

2016 MISSOURI 4-H/FFA DOG SHOW GUIDELINES

4-H Dog Shows in Missouri are designed for the development of the youth; therefore, it is intended that they provide opportunities for 4-H members to:

1. Experience the pride of owning and/or being responsible for the training and care of one or more dogs.
2. Learn about the breeds of dogs and their characteristics.
3. Learn to properly feed and care for a dog and gain knowledge of dog health, first aid, and safety precautions for you and your dog. Unless planning to breed your dog, please remember the importance of spaying and neutering your dog.
4. Gain experience in training a dog in basic obedience and practice handling, grooming and showing.
5. Promote greater love for animals and a humane attitude toward them.
6. Develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship, and other desirable traits of character.

OWNERSHIP

4-H is a learn-by-doing educational program, therefore, it is expected that 4-H members will care for and train their own dogs. Dogs that are shown in a 4-H show will have been under the care, training, and management of the member by April 1 of the current year. Ownership is desirable, but is not necessary for 4-H dog shows.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Participation in a county or area show is not a prerequisite for exhibiting in the Missouri State 4-H Dog Show.
2. Vaccination requirements - all dogs must be immunized. Vaccinations and overall good health must be verified with a health certificate from a veterinarian. These forms will be inspected. **NO PAPERS/NO SHOW!**
3. **Any abuse (rough handling) of dogs on the show-site or in the show ring will result in immediate disqualification. There will be a monitor watching handlers.**
4. Bitches in season may show in Junior Showmanship and at the end of their obedience class or ring schedule, at the judge's discretion, **if** properly bathed and deodorized with an anti-mating spray.
5. To encourage a member to progress in obedience classes, the following limits have been established for showing the same dog: Beginner Novice class, 1 year; Pre-novice), 1 year; Novice, 2 years; Graduate Novice, 3 years; and open and utility classes, no limits. Dogs with AKC titles must show at the next highest level.
6. Limits on exhibiting include: a) only one obedience class per dog, b) only one rally class per dog and c) only one showmanship class per person.
7. The dog must be trained by the exhibitor.

PREPARING FOR THE SHOW

1. MAINTENANCE OF YOUR SHOW DOG
 - A. Feeding - dogs more than six months seem to do well with only one feeding per day (giant breeds require two to three meals a day up to one year.) Those fewer than six months require food more often (2 to 3 times per day.)

- B. Veterinary recommendations - consult with a veterinarian. Physical exams at regular intervals are recommended. Regular checkups for internal and external parasites are essential. Be sure to check for heart worms and use preventative medication.
- C. Teeth, nails, and ears - should be attended to often to help your dog stay in excellent health.

2. PROPER DRESS IN THE SHOWMANSHIP RING

- A. In Junior Showmanship, it is especially important to present a clean, well-dressed appearance for both the dog and the exhibitor. Commercial identification promoting a product or breed is discouraged. **No shorts or capris.** Girls should have skirts or dresses. Boys should have dress slacks and preferably a suit coat and a tie. Exhibitors should always look neat and well groomed.
- B. Flat shoes with non-slip soles are recommended.
- C. A pocket is most helpful for such things as treats, comb, brush, etc.

3. SHOW PREPARATION AND EQUIPMENT

- A. The dog - bathe and groom the dog(s) at home prior to going to the show.
- B. A crate - large enough to house your dog completely.
- C. Food and water - a pan for food and water during your stay away from home. Water from home may keep your dog from having diarrhea. Food the dog is accustomed to should be taken to the show.
- D. A show lead and/or training collar and leather or fabric leashes of 6 feet.
- E. Grooming table with post is advantageous.
- F. Whatever equipment you find necessary for the grooming of your breed. Towels, brushes, combs, scissors, clippers, shampoo -- either dry or wet, perhaps both, and nail trimmers. (Trimming nails is best done before the show. The dog may limp if the nails are trimmed too short the day of the show!)
- G. Professional tack boxes are available in many sizes; however, any type of box may be suitable.
- H. First-aid equipment should always be included with show equipment, even though seldom used.
- I. Folding chairs will be very handy. We show on the bottom level where there is no seating.
- J. Bait - permitted only in Junior Showmanship classes. Used to reward the dog for a good response and to stimulate an alert expression while in the ring.
- K. Checklists – avoid the inconvenience of a forgotten item by making a list of equipment and checking it carefully before leaving home.
- L. You are responsible for keeping your area clean.
- M. Please see attached flyer about “dog sitting”. For any questions concerning this, please call Jenny Majors at 660-591-2519.

4. SPORTSMANSHIP

Showing dogs is a great sport. Good sportsmanship is expected of all exhibitors, their families and friends at all times. Being pleasant and respectful of others is as important in the grooming area and at the ring side, as it is in the ring.

A **positive** attitude will be transmitted to your dog, the judge and to the spectators. Exhibitors must keep their attention on their dog. Poor manners or ill tempers are not appropriate at the show. Have a winning attitude regardless of placement in the class.

Attend crated dogs - unattended dogs may become nervous and bark continuously. Barking dogs are a distraction to those showing, as well as to the spectators.

SHOWMANSHIP

PURPOSE OF SHOWMANSHIP

In showmanship classes, the exhibitors are judged on their ability to groom and handle the dog in the show ring.

1. HANDLING - SHOWING THE DOG70 POINTS
 - A. Movement of the handler and dog - the ability of the handler to show the dog to its best advantage.
 - B. Coordination between the dog and the handler. Reaction of the dog to the handler and **communication** between the dog and handler.
 2. KNOWLEDGE OF THE DOG10 POINTS
Judge may ask handlers questions about grooming, health, breed information, parts of the dog, and/or first aid.
 3. POISE AND APPEARANCE OF THE EXHIBITOR10 POINTS
 4. GROOMING AND CONDITION OF THE DOG10 POINTS
- TOTAL POINTS.....100 POINTS

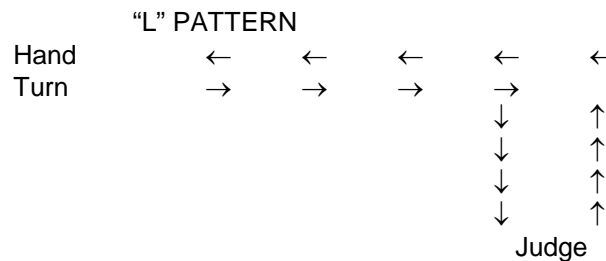
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

Showmanship at the Missouri State 4-H/FFA Dog Show is divided into novice and open divisions. Novice is a 4-H/FFA member competing in the Missouri State 4-H/FFA Dog Show for the first time. Open is a 4-H/FFA member who has competed one or more years in the Missouri State 4-H/FFA Dog Show.

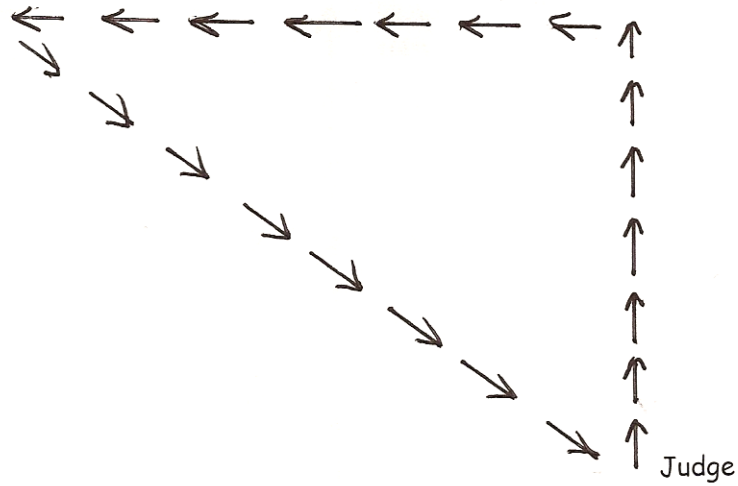
RING PROCEDURE

The judge will examine each dog individually for grooming. When setting up the dog for the individual examination or when in the line, try to stack or position your dog according to the breed standard. Mixed breeds should be positioned according to the breed standard the dog most closely resembles.

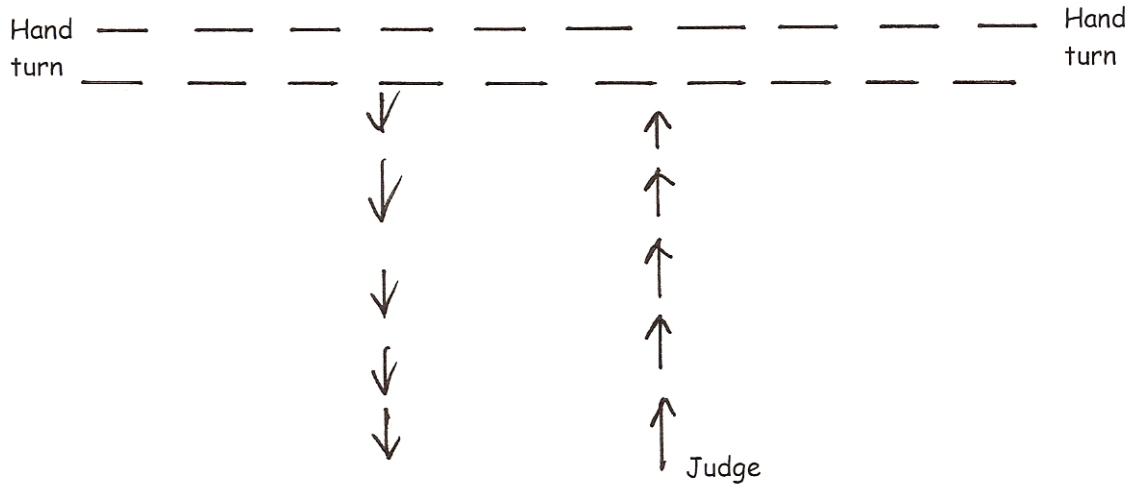
Each exhibitor and dog will be asked to do one of the following patterns chosen by the judge. Exhibitors should be familiar with all the patterns.



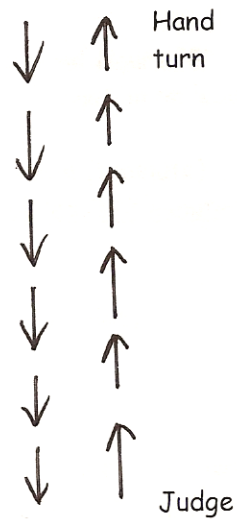
TRIANGLE PATTERN



"T" PATTERN (Judge will indicate to turn right or left to start)



"UP AND BACK" PATTERN



(Optional patterns which may be used by the judge are "reverse L pattern," "up and back with partner," and "reverse triangle pattern.")

SUMMARY

The 4-H'er and dog are being judged as a team. The dog is not to be judged on its confirmation. The judge's decision is final.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

The purpose of obedience is to teach the dog to obey the handler. The dog is not judged on looks, but on how well it performs specific exercises. The difficulty of these exercises increases with each obedience level.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Exhibitors should always look neat and well groomed. Dress clothes are not required for this class. **Shorts are still not recommended!**
2. A 4-H'er may enter only one dog per class.
3. Dogs or handlers should not enter the ring before called.
4. Baiting the dog with food or use of squeakers is **not** permitted.

CLASSES AND SCORECARDS

Obedience classes will be judged according to AKC rules and scorecards as follows:

Beginner Novice (first year dogs)

Possible Points

| | |
|-----|---------------------|
| 40 | Heel on leash |
| 40 | Figure 8 |
| 40 | Sit for Examination |
| 40 | Sit Stay |
| 40 | Recall |
| 200 | |

Pre-Novice (second year dog)

Possible Points

| | |
|-----|---------------------------------|
| 40 | Heeling on leash and figure "8" |
| 40 | Stand for Examination |
| 40 | Heel Free |
| 40 | Recall off leash |
| 40 | Stay – Sit or down |
| 200 | |

Novice

Possible Points

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 40 | Heel on leash and figure "8" |
| 30 | Stand for examination off leash |
| 40 | Heel off leash |
| 30 | Recall off leash |
| 30 | Long sit (1 minute) off leash |
| <u>30</u> | <u>Long down (3 minutes) off leash</u> |
| 200 | |

Graduate Novice

Possible Points

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 40 | Heel free and figure "8" |
| 40 | Drop on recall off leash |
| 30 | Dumbbell recall |
| 30 | Recall over high jump* |
| 30 | Recall over broad jump** |
| <u>30</u> | <u>Open long down (3 minutes) (handler out of sight)</u> |
| 200 | |

Open (Off Leash)

Possible Points

| | |
|-----------|---|
| 40 | Heel free and figure "8" |
| 30 | Drop on recall |
| 20 | Retrieve on flat |
| 30 | Retrieve over high jump* |
| 20 | Broad jump** |
| 30 | Long sit (3 minutes) (handler out of sight) |
| <u>30</u> | <u>Long down (5 minutes) (handler out of sight)</u> |
| 200 | |

* Jump will be set to the multiple of 2 inches nearest the height at the withers (minimum 8 inches and maximum 36 inches.)

** 2 times height of high jump

QUALIFYING SCORE

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|--------|---------------------|
| Gold | 170 points or above |
| Silver | 140 - 169 points |
| Bronze | 139 points or below |

**MISSOURI STATE FAIR 4-H/FFA DOG SHOW
GUIDELINES
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015
MATTEWSON EXHIBITION CENTER**

CO-CHAIRS Brian & Amy Hoerrmann
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1. Entries in the 4-H Dog Show are limited to dog project members who have passed their 8th birthday and have not passed their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current program year. Participation in a county or area show is not a prerequisite for showing in the Missouri State Fair 4-H Dog Show.

Entries in the FFA Dog Show are limited to exhibitors in FFA who are in good standing.

2. **SHOW:** Monday, August 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. – Mathewson Exhibition Center. Dogs need to be present at show only at scheduled times of judging and may leave immediately thereafter, unless required for further judging. (If you win first in your class, please stay for pictures!) **NEW! Absolutely no dogs left unsupervised in the Mathewson Center. All dogs and equipment must be removed at the completion of the show. Any dogs left will be turned over to the humane society.**
3. All entry forms must be received by July 1, 2016!
4. An entry fee of \$4.00 will be charged for each class entry of each dog.
5. Proper equipment must be used or entry may face disqualification. Proper equipment consists of: Obedience-6 foot leash and properly fitted collar, approved by the judge. No special training collars will be permitted; nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar. Junior Showmanship-proper size show lead for size of dog.
6. **The dog must be trained by the exhibitor.**
7. The exhibitor shall have been in possession of the dog by April 1, of the current year. Age of the 4-H member was his/her age on January 1 of the current year.
8. Only one obedience class per dog. Only one rally class per dog. Only one junior showmanship class per person.
9. Bitches in season may be shown in Junior Showmanship and at the end of their obedience class, if properly bathed and deodorized with an anti-mating spray and cleared as okay by the judge.
10. All animals must have a **health certificate** (valid for 30 days) and **proof of vaccination** from a veterinarian nor "no show"!
11. If an exhibitor has shown at the Missouri State Fair previously, he/she must move up in the classes as indicated below. If the exhibitor is in the first year at the Missouri State Fair, he/she may show as a novice junior handler and in 1st year Beginner Novice obedience class, regardless of participation locally. However if the dog is titled, the exhibitor must show in the class above the degree. A member may show in beginner novice 1 year; pre-novice 1 year; novice class, 2 years; graduate novice 3 years; and open and utility, no limit in years. (County rules may differ.)
12. Novice and Open Jr. Showmanship will be judged as follows: 70% on handling; 10% on knowledge of dog; 10% on poise and appearance of exhibitor; and 10% on grooming of dog.
13. Obedience classes will be judged according to AKC rules and score cards as follows:
Beginner Novice (First Year Dog)
Heel on leash 40 Points; figure "8", 40 points; Sit for examination on leash, 40 points; Sit Stay (Handler walks around ring) 40 points; Recall off leash, 40 points; Maximum Total Score: 200 points.

***Pre-novice: (Second Year Dog)**

Heeling on leash and figure "8" 40 points; Stand for examination 40 points; Heel Free (Off Leash) 40 points; Recall off leash, 40 points; Stay Sit or Down, 40 points (Handler walks around ring) Maximum Total Score: 200points.

***Novice:**

Heel on leash and figure "8", 40 points; Stand for examination off leash, 30 points; Heel off leash, 40 points; Recall off leash, 30 points; Long sit (1 minute) off leash, 30 points; Long Down (3 minutes) off leash, 30 points. Maximum Total Score: 200 points.

Graduate Novice:

Heel free and figure "8", 40 points; Drop on recall off leash, 40 points; Dumbbell recall, 30 points; Recall over high jump, 30 points; Recall over broad jump, 30 points; Open long down (3 minutes), 30 points. Maximum Total Score: 200 points.

Open (Off Leash):

Heel free and figure "8", 40 points; Drop on recall, 30 points; Retrieve on flat, 20 points; Retrieve over high jump, 30 points; Broad jump, 20 points; Long sit (3 minutes), 30 points; Long Down (5 minutes), 30 points. Maximum Total Score: 200 points.

14. **Rally:**

Rally Novice (on leash): Handlers may show until they have a Rally Novice title: 10-15 stations to complete with no more than 5 stationary exercises; exercise performed vary from turning 360 degrees to changing paces during the course; exhibitors at this level may clap their hands and pat their legs through the course: Maximum total score: 100 points.

Rally Advanced (off leash): Handlers may show until they have a Rally Advance title; 12-17 stations with not more than 7 stationary exercises; exercises include a jump as well as calling your dog to the front of you instead of to a heel position; Maximum total score: 100 points.

Rally Excellence (off leash): 15-20 stations, with no more than 7 stationary exercises; handlers are only allowed to encourage their dogs verbally; physical encouragement is not allowed at this level; exercises include backing up 3 steps, while the dog stays in the heel position and a moving stand, while the handler walks around the dog; Maximum total score: 100 points.