

**Department NO. 900: Dog Projects**

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**Show Dates:**

Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>: 4-H Show (Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, You and Your Dog with Dog, All About Dogs, Assistance Dog, You and Your Dog without Dog).

**Registration: 8:30am Show: 9am**

Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>: Agility

**Registration: 8:30am Show: 9am**

Placings-Judges, show staff and 4H Dog Committee reserve the right to withhold class placements.

Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup>: Cloverbud, CGC & Trickdog

**Registration 5:30pm Show 6:00pm**

Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup>: Fun Day: **Registration 5:30pm 6pm**

**IMPORTANT:** Each member enrolled in the Butler County 4-H/FFA Dog Project MUST have a copy of the dog resource book. Members taking dog projects must have on file a Permission to Participate form by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Rules Governing This Department:****Please Read All Rules Carefully**

- A. Livestock entries are due to the Senior Fair Board Office by June 10th 2023.

**B. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY:**

- ◇ Dogs entered in the Butler County 4-H and FFA Dog activities must be enrolled in the Butler County 4-H and FFA Dog Project.
- ◇ Youth must be enrolled in the correct dog project to show in classes at the Fair as follows: You and Your Dog, Project No. 201D – to show in You and Your Dog classes  
Obedience, Project No. 201O – to show in Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, Brace, Team, and Rally classes  
Showmanship, Project No. 201S – to show in Showmanship classes  
Performance Dog, Project No. 201P – to show in Agility.  
Working Dog, Project No. 201W – to show in the Assistance Dog classes  
4-H PetPALS, Project No. 230 – to show in the 4-H PetPALS class.
- ◇ Winning Plan: Exhibitors with a Winning Plan are required to submit that plan at least two weeks prior to the first day of the dog show. The sooner the Winning Plan is received the more time we have to work with the parent to develop a plan to help the exhibitor succeed. With advance preparation we can ensure that winning will be attached to score sheet prior to

the show. Please email Erin for more information.

- ◇ Members taking a dog project must have on file at the Butler County Extension Office a "Permission to Participate" form by April 1st. This form can be found [www.go.osu.edu/dog](http://www.go.osu.edu/dog) and [www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs)

**C. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

- ◇ All exhibitors must have the current year "Ohio State 4-H Certificate of Vaccination" for ALL dog project activities. Found at <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-ohio-state-fair>. The required vaccinations must be given after August 1, 2022 and before June 30, 2023 by a licensed accredited veterinarian. This must be in the handlers hands when doing the check in on the day of their show. for every dog for show prior to fair and during.
- ◇ Upon exhibitors arriving at dog show area, your "Ohio State 4-H Certificate of Vaccination" will be checked. Incomplete or falsified information is grounds for dismissal.
- ◇ Health Check at the OSF: **Reminder: only the paper copy** of the County Dog Project Identification Form & Vaccination Certificate will be accepted at Health Check. Please know that we will not accept electronic or digital copies.
- ◇ Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness or diseases, as determined by a veterinarian, will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment.

**D. LICENSE REQUIREMENT:**

- ◇ All dogs participating in Butler County 4-H and FFA Dog Project must be licensed in its county of residence. Junior Fair exhibitors must list their dog's license tag numbers on the 2023 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate. Exception: Assistance Dogs licensed through their respective organizations.

**E. DOG ELIGIBILITY :**

- ◇ Only domestic dogs can be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
- ◇ All dogs exhibited must be six months of age by the date of the show. This includes Pilot Dog puppies and other assistance dogs. Dogs exhibited in Agility must be 18 months or older on or before July 8, 2023. Proof of age is the burden of the exhibitor or exhibitor's immediate family. Dogs not meeting this age requirement cannot be shown.
- ◇ Youth may show multiple project dogs but no more than 1 dog per class, unless stated otherwise under division.

- ◇ Siblings may share a family dog, but may not show within the same division with the same dog. This rule does not apply to the Ohio State Fair. (Sharing a dog at the county level is not permitted for State Fair Dog Show participation. If two youth share a dog at the county level, neither youth is eligible to show that dog at the State Fair, including 4-H Agility competition and 4-H PetPALS.)

## F. OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- ◇ Dogs participating must either be owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family as defined by General Dog Show Rules for Ohio 4-H.
- ◇ Ownership of Assistance Dogs is respective of each applicable organization.
- ◇ Dogs must be in the continual care of the junior fair exhibitor for the duration of the project.
- ◇ The date of ownership must be no later than April 1, 2023. Proof of ownership is the burden of the exhibitor and exhibitor's family.

## G. RECOMMENDATION FOR DEFINITION OF OWNERSHIP

### \* Definition of Ownership

- ◇ If the dog is registered by AKC, UKC, individual breed registries, herding dog registries, etc. the exhibitor's name, or a member of their immediate family's name, must appear on the registration certificate. Co-Ownership of a dog is permitted provided the exhibitor's name or a member of their immediate family's name is listed on the registration certificate. It is recommended that a copy of the registration certificate to be on file in the County Extension Office.
- ◇ If non-registered dog was purchased by a private owner, pet shop, humane society, dog rescue, etc., the exhibitor's name or a member of their immediate family must appear on the bill of sale.
- ◇ If a dog was given to the exhibitor or immediate family, or found by the exhibitor or immediate family, the exhibitor or a member of their family receiving or finding the dog should verify the date received or found by use of veterinary records, dogs licenses, and other forms of records, and write a statement as to the definite or approximate date the dog was received as a gift or found.

## H. TRAINING

- ◇ Lessons, instruction and advice for the exhibitor are encouraged. As long as the exhibitor is present in the learning situation, and handles or trains the dog the majority of the time present, such assistance can include occasional

handling or training by another person.

- ◇ Only the exhibitor can train the dog at any type of training class on or after April 1, 2023.
- ◇ The judge will not permit an exhibitor to train or practice any exercise in the show ring at any time.

## I. SHOWING

- ◇ No one other than the junior fair exhibitor is permitted to show the project dog(s) at any type of dog show, including agility, field trials, rally trials, etc., as well as fun matches, on or after April 1, 2023.
- ◇ No one other than the junior fair exhibitor is permitted to take the project dog(s) on animal assisted activities (pet therapy) visits, on or after April 1, 2023.
- ◇ Eligibility for showing in an "A" class is defined as "no training or showing experience for the handler and/or dog prior to the county's current project year." Handlers and/or dogs not meeting this requirement MUST show in a "B" class. Refer to "A" class information in the rules for each show discipline.
- ◇ 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 level than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Fun matches do not apply.
- ◇ ONLY dogs shown by junior fair exhibitors are permitted on the Fairgrounds.
- ◇ Class may be cancelled or regrouped if less than 5 people are signed up for that class. If you are the only exhibitor in your class, you are able to repeat the class the following year.

## J. MISBEHAVIOR AND EXCUSALS FOR DOGS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS OR SHOW RING.

- ◇ Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior at any time before, during, or after exhibition MUST be removed from the fairgrounds and will not be permitted to return at any time throughout the Dog Show. Determination of the show committee and/or judge will be final.
- ◇ The judge or show officials will immediately excuse from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior.
  - ◆ The judge will immediately excuse any dog that appears dangerous to other dogs or exhibitors.
  - ◆ Any dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite any person or dog while in the show ring will immediately be excused.

- ◆ Any uncontrolled behavior such as barking, running away from its handler, etc., will be penalized according to the seriousness of the misbehavior, whether it occurs during or between exercises, or before or after judging.
- ◆ Any dog not under its handler's control may be excused from competition.
- ◇ ANY dog that needs more space should wear a yellow ribbon or collar to let others know to keep an appropriate distance. Dogs wearing a yellow collar may be crated in a separate space.
- ◆ Dogs must be attended to at all times by exhibitor or exhibitors family members.
- ◆ Dogs must be kenneled in designated areas.
- ◆ Exhibitors must clean up after their dogs.
- ◆ Dogs are not permitted outside show venue.
- ◆ Exhibitors or exhibitors family members are not permitted to tie up the dog.

**K. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

- ◇ Any exhibitor or other person(s) abusing a dog will be removed from the fairgrounds.
- ◇ Judges have the right to deduct points from the Sportsmanship category on the exhibitor's score sheet if unsportsmanlike conduct is displayed at any time throughout the 4-H dog show prior to or during judging.
- ◇ Judges and/or show officials have the right to disqualify any participant exhibiting poor sportsmanship at any time throughout the 4-H Dog Show from showing, participating in activities, or from receiving any awards.
- ◇ Any handler who willfully interferes with another competitor or that competitor's dog will be excused from competition.
- ◇ Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals verbally and/or physically abusive or threatening to show personnel will be removed from the Fairgrounds, and exhibitors will be disqualified.
- ◇ Show officials have the right to order the removal from the Fairgrounds anyone showing unsportsmanlike conduct.
- ◇ Exhibitors must check in at their show ring within 15 minutes after being called to their ring. Exhibitors who do not check in at their show ring within 15 minutes after being called will have sportsmanship points deducted on their score sheets.
- ◇ Dogs must not be left unattended.
- ◇ Females dogs showing ANY signs of heat are not permitted on the Fairgrounds, They are NOT permitted to show. Each do must go through a health check each day of showing, where all females will be checked for signs of heat. If a female shows any signs of heat, she will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. **DECISION OF THE HEALTH CHECK OFFICIALS IS FINAL. (This is a State Rule.)**
- ◇ Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong/pinch collar, or electronic collar while on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their dogs are seen wearing muzzles, prong/pinch collars, or electronic collars.
- ◇ Only the exhibitor's dog, exhibitor, and show officials are permitted in the show ring area at any time throughout the show.
- ◇ Judges' decisions are final. Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals are not permitted to talk with judges at any time during the Dog Show, except during Agility or Rally briefings and walkthroughs.
- ◇ Any violation of these set of rules will result in a deduction of points from an exhibitor's high point achievement award or class score sheet.
- ◇ No handler, parent, advisor or otherwise is permitted to sell livestock, products, services, etc at 4-H related events. These events are NOT to be used to promote personal businesses or other non 4-H related organization at any show, training or other 4-H related events.

**L. OTHER**

- ◇ An exhibitor disciplining a dog in the show ring will be excused from further competition in that class.
- ◇ The judge will not permit any handler to use excessive verbal commands or to move toward the dog to correct it.
- ◇ Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the Fairgrounds.
- ◆ Dogs must be kept on leash while on the Fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging.

**M. DOG WALK PASS (This will not be needed this year)**

- ◇ A Dog Walk Pass must be presented to enter a dog onto the fairgrounds during fair week, of current year. Passes will be given to advisors to be passed out to members.

**N. DOG'S APPEARANCE**

- ◇ Dye & Coloring: Dogs are not permitted to be dyed or colored in any way. If coat or nails show any evidence of dye or coloring, the score sheet will reflect a major point deduction. This applies to all disciplines of the Ohio 4H Dog program and the Ohio State Fair Dog Show.
- ◇ It is not necessary that a 4-H dog be shown in a show clip; however, Dogs must be clean, well brushed and in good physical condition appropriate for the dog's age. The coat must be free from mats and loose hairs. Ears must be clean, but it is not required that all hair be removed from the ear canal. The eyes must be free from matter. Any dog whose hair surrounding the eyes, ears, or beard interferes with its performance may have its hair tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes. Ribbons or bows are not permitted. The teeth should not have tartar buildup. Some staining on the teeth of older dogs is permissible. The toenails must be proper length. Hair between the pads should be trimmed to prevent matting, as well as from collecting dirt and ice. It is not required that whiskers be trimmed; but if the dog's face is shaved, the stubble should be removed.

- **COLLARS**

- ◇ Acceptable collars while in the show ring for all classes except showmanship:
  - ◆ Well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, martingales, or a slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar.
- ◇ Acceptable collars while in the show ring for Showmanship:
  - ◆ Nylon or very small chain link slip collars, or combination lead and collar, such as martingale. Nothing may be hanging from dog's collar.

- ◇ Acceptable collars while outside the show ring:
  - ◆ Well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, martingales, or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. Head halters, fancy collars, and harnesses are permitted on dogs.
- ◇ Dogs Must NOT wear the following anywhere on the Fairgrounds:
  - ◆ Pinch Collars, collars with prongs or spikes on inside or outside, electric collars, or any other special training collars, or muzzles, glitter, paint, hair dye, or nail color, different/un-normal hairstyles or shaves. Youth are subject to disqualification from showing and removal from Fairgrounds if their dogs are seen wearing these collars or devices.
- ◇ Leads:
  - ◆ Leads may be of fabric or leather and must be 6ft in length. Slip leads are not permitted unless in agility levels 1-5 provided they are removed before the run begins. Chain leads are not acceptable. Showmanship leads may be of fabric or leather and should be long enough to allow for easy handling. Dogs are shown on a lead that is appropriate to their size. All dogs must be kept on leash except when in the show ring performing an off lead exercise, and must be brought into taken out of the ring on leash. Dogs must be kept on leash in the ring when brought in to receive awards.
- ◇ Use of Bait:
  - ◆ Using bait in Showmanship and You and Your dog classes are up to the discretion of the judge. During obedience classes, food, treats, or toys are not permitted in the show ring, or show ring areas.



## ◇ Appearance and Conduct:

- ◆ Excessive grooming of the dog in the ring to gain the judge's attention is inappropriate and should be faulted accordingly. Handlers are expected to handle their dogs without distracting the dogs of other competitors. A handler who crowds or disturbs other dogs should be faulted. Handlers who exhibit impatience or heavy-handedness with their dogs should be penalized

## ◇ Dumbbells:

- ◆ Must be made of one or more solid pieces or one of the heavy hardwoods, or of rigid or semi rigid firm, nontoxic, no wooden material, similar in size, shape, color, and weight to a wooden dumbbell. Metal dumbbells are not permitted. Dumbbells shall not be hollowed out. It shall have no decorations or attachments, but may bear an inconspicuous mark for identification. The size of the dumbbell shall be proportionate to the size of the dog.

## O. HANDLER'S APPEARANCE

- ◇ Exhibitors should be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance, their appearance should resemble as if you're going to a job interview. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle, is appropriate for dog shows, and complements their dog. Clothing should not distract, limit hinder the judge's view or the presentation of the dog. Youth with long hair should tie it back to keep it from interfering with handling or the judge's view.
- ◇ Acceptable Clothing:
  - ◆ Includes dresses with sleeves, skirts, dress slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, dressy capris or crop pants, colored dress jeans ( not for showmanship), collared blouses

and shirts, dress shirts, ties, polo shirts, or similar attire. Sports jackets may be worn, but are not necessary, especially in hot weather. When wearing a tie, secure it with a tie tack; footwear: closed-toe shoes, rubber soled shoes, flats and similar type footwear (Hint: Wear something you would normally wear to an interview). For Agility, Exhibition Classes Fun Day Only: Club shirts, blue jeans, and shorts are acceptable. Inappropriate Clothing:

- ◆ Includes clothing that is too tight or too revealing, such as short skirts, short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, low cut blouses or shirts, shorts hanging to low on the waist, clothing with holes or tears in the fabric, faded or torn jeans of any kind, bare midriff, bare belly, bare chest or other similar types of clothing. All tops should be worn along with collar bone (no cleavage) and straps should be at the width of a dollar bill or three fingers wide. Do not wear clothing with lettering, distracting, offensive or sexually suggestive wording or designs. Do not wear hats. Do not wear sandals, open toed shoes, high heeled shoes, clogs, or similar types of footwear. Please avoid any jewelry or accessories that may get in the way of handling your dog. Exhibitors dressed inappropriately will have points deducted or may be excused from the show ring.

**Section 1-Obedience:**

- The figure 8 exercise will be performed using cones as posts. People will no longer be used as posts in the figure 8 exercise.
- Obedience Classes demonstrate the dog's ability to follow specified routines in the obedience ring and emphasize the usefulness of the dog as a companion to humankind. The objective of obedience class is to recognize dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs in a manner that will reflect credit on the sport of obedience at all times and under all conditions. Each level of obedience competition requires mastering a specific skill set, which increase in difficulty, before advancing to the next level.
- Rules and requirements for 4-H Dog Obedience including classes, Handler's Appearance, Dog's Appearance, Acceptable Collars & Leads. Any dog holding an AKC Companion Dog Obedience Title may not compete in the Beginner-Novice A or B class Pre-Novice or Novice A or B.
- Members MUST move to the next level if they win a class with competition. Members may move forward in the obedience class progression if he or she choose, but may not drop back to a lower level class with the same dog. 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 level B classes than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Dogs completing their Companion Dog (CD) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) prior to July 1, 2023, must show in Graduate Novice classes. Dogs completing their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) prior to July 1, 2023, must show in Open or Graduate Open 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. Fun matches do not apply.
- An Exhibitor may compete with no more than 3 dogs in same class.

**Classes:**

**J-1 Beginner-Novice A** - For first-year youth and dogs with no prior experience in obedience before April 1. Show one year then move either to Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice.

**J-2 Beginner-Novice B** - For youth and/or dogs already shown in Beginner Novice A or have had experience at Beginner Novice or Pre-Novice level before April 1. Can move back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice unless winning first place. If Winning first place in Beginner Novice B, exhibitor can still show in Pre-Novice until winning first place or experience at the Novice level.

**J-3 Pre-Novice** - For youth and/or dogs already shown in Beginner Novice A or have had experience at Beginner Novice or Pre-Novice level before April 1. Can move back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice unless winning first place -If winning first place in Pre-Novice, exhibitor can still show in Beginner Novice B until winning first place or experience at the Novice level.

**J-4 Novice A** - In this class, neither the handler nor dog have had any prior experience at the Novice level before their county's current 4-H or FFA enrollment deadline. Once a member shows in this class, he/she must move to Novice B at the very minimum.

**J-5 Novice B** - This class is for the 4-H member or dog that has shown in Novice A or has had experience at the Novice level prior to their county's current enrollment deadline. They have not yet progressed to Graduate Novice A level or higher. If an exhibitor wins the Novice B class with competition, he/she must move to Graduate Novice A or higher the next year with the same dog.

**J-6 Graduated Novice A** - In this class neither the handler nor the dog have had any prior experience at the graduated novice level before their county's current 4-H or FFA enrollment deadline. Once a member shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduated Novice B at the very minimum.

**J-7 Graduate Novice B** - This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Graduate Novice A or has had prior experience at the Graduate Novice level. They have also not progressed to the Open level or higher. If an exhibitor wins the Graduate Novice B class with competition, he/ she must move to Open A or higher the next year with the same dog.

**J-8 Open A** - In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Open level before the county's current enrollment deadline. Once a member shows in this class, he/ she must move to Open B at the very minimum.

**J-9 Open B** - This class is for the exhibitor or dog which has shown in Open A or has had prior experience at the Open level. They have also not progressed to the Graduate Open level or higher. If an exhibitor wins the Open B class with competition, he/she must move to Graduate Open the next year with the same dog.

**J-10 Graduate Open** - In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience in a higher level of dog obedience before the county's deadline.

**Section 2-Showmanship:**

- The judging order for showmanship at the fair will change. Dog and handlers will be judged in the following order, dog exam, handling & interview questions.
- Rules and requirements for 4-H Showmanship classes, Handler's Appearance, Dog's Appearance, Acceptable Collars & Leads.
- The Showmanship Classes have been divided into Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. Please read the age divisions and descriptions. Winners of the "B" classes may return every year with the same dog, provided they meet the age requirements

**Class A: 1<sup>st</sup> Year ONLY**

**J-11 Junior Showmanship A** - This class is for the 4-H member 9-11 years of age as of January 1, current year. Neither the 4-H member nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences or a champion title before their county's current enrollment deadline. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/ she must move to Junior Showmanship B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 12 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Intermediate Showmanship B.

**J-13 Intermediate Showmanship A** - This class is for the 4-H member 12-14 years of age as of January 1, current year. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences or a champion title before the county's current enrollment deadline. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/ she must move to Intermediate Showmanship B provided he/ she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 15 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Senior Showmanship B.

**J-15 Senior Showmanship A** - This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 15-18 years of age as of January 1, current year. Neither the 4-H or FFA member nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences or a champion title before the county's current enrollment deadline. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Senior Showmanship B.

**Class B: 2 Years or More**

**J-12 Junior Showmanship B** - This class is for the 4-H member or dog who has shown in Junior Showmanship A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or champion title before the county's current enrollment deadline. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 9-11 years of age as of January 1, current year.

**J-14 Intermediate Showmanship B** - This class is for the 4-H member or dog who has shown in Intermediate Showmanship A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. handling or like experiences, or a champion title before the county's current enrollment deadline. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 12- 14 years of age as of January 1, current year.

**J-16 Senior Showmanship B** - This class is for the 4-H or FFA member or dog who has shown in Senior Showman-

ship A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before the county's current enrollment deadline. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 15-18 as of January 1, current year.

**J-17 Brace Showmanship** - This class is for one handler showing two dogs simultaneously in a showmanship class. Handler MUST be entered in a regular showmanship class to be eligible for brace showmanship. One of the dogs on the team must be the dog used in the regular showmanship class. Brace classes are Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. There will be no A or B classes. Brace Showmanship will be judged solely on ring work, there will be no interview. Brace will be scored out of 230 points.

Winners of brace classes will not go into showman of showmen (this is reserved for regular showmanship classes). Dogs in Brace class do not need to be the same breed, but should move at the same speed. Dogs may be shown on a coupler or two individual leashes. Handlers must specify which two dogs they are using on their animal enrollment form Showman of Showmen - After placements are given for showmanship classes, all First Place Showmanship winners will be called back into the show ring where they will compete to become Dog Showman of Showmen. Placing will be determined at judge's discretion, with no consideration to previous performance before entering the Showman of Showmen ring. Placing can be based on any or all of the following qualities:

- Stacking• Gaing• Knowledge of Project• Grooming & Appearance

**Section 3-Assistance Dogs Class:**

**J-18 Assistance Dogs** - This class is for 4-H or FFA members enrolled in the Working Dog project. Dogs are owned by Pilot Dogs, Inc. or other Assistance Dog organizations. Exercises to be performed include: dog's appearance and grooming, accepting a stranger, walk on loose leash, walk through crowd, sit for exam, reaction to another dog, staying in place, reaction to distraction. Handlers shall be divided by age for judging. Junior – 9-11 years old, Intermediate – 12-14 years old, and Seniors – 15-18 years old.

**Section 4-You and Your Dog Class:**

»You and Your Dog Care class shall be divided into three sections -Junior 9 to 11 years old, Intermediate 12 to 14 yrs. old and Senior 15 -18 years old. If you are bringing in a poster as your exhibit it must be a full size poster of 22x28. No foam boards or tri-folds. It will be displayed in the Youth Exhibit Building for the duration of the fair.

**J-19 – You and your Dog** – Junior Class

**J-20 – You and Your Dog** – Intermediate Class

**J-21 – You and Your Dog** – Senior Class

**Section 5-Rally**

»Every effort will be made to post Rally maps in advance of the walk though. If the map cannot be posted the handler may write or photograph sign information during the walk through.

»Rally is a sport that follows a course from one sign to the next, with the handler and dog performing the skill listed on each sign before proceeding to the next sign. Rally differs from obedience in that the exhibitor may communicate with the dog using multiple commands.

»Rules and requirements for Rally Classes including Handler's Appearance, Dog's Appearance, Acceptable Collars & Leads

»An Exhibitor may compete with no more than 3 dogs in same class.

»Members MUST move to the next level if they win a class with competition. Members may move forward in the Rally class progression if he or she choose, but may not drop back to a lower level class with the same dog. Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Rally Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match must show their dogs at the same or higher level B classes than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Dogs completing their Rally Novice (RN) title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) prior to July 1, 2023, must show in Rally Intermediate classes. Dogs completing their Rally Intermediate (RI) Title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) must show in Rally Advanced classes. Dogs completing their Rally Advanced (RA) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) prior to July 1, 2023, must show in the Rally Excellent class. 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. Fun matches do not apply.

**Classes:**

J-22 Novice A –

J-23 Novice B –

J-24 Intermediate A –

J-25 Intermediate B –

J-26 Advanced A –

J-27 Advanced B –

J-28 Excellent A –

J-29 Excellent B –

**Section 6-Agility:**

• The 4-Paw rule for contact equipment will be eliminated. In the event the dog comes off the up-contact handler may choose to allow the dog to retry the obstacle.

• Dog agility is a competitive sport in which a handler directs his or her dog over a timed obstacle course. The level of the dog and handler teams determines the obstacles. For the Beginners class, dogs may compete on leash using a buckle collar.

• The dog must have 1 year of obedience in order to participate in agility.

• An exhibitor may compete with no more than 3 dogs in same class. The agility classes will follow State Fair Rules with the exception of level 1 having optional leash. The course will be determined day of show. If dog achieves a first place ribbon against competition in any level requires a

move to the next highest level. Achieving a title in any outside venue the dog and handler must move to the next higher level. This year's game will be standard.

**Classes:**

J-30 On-Lead

J-31 Level 1 (lead optional)

J-32 Level 2 (off lead)

J-33 Level 3 (off lead)

J-34 Level 4 (off lead)

J-35 Level 5 (off lead)

J-36 Specialty Class for Dogs 7-18 months and over 9 years old. Course will be modified to 2 inch jumps and cones instead of weave poles.

**Section 8-Cloverbud Classes:**

For registered Cloverbud members ages 5 and in kindergarten up to second grade, must bring your own stuffed animal dog. Stuffed dog must be between 8 and 16 inches at the withers to show. Sign up day of show.

• Showmanship -ring work only -must provide proper showmanship equipment.

• Poster Parade - short interview with "judge" to explain poster - will proceed to ring to display to crowd - same rules for posters as "You and Your Dog".

**Outstanding Dog Member:**

• Complete the form (the advisors have) to receive recognition on Fun Day. Forms will be due on Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**Dalton Chandler Award**

• This award is for an inspirationally positive dog member, who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship to all Dog Department members. This award is based on nominations by the form given out at the Saturday Show. Forms are due by Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.

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