 – 5 minute presentation
As above but almost given as a teaching presentation.
Suggestions for Presentations:

1st Year

- Your dog’s breed – history, function, etc.
- Nails – anatomy and how to cut
- Life Cycle of 1 parasite – symptoms and treatment for your dogs
- Grooming basics
- Basic Anatomy of the dog
- How to give medicine to a dog
- Vaccinations – when, what

2nd Year

- Basic First Aide – 1 or 2 problems
- Your breed but more in depth than 1st year
- A group (history, function, etc) or compare groups
- How an AKC show is run
- The parts to an event (Agility, obedience, tracking, etc.)
- Life Cycle of a group of parasites (ticks, fleas, worms, etc.) – symptoms and treatments for your dogs
- Anatomy of the dog (internal and external)
- Describe a type of Service Dog - Handi dogs, Search and Rescue, Dogs for the Blind, Therapy Dogs
- Disease – 1 type of disease with symptoms, treatment and prevention

3rd & 4th Year

- The Humane Society - purpose, goals, how it works, etc.
- Poisons (with treatment)
- Local Dog Laws
- Why a dog is in a certain AKC group – function
- Life Cycles of a number of parasites including symptoms, treatments and prevention.
- Pro and Con of: Registering your dog
- Neutering
- Dog racing
- Breeding
- Any other controversial subject
- Dog diseases – symptoms, treatment and prevention
- Zoonoses – diseases passed between man and animals (specifically dogs for the presentation)
- Dog Nutrition

5th year ++

- Any subjects as above, just add more detail or explanation
- Dog breeding – what to look for in the parents, how to prepare the dam, care for dam after birth
- Dog breeding – pros and cons
- How to teach dog care to young children
- Animal abuse – Is it really abuse or just ignorance?
- Animal Psychology
- What to do when your pet dies – How to help a friend or family member when a pet dies
- Euthanasia – humane or cruel?
- Using dogs in research