

DEPARTMENT 501 – COMPANION ANIMALS
DOG / POCKET PETS / CATS/ REPTILES / AMPHIBIANS / SNAKES
DOG

OWNERSHIP DEADLINES: All Companion Animal exhibits must be owned by the Exhibitor no later than May 31, 2024.

1. Dogs must be trained exclusively by the 4-H Member during the project year, beginning October 1. The skills exhibited by the dog must be the result of the 4-H Member's work with that dog. All grooming **MUST BE DONE** by the Member. Members **MUST** be the **PRIMARY** caregivers (including feeding, cleaning & training of Animal).
2. A 4-H Member may show as many dogs as wished, except that no more than one dog may be shown in each Class. A separate entry form **MUST** be submitted for each dog.
3. All 4-H Members are limited to one Obedience Class per dog except in Brace Classes.
4. All dogs must be brought to the show on a six (6) foot training leash and training collar. Spike collars will not be permitted.
5. Obedience Classes will be judged by American Kennel Club standards. The judge's decision is final.
6. Female dogs in season must not be brought to the show grounds.
7. All dogs brought to the show grounds must have current effective Rabies, Distemper and Parvovirus inoculations. Attach copy to entry form.
8. Ill or diseased dogs must not be brought to the show grounds. (Proof of inoculation **MUST** accompany entry form – copy of certificate or other proof.)
9. Any dog receiving a minimum of a blue award or the equivalent in Pre-Notice A, must advance to the next Obedience Class the following year.
10. Entries will be reviewed by the Project Director to ensure each handler and dog is in the appropriate Class. No changes will be made at or during the Fair.
11. A handler must obtain a minimum score, to be set by Judge (depending on which judging method is used), to qualify for specific ribbons, trophies, etc. Generally, AKC judging sheets are utilized; refer to that form for guidelines on scoring.

CLASS 1 OBEEDIENCE

- Lot 1 Pre-Novice A – Junior
- Lot 2 Pre-Novice A – Senior
- Lot 3 Pre-Novice B – Open (8-18)
- Lot 4 Novice – Junior
- Lot 5 Novice – Senior
- Lot 6 Graduate Novice – Junior
- Lot 7 Graduate Novice – Senior
- Lot 8 Open (8-18)
- Lot 9 Utility – Open (8-18)
- Lot 10 Pre-Novice Brace Open (8-18)
- Lot 11 Novice Brace Open (8-18)

CLASS 2 SHOWMANSHIP – SPECIAL RULES

- Lot 1 Junior Showmanship
- Lot 2 Intermediate Showmanship
- Lot 3 Senior Showmanship

As a rule, the Judge will consider the following items to a varying degree in reaching his/her decision:

- A. Handler's attentiveness to the Judge
- B. "Stacking" the dog; achieving the correct show stance. ("Baiting" is allowed in this instance, as in some breeds it is necessary to achieve the desired stance.)
- C. Achieving the proper gait to best show the dog's movement.
- D. Handler's ability to control dog.
- E. Grooming and presentation of the dog
- F. Sportsmanship
- G. Overall balance of presentation: poise and style of handler
- H. Appropriate dress of handler (See General Rule 10)

CLASS 3 DOG AGILITY (Lot 1 - 3 must use flat collar)

- Lot 1 Junior Pre-Novice Agility
- Lot 2 Senior Pre-Novice Agility
- Lot 3 Junior Novice Agility (No Baiting)
- Lot 4 Senior Novice Agility (No Baiting)

CLASS 4 RALLY

- Lot 1 Junior
- Lot 2 Intermediate
- Lot 3 Senior

REPTILES / AMPHIBIANS / SNAKES

Members may exhibit up to 5 animals.

CLASS 11 REPTILES / AMPHIBIANS / SNAKES

- Lot 1 Junior Showmanship
- Lot 2 Intermediate Showmanship
- Lot 3 Senior Showmanship

CLASS 12 REPTILES

- Lot 1 Conformation (max 5 animals)

CLASS 13 AMPHIBIANS

- Lot 1 Conformation (max 5 animals)

CLASS 14 SNAKES

- Lot 1 Conformation (max 5 animals)

POCKET PETS

Members may exhibit up to 5 animals.

CLASS 15 POCKET PETS

- Lot 1 Junior Showmanship
- Lot 2 Intermediate Showmanship
- Lot 3 Senior Showmanship

CLASS 16 POCKET PETS

- Lot 1 Conformation (max 5 animals)

CATS

Members may exhibit up to 5 animals.

1. Cats must be trained exclusively by the 4-H Member during the project year, beginning October 1. The skills exhibited by the cat must be the result of the 4-H Member's work with that cat. All grooming **MUST BE DONE** by the member. Members **MUST** be the **PRIMARY** caregiver (including feeding, cleaning & training of Animal) by the **OWNERSHIP DEADLINE** of May 31.
2. A 4-H Member may show as many cats as wished, except that no more than one cat may be shown in each Class. A separate entry form **MUST** be submitted for each cat.
3. All cats must be brought to the show harnessed and leashed (a carrier may be used if necessary).
4. Toes **MUST** be trimmed, capped, or declawed. All males **MUST** be neutered (**EXCEPT** Class 17).
5. Female cats in season must not be brought to the show grounds.
6. All cats brought to the show grounds must have current effective Rabies and Distemper inoculations. Attach copy to entry form.
7. Ill or diseased cats must not be brought to the show grounds. (Proof of inoculation **MUST** accompany entry form – copy of certificate or other proof.)
8. The Project Director will review entries to ensure each handler and cat is in the appropriate class. No changes will be made at or during the Fair.
9. No pregnant or nursing cats may be entered.

CLASS 17 SHOWMANSHIP

- Lot 1 Junior Showmanship
- Lot 2 Intermediate Showmanship
- Lot 3 Senior Showmanship

As a rule, the Judge will consider the following items to a varying degree in reaching his/her decision:

- A. Handler's attentiveness to the judge
- B. "Stacking" the cat; achieving the correct show stance. ("Baiting" is allowed in this instance.)
- C. Handler's ability to control cat.
- D. Grooming and presentation of the cat
- E. Sportsmanship
- F. Overall balance of presentation: poise and style of handler
- G. Appropriate dress of handler (See General Rule 10)

CLASS 18 KITTEN HOUSEHOLD - 4-8 Months Old

- Lot 1 Long Haired Female
- Lot 2 Long Haired Male
- Lot 3 Short Haired Female
- Lot 4 Short Haired Male

CLASS 19 CATS – 9 Months to 9 Years

- Lot 1 Long Haired Female
- Lot 2 Long Haired Male
- Lot 3 Short Haired Female
- Lot 4 Short Haired Male

CLASS 20 SENIOR CATS – 10 Years and Older

- Lot 1 Long Haired Female
- Lot 2 Long Haired Male
- Lot 3 Short Haired Female
- Lot 4 Short Haired Male