



# Kentucky 4-H Dog Program Rule Book and Guide

## Effective September 1, 2022

### Introduction

**Purpose:** The Kentucky 4-H Dog Program encourages youth to develop character, self-esteem, discipline, and responsibility. The dog serves as a tool in the growth of each individual.

**Objectives:** Each county dog club will set their own objectives depending on the needs of their club members. Objectives may include:

- Develop leadership, cooperation, initiative, and sportsmanship.
- Develop responsibility and patience by working with your dog daily. Train dogs to follow simple commands.
- Practice leadership skills and roles, take part in community affairs, and demonstrate citizenship responsibilities.
- Learn to accept the judge's decision gracefully.
- Learn how to work with other 4-H members and leaders.
- Learn how to care for your dog, manage its health and wellbeing and handle dogs safely.
- Demonstrate dog care and management, feeding, handling, and grooming.
- Learn to keep good records.
- Learn about major dog breeds and be able to identify their characteristics.
- Learn show ring rules and etiquette.
- Learn to be courteous to the public, judges, show and fair officials, and other competitors.
- Develop public speaking skills by expressing your ideas before groups in demonstrations, judging contests, and other activities.
- Enjoy and benefit from the experience of being an active member of a 4-H club.
- Explore career, job and productive leisure opportunities.
- Experience the pride of owning and showing your 4-H dog.

### General Information

**Leaders and Volunteers:** Volunteers at the county- and state-level are the heart of the 4-H dog program in Kentucky. In order for a county to offer dog programs and projects through 4-H, at least one volunteer per county club/group must attend a certification workshop and complete specialized training. For additional information see the Kentucky 4-H Dog Volunteer Certification Program Guidelines. All volunteers must complete the following (contact your county Extension agent for additional information):

1. Kentucky 4-H Client Protection Process
2. Volunteer Position Description
3. 4-H Youth Development Participant Information Enrollment Form and Code of Conduct Form

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**Description:**

Members of the 4-H Youth Development Agent Advisory Committee are professional educators who provide communication to the district 4-H program relating to the statewide dog program. For a list of members contact Ashley Osborne.

- Serve for two years on the Agent Advisory Committee (membership can be renewed)
- Collaborate with state specialist in making decisions related to the dog program on rules, events and direction of the program
- Participate, organize and provide leadership in statewide dog program events
- Assist as needed in the Dog Volunteer Certification Training(s).

**Role/Purpose:**

The Agent Advisory Committee for the State 4-H Dog Program will assist the state specialist in developing a statewide direction for the dog program and provide communication to county/district dog programs. Committee members will collaborate with the state specialist in determining decisions on rules, events, certification and other dog-related information.

**Questions about the Dog Program**

- Questions from parents and volunteers should go to local county Extension agent
- County agents will send requests to their district contact agent
- District contact agents will work with state specialist(s) to address questions

**Kentucky 4-H Dog Program Events**

Contact your county Extension agent for additional information regarding each event, including county registration deadlines and fees.

1. May – Kentucky 4-H Dog Camp
  - Date: Weekend after Mother’s Day in May
  - Competitions: Costume, Heel to Music, Freestyle Obedience, Dog Trick, Scent Work, and Dog Judging
  - Location: Feltner 4-H Camp, London, Kentucky
  - Registration: State online application deadline will be April 15 annually. County or districts may set their own deadlines to meet the state deadline.
2. March – Kentucky 4-H Dog Bowl and Skillathon Contest
  - Date: March 5, 2022

- Location: TBD
  - Registration will be by Team (Dog Bowl and Skillathon) or Individual (Dog Skillathon)
3. August – Kentucky State Fair 4-H Dog Show
- Date: August 14, 2022
  - Competitions: Agility, Obedience, Rally, Showmanship
  - Location: State Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville, KY
  - Registration: State Deadline –July 10 annually (**Note: if July 10 falls on a weekend, the deadline is the Friday before**) – online through the county Extension office
4. August – Kentucky State Fair 4-H Dog Poster Contest
- Location: Cloverville at State Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville, KY
  - Registration: Register online through the county Extension office. Check with your county 4-H agent regarding entry deadline.

## General Rules

### 4-H Dog Program Event Paperwork Requirements

4-H members, volunteers and adults must bring the following paperwork with them to each state 4-H Dog Program event. All forms listed below are available at the county Extension office or online at the Kentucky 4-H Dog Program webpage (<https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/agriculture/dog-program>), with the exception of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, which is available from a veterinarian. Copies of these forms should be submitted to the county Extension office by the deadline. These forms are required for all state 4-H Dog Program events. Dogs not accompanied by a copy of these forms will not be allowed to participate.

1. Kentucky 4-H Participation Information Enrollment Form and Code of Conduct Form (beginning of each program year)

*NOTE: Volunteers must carry the Kentucky 4-H Participation Information Enrollment Form for each 4-H member they are supervising to each event. Adults should also have a copy of their Kentucky 4-H Participant Enrollment Form with them at each event in case of an emergency.*

2. Kentucky 4-H Dog Health Form (valid for 1 year)
3. Kentucky Dog Eligibility Form (Deadline May 1)
4. Kentucky Department of Agriculture Small Animal Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (valid for 1 year)

### General Rules for State 4-H Dog Program Events

1. **It is the member's responsibility to read and follow this rule book in its entirety.**
2. The 4-H Dog Program year is **September 1 through August 31.**
3. At all Kentucky 4-H state dog events, youth age is listed as of January 1 of current year.
4. State 4-H Dog Program events are open to members:
  - a. Who have enrolled in their county 4-H Dog Program and have completed 6 hours of education between September 1 and the date of the state event. (Note: A county must have a certified dog

volunteer leader to have a county dog club/group. For additional information, see the Kentucky 4-H Dog Volunteer Certification Program Guidelines.)

- b. Enrolled their dog(s) by submitting the Kentucky 4-H Dog Health Form, Kentucky Dog Eligibility Form, and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Form.
5. In case of a dog emergency, the 4-H member may make an appeal in writing to the State 4-H Dog Agent Advisory Committee.
6. Eligibility of Dog:
  - a. All dogs over four months of age to be consigned for any purpose shall be admitted only when accompanied by a (i) Kentucky Department of Agriculture Small Animal Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and (ii) Kentucky 4-H Dog Health Form, both signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. All dogs over four months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies not less than fourteen days nor more than twelve months prior to date of consignment if a killed vaccine is used. All dogs vaccinated with an approved three-year immunity vaccine that is approved by the *Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control* document prepared by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians qualifies for exhibition if the dog is one year of age or older when vaccinated.
  - b. Current distemper, hepatitis, and parvovirus vaccinations are required for all dogs at the Kentucky 4-H Dog Show unless otherwise noted on the Kentucky 4-H Dog Health Form by the dog's veterinarian. Bordetella vaccination is recommended, but not required. Veterinarian protocol for vaccinations will be followed. All vaccinations must be administered by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. All dogs must be free of fleas and ticks, on a flea and tick preventative, and tested negative for worms and/or on a worming treatment or preventative.
  - c. A 4-H dog may be All American (mixed breed) or purebred.
  - d. The dog must be at least four months old by March 1<sup>st</sup> to attend state 4-H Dog Program events.
  - e. A dog owned by a family may be shown by more than one member of that family, even in the same class (except in the same Showmanship Class at the State 4-H Dog Show).
  - f. A 4-H member must train his or her own dog(s). Private professional training of the dog is prohibited (e.g., no "board and train"). No other person may train (private professional training) or show the dog from March 1<sup>st</sup> through the Kentucky 4-H Dog Show in the area the 4-H member is showing (i.e. showmanship, obedience, rally obedience, agility). 4-H members may train their project animal under the supervision of a professional trainer.
  - g. A wolf or wolf hybrid or coyote or coyote hybrid may not be shown in 4-H.
  - h. No dog shall be eligible to compete with a physical condition that is detrimental to the health of the dog, including pregnancy or dogs that have recently whelped or are lactating.
  - i. Dogs with disabilities, such as blindness and deafness are allowed to compete, provided that they have a letter from a veterinarian stating the disability and any permanent conditions which may be present and need to be taken into consideration in judging of the dog's general wellbeing (such as a permanent limp).
  - j. Dogs that are physically disabled and cannot jump the height required must have a veterinarian's letter. This letter must be updated yearly (current for each show season).
  - k. Females in heat are **NOT** allowed at 4-H Dog events.
  - l. An exhibitor may show **no more than two dogs** at the State Dog Show.
  - m. Any non-competing animals (dogs) must follow the state guidelines.
7. Dog Aggression.

- “Dog Aggression” is an overt threat from a dog against another dog or a person and/or an attack with contact against another dog or a person with the intent to harm. “Overt threat” is the judgment that if a person or dog was not very quickly removed from the immediate vicinity a bite or attack would certainly have taken place. Injury does not have to occur for a dog to be deemed aggressive.
  - Dogs who rumble (a quiet growl) or posture are not necessarily deemed aggressive.
  - Dogs responding defensively to another dog’s aggressive action are not deemed aggressive.
  - All dog sizes, breeds and types are to be judged equally in terms of dog aggression. Breeds or breed types are not to be considered in any decision on dog aggression.
  - Sparring or other intentional pitting of one dog against another is not allowed at dog program events.
  - Judge and/or 4-H Dog Agent Advisory Committee decisions on dog aggression are considered final for that event.
  - The Dog Agent Advisory Committee members present must meet and collect testimony and data on the event. Witnesses may be called and information must be collected and recorded from both the accused and the victim. The committee must take and record a vote of yea or nay for dismissal on the grounds of dog aggression and provide the record of that vote.
8. While at a 4-H Dog Program event, members must always maintain control of their dogs. Dogs must be crated or on a leash at all times (except when participating in an event or class that requires dogs to be off lead). Owners and their dogs participate in 4-H Dog Program events at their own risk and agree to abide by the Kentucky 4-H Dog Program Rule Book and Guide. The owner has sole responsibility for the dog and is liable if the dog damages anyone or anything.
  9. Kentucky 4-H Dog Forms: A Kentucky 4-H Dog Health Form, Dog Eligibility Form, and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be presented at registration at state 4-H Dog Program events. These forms are required for all state 4-H Dog Program events. Dogs not accompanied by a copy of these forms will not be allowed to participate. The Kentucky 4-H Dog Health Form and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall be valid for one year (please see 302 KAR 20:065. Sale and exhibition of Kentucky origin animals in Kentucky). For the avoidance of doubt, all dogs must be seen by a licensed veterinarian within one year of all state dog events. The Dog Eligibility Form is due to the county Extension office by May 1 each year. The Kentucky 4-H Dog Health Form and Dog Eligibility Form are available from your county Extension office or <http://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/state-4-h-dog-show>. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Form can be obtained from a licensed, accredited veterinarian.
  10. All 4-H members are responsible for picking up after their dog. Noncompliance with this rule may result in the 4-H Dog Agent Advisory Committee declaring a dog and 4-H member disqualified for the remainder of the event.

### **Sportsmanship-BehaviorRules**

1. As participants in the 4-H Dog Program, members, adults and volunteers represent 4-H to the public. We expect our members to act in a responsible, ethical, and sportsman-like manner at all times while participating in a 4-H event. We hold them responsible for reflecting the highest standards of honor and integrity and for promoting the 4-H program in a positive manner. In addition, older members are expected to model high standards of positive behavior to younger members. 4-H’ers shall be respectful of judges, other exhibitors, and their dogs at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.
2. Drinking of alcoholic beverages or smoking at 4-H events is not allowed.
3. All those attending a 4-H event (members, parents, guardians, guests) must follow this rule book and any

code of conduct set forth by those running the event.

4. Members are expected to participate fully in the events for which they are taking part and must stay until the completion of the event.
5. Any adult should step up in the event of an emergency (i.e., dog fight, loose dog).
6. Adults are not allowed to groom dogs while at a competitive state 4-H dog event (e.g., State 4-H Dog Show).
7. Coaching from the ringside and double-handling is not allowed at any competitive state 4-H dog events. Members found in violation of this rule will forfeit all prizes, ribbons, and scores from the class from which the violation occurred.
8. Abusive behavior toward any dog is not permitted. Anyone mistreating an animal will be asked to leave the 4-H event.
9. 4-H members are expected to follow these rules as well as those items as appear and were signed by the member in the Kentucky 4-H Participation and Code of Conduct Form. We also expect parents and family members to conduct themselves in a manner reflecting the standards of the Kentucky 4-H program.
10. 4-H Members and adults (including family members) that violate any of these rules will be asked to leave the event, and any prizes, ribbons, or awards will be forfeited.

### **Kentucky 4-H Dog Camp**

**Date:** Held the weekend after Mother's Day (May)

**Location:** Feltner 4-H Camp-London, KY

**Description:** Held in May each year at the Feltner 4-H Camp in London, Kentucky. Youth are encouraged to bring their dog to camp with them, or they may attend without their dog. Classes on a variety of topics surrounding the care and handling of dogs will be offered. This is a fun, low-stress environment for youth handlers (beginners to advanced) to practice showing their animal and meet other youth across the state. Contact your local county 4-H agent for additional information about this event, including fees and registration deadlines. A minimum of 25 youth must be registered by the state registration deadline or the camp will be cancelled.

**Adults:** Each county must have one adult attending camp with their club members at a ratio of one adult to five children (1:5) (these should be adults who are not teaching classes). All adults attending dog camp must:

1. Have completed the 4-H Client Protection Process and be an approved volunteer in their county.
2. Be willing to be a chaperone, and watch the children in their care, meaning those children in their cabin.
3. Help as needed, either in an area of their choice or where assistance is needed.

**Schedule:**

1. **Arrival Time:** Check-in is between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone) on Friday in the Dining Hall. Dinner will be provided 6:30 p.m. and an informational meeting will follow. Before you unload your luggage and equipment, you **MUST** come to the dining hall to check in and receive your cabin assignment, and have your dog flea/tick checked and obedience tested. The parent/leader needs to remain at State 4-H Dog Camp until check-in of the 4-H'ers and their dogs is complete.

2. **Flea Check:** During check-in, members of the State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee will be checking for illness, parasites, ticks, and fleas. If any dogs are found with fleas/ticks, chaperones will be advised to get their animal(s) treated at their own expense before animals are allowed to stay at camp. Animals untreated will be sent home or must stay off camp at their own expense until the animal is properly treated. There will not be a reimbursement of money.
3. **Departure time:** Camp will end Sunday by 11:30 a.m. (Eastern Time Zone). Parents should arrive at 11:00 a.m. to help with packing. No one may leave the camp until all the cabins have been cleaned, passed inspection by the 4-H Camp Manager, and all poop has been scooped! **PARENTS**, it is very important that you be at camp to pick up your child **ON TIME**. Everyone should be on the road by 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone).
4. **Agenda:** Agenda varies each year.
5. **Competitions:** On Saturday, Dog Costume, Heel to Music, Dog Trick, Freestyle Obedience, Scent Work, and Dog Judging competitions will be held. Registration for these classes will be on Friday evening. Pre-registration will be available at your county Extension office prior to camp.

**Rules:** In addition to all of the General Rules and 4-H Dog Program Event Paperwork Requirements:

1. **No dogs are allowed in the dining hall: DO NOT** take dogs into the dining hall. This is a health code violation that must be obeyed.
2. **NO CHILD IS TO LEAVE THE J.M. FELTNER 4-H CAMP GROUNDS AT ANY TIME UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD.** Campers will not be permitted to leave camp at any time without prior notification and approval from State 4-H Staff or the Dog Program Coordinator, and must be accompanied at all times by an adult leader.
3. Reminder: All youth and adults must bring the required forms with them to camp (see Section: 4-H Dog Program Event Paperwork Requirements)
4. To prevent accidents, campers are to walk at all times, except during organized running games.
5. Campers are to stay away from maintenance equipment parked or being used on camp property.
6. Campers who have personal conflicts with other campers are encouraged to discuss these with their volunteer leader. If it cannot be resolved, please discuss with the cabin leader(s) or complete a Grievance Form at the registration table in the Dining Room.
7. All dogs are to be on leash and when not on a leash, in a crate. To reduce dog stress (and your stress too), start **NOW** preparing your dog for the crate. Dogs should not be in the beds with you in the evening. In past years, we have been warned that we could not use our 4-H camps for future State 4-H Dog Camp due to muddy dog prints on camp mattresses and “un-scooped poop”.
8. Electrical appliances such as hair dryers may be used in the cabins, but not in the restrooms.
9. The possession and/or use by campers or volunteers of tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, fireworks, and any weapon or item construed to be a weapon (such as a knife) is strictly prohibited.
10. The flagrant violation of any of the rules may result in parents being required to remove a camper from the campgrounds.

## Camp Canine Dog Show - Class Descriptions

### General Information and Rules

1. See the General Rules section and the Competition section (found in the State 4-H Dog Show section) of this rule book for additional information and rules. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to read this rule book in its entirety.
2. The 4-H'er may be interviewed in the show ring about his/her costume or trick.
3. Costumes cannot be repeated from past years by the same contestant.
4. Members should prepare their costumes, tricks, and routines prior to camp and bring all parts necessary to complete the costumes, tricks, or routines with them (including any music, music player, etc.).
5. Ribbons may be provided to all competitors, along with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
6. All classes are non-premium.

**Class 1 - Most Creative Dog Costume.** Most creative dog costume depicting a theme (4-H'er not in costume). The theme may be historical, humorous, cartoon, etc. **No premium.**

**Class 2 - Most Creative Dog and 4-H'er Costume.** Most creative dog and 4-H'er costumes depicting a theme. The theme may be historical, humorous, cartoon, etc. **No premium.**

**Class 3 - Best Trick.** Members have up to three minutes to have their dog perform up to five tricks. Members and dogs will be judged on creativity and performance. Food is allowed. **No premium.**

**Class 4 - Heel to Music (HTM).** A HTM routine should be done with the dog and the handler in close proximity to each other throughout the routine. Handler's steps should be in time to the music. On all moves, the dog and handler team should move as one entity throughout the routine, displaying heelwork and creativity in the many positions and behaviors possible in HTM. No distance work should be included in HTM routines. The dog or the handler should not weave through or be in-between the other's legs or arms in HTM routines. (Note: The dog's tail is excluded from this). No intentional attempt on the part of the dog or the handler to jump, either horizontal or vertical, should be included in HTM routines. **No Premium. 4-H'er will provide own music and music player.**

**Class 5 - Freestyle Obedience – Individual.** The 4-H'er and their dog should move to the beat of the music and the dog may be on or off leash. They will be judged on how many moves the dog and handler successfully complete, the variety of moves, how the dog and handler are interacting, and control of the dog by the handler. The routine should cover 50% of the ring space. The handler and dog should appear to be having an enjoyable experience. Judges must look to see if the handler has control of their dog. The routine length must be within 1:30 and 2:15 minutes (plus or minus 15 seconds, allowed for recording and playback device speeds). The ring size will be approximately 30 feet by 30 feet. No food is allowed in the ring. **4-H'er will provide own music and recorder.**

**Class 6 - Freestyle Obedience –Team.** Same as Class 5 above, except two-five members and dogs perform the routine. No food is allowed in the ring.

**Class 7 - Dog Judging** - This competition will help 4-H'ers become more knowledgeable in all aspects of their

preparation of purebred dogs for showing in Conformation/Junior Showmanship rings. There will be a junior and senior division for this event. **No Premium.**

#### **Additional Dog Judging Rules** (In addition to all of the General Rules)

1. Dog Judging is an individual competition. Participants may not talk to other participants or spectators during the judging.
2. Information on the breed(s) to be judged will be posted on the state 4-H website. The specific dogs to be at the competition should not be used in 4-H dog program practices or events after January 1 of the competition year.
3. The Hormel judging system will be used during the competition.
4. Junior members will be required to give two-minute reasons in the event of a tie. Senior member will be required to give a maximum of three-minute reasons on at least one class of animals. Seniors who do not complete their reasons will be disqualified from the judging event.

#### **Scent Work Division includes classes 8-10 (see below for information and rules)**

According to the AKC, "in the sport of Scent Work, dogs are trained to recognize specific odors, and to alert their handlers when the odors are detected." Dogs in the class will search for a specific scent, such as the essential oil, birch. Containers with a cotton swab dipped in the essential oil will be hidden in a search area. (The containers will have holes in them to allow the odor to escape, so that the dog can find them.)

**Alerts.** Handlers must confirm the dog's alert verbally with the word "Alert" when the dog indicates a find. When the handler calls Alert the judge is responsible for confirming whether the alert is correct or incorrect.

**Collars, Leashes, and Harnesses.** Dogs must wear a properly fitted buckle collar, martingale or harness. No odor-emitting collars (such as no-bark collars that spray citronella, or DAP calming collars) may be worn or present in the search area. A 6-foot leash must be used. This is an on-lead class. The leash can be used to gently guide the dog away from the boundaries of the search area, but cannot be used for correction or punishment.

**Rewards and Reinforcers.** When a dog correctly finds the scent, the handler may reward the dog with a food or toy reinforcer, which may be delivered at or away from source. The handler must take care not to contaminate the search area with food particles or saliva. Toys may be thrown, but if the toy or the dog causes disruption to the search area, the dog/handler team may incur a fault.

Handlers may not reveal any information about the search, the location of the hide, or their performance (aside from a thumbs up or thumbs down) until all entries have run for the particular class. Even innocent discussion can accidentally cue handlers about the search in a way that may influence their performance. If anyone is found to be discussing a search before the class has ended, both parties in the discussion (speaker and listener) will be penalized with a "Not Qualified" score (NQ) for the class.

#### **CLASSES AND EXPLANATIONS**

**Class 8 - Container search.** In a container scent discrimination search, 10 identical containers are laid out in 2 rows of 5 containers. One of the containers has the scented cotton swab. The dog must find the correct

container and indicate to its handler within 2 minutes of starting. This class is timed and placed according to the lowest times of the successful dog/handler teams. **No premium.**

**Class 9 - Interior search.** In an interior search, one container holding the scent is hidden in an indoor search area. The dog must find the container and indicate to its handler within the time set by the judge (2 minutes). This class is timed and placed according to the lowest times of the successful dog/handler teams. **No premium.**

**Class 10 – Chow Hound Food search.** A piece of hot dog or cheese will be hidden in the manner of an interior search. The rules for interior search will be followed for this class. **Participants in this class may not be entered in the container search or the interior search classes. No premium.**

## What to Bring: Camp

### Everyone

We are asking everyone to bring any and all available agility equipment that you can. This would include tunnels, teeters, etc. Also, each club should bring prizes for the number of youth in your club attending for the pooper scooper contest. **Example, if you have five youth attending camp you should bring five prizes, etc.**

### For Chaperone

- Chaperones will carry the Kentucky 4-H Participation Information Enrollment Form and Code of Conduct form for each youth they are supervising from their county. Adults will also complete the Kentucky 4-H Participation Information Enrollment Form and Code of Conduct form for themselves.
- Chaperones are responsible for medications and medication forms for all youth they are chaperoning.

### For You

- All required forms (see Section: 4-H Dog Program Event Paperwork Requirements)
- Bedding: Twin sheets, pillow, and blankets or sleeping bag (the cabins are not heated)
- Towel, washcloth, and soap
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb and other personal care items
- Clothing for warm and cold weather (as weather can vary at this time of the year). Bring at least one change of clothing per day.
- Two pairs of comfortable shoes. **Flip-flops may be worn in the shower (only)**, jacket, sweater, or coat. **NO FLIP-FLOPS** may be worn during camp (except in showers).
- Rain gear, even if rain is not predicted where you live (boots for muddy weather).
- Flashlight
- Alarm clock
- Snacks for yourself
- Medications
- Extension cord/power cord for electrical hair dryers, I-Pod or phone charging, etc.

### For Your Dog

- All required forms (see Section: 4-H Dog Program Event Paperwork Requirements)
- Pooper scooper or disposable doggie bags, plastic grocery or sandwich bags
- Dog crate-make sure your dog is familiar with the crate **BEFORE** coming to camp. No soft crates please.
- Dog food (enough for the whole weekend) and two bowls
- 4-6 foot lead, flat collar, and training collar (choke chain, pinch collar, etc.) No chain leads please! In agility dogs may run with buckle or quick release collars. Slip collars or prong collars are not permitted in agility.
- Showmanship lead
- Dog treats for training
- Healthy dog treats
- 1-2 gallons of water

### Optional

- Dog first aid kit
- Tracking equipment
- Camera
- Bug spray
- Board or card games, puzzles
- Dog dumbbell
- Sheet or blanket to cover the dog's crate (may help to quiet the dog)
- Heater and/or fans
- Dog videos

## Kentucky 4-H Dog Bowl and Skillathon

Date: March 5, 2022

Location: TBD

Registration Deadline and Fees: Contact your county Extension office.

### Classes:

Class 1 Junior Division 4-H Dog Bowl

Class 2 Senior Division 4-H Dog Bowl

Class 3 Junior Skillathon

## Class 4 Senior Skillathon

### Description: Non-premium

**Dog Bowl Rules:** In addition to all of the General Rules applying to 4-H Exhibitors.

The primary objective of the Dog Bowl Contest is to provide an educational opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H dog projects to demonstrate their knowledge of dog related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.

- 4-H members who have participated in a county dog club/group and who have completed 6 hours of education between September 1 and the date of the Dog Bowl and Skillathon are eligible to compete.
  - All youth must have completed required forms (Personal Information and Enrollment Form and Code of Conduct Form, and event registration form).
1. 4-H Dog Bowl Team entries should be made electronically through the county Extension office. Register teams by individual's name (in the Description Section list the county team, i.e. Bell County Junior Team 1, Bell Co. Jr. Team 2). All bowl team members must participate in both the skillathon and the bowl portions. Note: Team members will be confirmed at the event during check-in/registration.
  2. Age groups are based on age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year. Junior team members must be between the ages of 9-13 years old. Senior team members must be between the ages of 14-18 years old. Junior team members may be moved up to make a complete senior team; senior team members may NOT be moved down to junior level. Any junior 4-H'er moving up to participate on the senior bowl team should be registered in the senior class of the skillathon portion, use the senior score sheet and materials to be counted on the team. They may not participate as a junior in any other Dog Bowl portion for this event. Junior youth moving up to senior bowl team at registration will be moved to senior class for this event and also for skillathon class portion.
  3. There will be a Junior and Senior Division in this contest. Each county may enter a maximum of two teams for each division. A team will consist of three members and designate one alternate member. All Dog Bowl teams are to remain in the area of the event until they are eliminated. A minimum of three team members must be present and participate in both the skillathon class and bowl portions to participate for top three placings.
  4. Alternates shall not be seated at the panel and may not participate in the match unless:
    - a. One of the regular members is unable to participate in a contest.
    - b. The moderator disqualifies one of the regular members during one-on-one questions for responding two times to questions directed to another contestant.
    - c. If an alternate is seated following the removal of a regular contestant, the team member removed becomes the alternate and becomes ineligible to return to that particular match. The team member removed and the alternate remain eligible to participate in further matches. Alternates may participate in the skillathon portion as an individual, but their scores will not count toward the team unless they become a member of the team.
  5. A Team Captain should be designated and seated nearest the moderator as Player Number One.
  6. A single or double elimination format may be used depending on the number of teams that participate and time allowed. Each match will be divided into three parts based on time and number of questions.
    - a. The first part will be a skillathon format on breeds, anatomy, conformation, equipment identification, and/or other dog-related subject matter. Each team will compete as an individual on their team. The

three scores for each team will be counted as the team score. Participants will be allowed up to five minutes per station to complete the identification. No conversation between team members will be allowed during this portion. Bonus questions answered correctly will be used to break ties for the total scoring of the bowl team.

- b. The second part will be a bowl format with regular questions and toss-up questions to which any team member may respond. Correct response is worth one point. Bonus questions will be directed to the team answering the toss-up question correctly. For the bonus question, a ten second period is permitted for team consultation to determine the answer. At the end of the ten second period, the team captain or designee will answer. All parts of the bonus question must be answered correctly to be awarded points. Bonus questions are worth two points. There is no penalty for an incorrect answer. Opposing team will have an opportunity to answer the question for points if the original team misses the question.
  - c. The third part will be one-on-one questions, which are directed to one member of each team. Beginning with Player Number One, questions will rotate to each team member until all players have answered one question. Each correct response is worth two points.
7. When the moderator announces the first question, no part of the question will be repeated nor will any additional information be given to the contestant. If a buzzer is activated during the reading of any question, the moderator immediately will cease reading the question. If the question is missed, the opposing team may have an opportunity to answer the question. The moderator will read the entire question.
  8. After completion of the question, teams have five seconds to buzz in. The answer should start within five seconds of being acknowledged. All parts must be answered correctly to receive points for the team.
  9. The top three team places in each class will be determined based on highest accumulated points of the bowl round plus the scores of the skillathon for the three team members. If there is a tie it may be broken using the following format (a) then (b) then (c);
    - a. The skillathon bonus scores for each of the three team members will be included in the final scoring for the team;
    - b. From the general question and answer portion, bonus points from all three team members;
    - c. If a tie is still unbroken, there will be a five question run off to determine the winner in the class.
  10. Resources used for the development of the questions will be from the following reference materials: National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System, Inc. (4HCCS ) - Dog 1, 2, and 3 Project Books and Helper's Guide, Ohio State University Dog Learning Lab Kit, and Ohio State University Dog Resource Handbook.
  11. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>-team place will be awarded in the Junior and Senior Division, using the Dog Bowl scores. All participants will receive participation ribbons. No premium will be paid.
  12. Grand and Reserve Champion Winners: Winners will be awarded in Junior and Senior Division, using both Dog Bowl (team) and skillathon (individual) combined scores for individuals in Junior and Senior Divisions. No premium will be paid.

**Skillathon Rules:** In addition to all of the General Rules (above) applying to 4-H Exhibitors.

1. For youth who would like to participate in a dog skillathon experience as an individual without having enough members for a bowl team. The skillathon will also be a part of the Dog Bowl team requirement. All youth should sign up for skillathon whether they are on a bowl team or individual.

2. 4-H Dog Skillathon entries should be made electronically. Instructions and web address will be provided to county Extension offices.
3. If you are a member of a Dog Bowl team, please sign up for the skillathon portion by registering in the appropriate class (Junior or Senior Division) like all other 4-H entries. All Dog Bowl team members must sign up for skillathon classes too.
4. Individuals may participate in the skillathon portion only without being a member of a dog bowl team.
5. Age groups are based on age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year. Junior 4-H'ers must be between the ages of 9-13 years old. Senior 4-H members must be between the ages of 14-18 years old. Exception: If a junior member is participating on a senior bowl team, please register them in the senior class category (for skillathon too). If a junior 4-H'er is declared a member of the senior bowl team at registration on the day of the event, they will be moved to the senior class and must participate in the senior division of the skillathon.
6. The skillathon format may be on breeds, anatomy, conformation, equipment identification and/or other dog educational materials. Participants will be allowed up to five minutes per station to complete the identification. No conversation between members will be allowed during this portion. Bonus questions answered correctly will be used to break ties for the total scoring of the top three individuals. If a tie still needs to be broken, the names of the top scoring participants will be drawn for placing.
7. Resources used for the development of the questions will be from the following reference materials: National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System, Inc. (4HCCS) Dog 1, 2, and 3 Project Books and Helper's Guide, Ohio State University Dog Learning Lab Kit, and Ohio State University Dog Resource Handbook.
8. Grand Champion (1<sup>st</sup>), Reserve (2<sup>nd</sup>) and 3<sup>rd</sup> individual place will be awarded in the Junior and Senior Division, using skillathon scores. All participants will receive participation ribbons. No premium will be paid.



## DIVISION 6011.4

### EDUCATIONAL 4-H DOG PROJECT POSTERS

Date: August 15, 2022 (Cloverville)

Register electronically by the August Deadline for Cloverville Entries

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State 4-H Dog Program Agent Advisory Committee

Project entry must meet all the requirements for the class; otherwise, the entry will be disqualified.

4-H members who have participated in a county dog club/group and who have completed 6 hours of education between September 1 and the date of the Dog Poster State Registration Deadline are eligible to compete. Note: To offer dog programs/projects as part of the county 4-H program, the county must have in place at least one volunteer serving in the role of "Certified Dog Volunteer Leader" for each dog club/group. Eligible dog posters are due on Monday of Entry Day for judging and should be entered by your county agent on Entry Day only in Cloverville.

1. See General State Fair Rules applying to all 4-H Exhibitors and General Rules applying to 4-H judging events. All participants must be registered electronically through the State Fair Department by the August deadline.
2. Educational posters **MUST** relate to dogs **and be completed since the last State Fair**. Poster must be judged at the county level before entry at the State Fair. **Only one entry per class per county is allowed (county winner must have received at least a blue ribbon at the county level before entered at the state fair level).**
3. Posters should encourage the participant's imagination in developing a slogan/theme that promotes a breed or project or educates the viewer about a dog project related activity. Examples of topics include but are not limited to: showing/grooming/caring for your dog, dog health, nutrition, and breed characteristics. Posters should be simple and focus on one message to tell the story of your dog poster theme. **Resource information should be attached to the back of the poster** (resource may be in envelop with youth name and county, class listed on envelop). Reliable resource information should be used (please note that Wikipedia may not be a reliable source).
4. Participants may use a variety of media, however no 3-dimensional posters will be allowed and no text cut directly from a magazine will be allowed (such as a cut-out of a magazine article used for the poster).
5. Posters must be no smaller than 20" x 30" and no larger than 24"x 30." Poster format should be portrait (vertical) not landscape. Posters must be made using one of the following, matt board, or foam core board. **No poster board is allowed.** Posters submitted on poster board will be disqualified at entry.
6. Copyrighted characters such as Snoopy, Charlie Brown, or other cartoon characters cannot be used.



7. Electronic label should be affixed to the lower right corner of the poster. The back of the poster **MUST** include a listing of the resources of the information on the poster or the poster will be marked down in judging. Poster content should allow for display of the electronic label in the bottom right corner of poster, approximate size of a 3x5 card. ON the back of the poster: Write youth name, county, class.
8. Posters will be judged on how well they present information and on their general appearance.
9. Class champion ribbons will be presented. All participants will receive ribbons and premiums. One overall Grand and Reserve will be chosen from the Junior and Senior entries.
10. There is no Cloverbud poster class.  
543 - Junior (age 9-13) 544 - Senior (age 14-19)
11. Ribbons:  
Blue: 100-75 points; Red: 74-50 points; White: 49 and below



**Kentucky State 4-H Dog Show**

**DIVISION 6011 - 4-H DOG SHOW**

**Sunday, August 14, 2022**

**Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, Kentucky**

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Kentucky 4-H Dog Agent Advisory Committee

Schedule of Events:

Please note that times are tentative. A schedule will be mailed to all registered participants prior to the show. This schedule will include specific times and/or information for each class.

Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Animal check-in: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Exhibitor Meeting: 9:00 a.m.

Events Begin: 9:30 a.m.

**Classes:**

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| 502 Obedience Sub Novice A                  | 519 Novice Showmanship Handlers age 16-18  |
| 503 Obedience Sub Novice B                  | 520 Open Showmanship Handlers age 9-12     |
| 504 Obedience Beginner Novice               | 521 Open Showmanship Handlers age 13-15    |
| 505 Obedience Preferred Novice A            | 522 Open Showmanship Handlers age 16-18    |
| 506 Obedience Preferred Novice B            | 523 Masters Showmanship Handlers age 9-12  |
| 507 Obedience Graduate Novice               | 524 Masters Showmanship Handlers age 13-15 |
| 508 Rally Obedience Beginner (Introduction) | 525 Masters Showmanship Handlers age 16-18 |
| 509 Rally Obedience Novice                  | 538 On-lead Agility                        |
| 510 Rally Obedience Intermediate            | 539 Off-lead Agility                       |
| 511 Rally Obedience Advanced                | 540 Jumpers On-lead                        |
| 514 Beginner Showmanship Handlers 9-12      | 541 Jumpers Off-lead                       |
| 515 Beginner Showmanship Handlers 13-15     | 542 Tunnelers                              |
| 516 Beginner Showmanship Handlers 16-18     | 550 Most Creative Dog Costume              |
| 517 Novice Showmanship Handlers age 9-12    | 551 Most Creative Dog and 4-H'er Costume   |
| 518 Novice Showmanship Handlers age 13-15   |  |

1. See General State Fair rules for rules applying to 4-H Exhibitors.
2. See the General Rules section of the Kentucky 4-H Dog Program Rule Book and Guide for information on eligibility, required forms, sportsmanship behavior, etc. **It is the member's responsibility to read and follow the Kentucky 4-H Dog Program Rule Book and Guide in its entirety.**
2. 4-H dog entries should be made electronically by July 10, the Animal Science deadline. No late registrations will be granted. **(Agents please note that the description line of the entry should be the dog's name and breed.)**
3. A registration fee of \$15 per exhibitor is required to help offset costs associated with the dog show. This fee is due to fourteen days prior to the show. Checks can be made to the Kentucky 4-H Foundation and mailed to University of Kentucky c/o KY 4-H Dog Program, 212 Scovell Hall, Lexington, KY 40546.

**PLEASE SEE THE GENERAL RULES OF THE KY 4-H DOG PROGRAM RULE BOOK AND GUIDE. EACH MEMBER IS RESPONSIBILITY FOR READING THE ENTIRE GUIDE PRIOR TO THE DOG SHOW.**

### Competition Rules

1. 4-H members who are enrolled in a county 4-H dog club/group and who have completed 6 hours of education between September 1 and the date of the state event are eligible to participate in that event. Note: A county must have a certified dog volunteer leader to have a county dog club/group. For additional information see the Kentucky 4-H Dog Volunteer Certification Program Guidelines.
2. The dog club member must do all grooming and training associated with their project animal(s). Members are responsible for 100 percent of the care, feeding and safety of their dogs while the dogs are on the event grounds. Parents or leaders are not allowed to assist with the preparation of the dog before any competitions.
3. Youth with special needs (physical, learning, etc.) may request special accommodations by indicating their need on the entry form. The event/show superintendent will work closely with the member to ensure that proper arrangements are made. A member requiring assistance may receive help from another 4-H member. If another 4-H member is not available an approved leader, instructor, or judge may be asked (respectively).
4. While at a 4-H Dog Program event, members must always maintain control of their dogs. All dogs must be on a leash or crated, unless participating in a class that requires the dog to be off leash. Dogs must not be taken outside of the immediate area of the show except for curbing and light exercise. In addition to being a good safety rule, crating dogs between classes gives the animals a rest period. Any dog running free will be impounded and removed from the grounds.
5. The 4-H'er is responsible for appearing at the ring when their class is called. If the 4-H'er does not appear in the ring by the conclusion of the class the 4-H'er may not be able to participate in that class and will be ineligible for champion for that class. The 4-H'er or their declared club leader (if youth is in a ring) is responsible for informing class steward of conflicts.
6. Training and Disciplining in the Ring. The judge will not permit any handler to use excessive verbal commands, to move toward the dog to correct it, or to practice any exercise in the ring while competing. Any exhibitor who does so may be excused and will receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score for that class. Note: at judges' discretion, a 4-H member may re-attempt an exercise for learning purposes (for example, if a dog eliminates in the ring, the judge may allow the 4-H member to re-attempt the exercise and continue with further unattempted exercises for learning purposes, however, the 4-H member will receive a no score/NQ).
7. Adults are not allowed to enter the ring, or direct from the sidelines during a show.
8. Declared Club Leaders for State 4-H Dog Show: Certified dog volunteer leaders may be declared for the state dog show. Declared leaders will be provided a vest and will be permitted on the arena floor during the dog

show. In the event that a county only has one certified dog volunteer leader present, the certified dog volunteer leader may identify additional adult leaders/chaperones if desired (maintaining a ratio of an additional adult for every ten 4-H members). All adult leaders/chaperones declared must complete the volunteers and leaders expectations defined on page 2 of the Kentucky 4-H Dog Program Rule Book and Guide. Declaration must be made at the start of the show (registration).

9. Only State Fair Dog Show workers, 4-H'ers showing their animal(s) and declared club leaders will be allowed on the ring floor during the show (e.g., inside of the white fence). (Exception: In cases of youth with special needs, accommodations will be made). Family members and non-declared club leaders will be asked to view the show from outside of the show area. Parents, guardians, and leaders may not approach a judge before or after completion of a class. Concerns, comments, and complaints shall be directed to the show chairperson. After a warning is issued, violation of this rule will result in a parent, guardian, or leader being asked to leave the arena area for the remainder of the show.
10. Once a member moves up to a new class, he/she may not revert back to previous (lower level) class.
11. Moderate practicing and warm up of dogs shall be permitted but not near the class rings except in identified areas.
12. Food, treats, and/or toys are not permitted in exhibitor's hands or on their person while in the show ring during obedience and rally classes. If an exhibitor brings food, treats, or toys into the competition arena, they must leave all items with the steward prior to entering the show ring. Exhibitors with food, treats, or toys in their hands or on their person while in the show ring during obedience and rally classes are subject to disqualification. Treats can be used in the agility ring but the dog will receive a white ribbon for his/her performance.
13. At the State 4-H Dog Show, the 4-H member is recommended to enter one Fitting and Showmanship **AND** one additional class. The dog used for Fitting and Showmanship must be the same dog shown in the Obedience class.

#### 4-H Dog Competition Dress Code

Any type of clothing with inappropriate logos, words, or images are prohibited. Collared shirts or club t-shirts are recommended. Shorts, dresses and skirts that are not shorter than 2 inches above the knee are permitted. 4-H members may not go barefoot at any time during the event. Flip-flops, sandals, and Croc or Croc-like footwear are prohibited at competitions and at any time while a member is handling a dog at an event. If the dress code is not followed points may be deducted from the overall class score for that 4-H member. Bonus points may also be given for individuals that follow the dress code and dress professionally.

#### Equipment and Things to Bring For Competitions

For you:

- Show Clothes
- Show Shoes
- Extra Clothing
- Lawn Chairs
- Clip Board
- Pen or Pencil
- Money
- Parking Pass
- Required Forms
- Food and Drinks
- Directions to the Show

For your dog:

- Required Forms
- Crate or Xpen (**REQUIRED**) – no soft crates allowed
- First Aid Kit
- Grooming Table with Arm
- Dog Bed
- Dog's Favorite Toys
- Water for Your Dog
- Bait
- Dog Food
- Pooper-scooper or Poop Bags
- Trash Bags
- Dog Dishes
- Towels
- Dog brushes / Combs
- Leads/collars
  - Tags or licenses on collars and leads are not recommended while in the ring.
  - Agility: In agility dogs may run with buckle or quick release collars or no collar. Slip collars or prong collars are not permitted.

Optional:

- Nail Trimmers, Grooming Tools
- Quick Stop
- Scissors
- Hair Spray
- Ear cleaner
- Q-Tips
- Wet Wipes
- Pet Insect Spray
- Grooming Apron
- Safety Pins
- Hair Elastics
- Arm Band Elastics
- Human Brush
- Extension Cord and Power Strip

### Conduct at Competitions

1. **Judges decisions will be final** and exhibitors may be disqualified or penalized for not following judge's instructions.
2. Dog aggression results in a disqualification from the subject class (if applicable) and at the direction of the members of the Dog Agent Advisory Committee that are present at the event. Dogs who are dismissed due to dog aggression must be placed in a dog crate for the remainder of the show or be removed from the grounds.
3. In 4-H shows, dogs that foul the ring are allowed to complete the class and be scored, but their score sheet is marked "NP-fouled ring" for "non-placement" and will be automatically be awarded a white Danish ribbon.

4. Classes may be cancelled, combined, or subdivided by the show committee, if number of entries warrant. Preliminary eliminations may be used to reduce large class size.
5. In order to qualify to be a grand or reserve champion, you must receive a blue ribbon.
6. Questions concerning rules should be referred immediately to the show superintendent. The superintendent may consult with committee members or judge(s) and make an on the spot decision, which must be accepted as final.
7. 4-H Judges:
  - a. Judges for 4-H dog events should be familiar with the 4-H show rules for the classes which they will be asked to judge. This should include having an example copy of the score sheets they will be using before the show.
  - b. Judges should **not** show partiality for purebred dogs or All-American (mixed breed) dogs.
  - c. Judges must not be familiar with 4-H exhibitors they are to judge. This includes training a 4-H member in class (with or without their project dog), being a club member with a 4-H exhibitor anytime within the past 5 years of show date, owning or leasing a dog with the 4-H member or a member of their family.
  - d. If judges are recent 4-H graduates (within the past 5 years), they should preferably be from another state or at least another county.
  - e. Judges should be informed to write constructive comments on score sheets. If time allows, judges, at their discretion, can meet with individual exhibitors to discuss strengths and weaknesses.
  - f. Judges should judge according to the requirements of the class. Each dog/handler team should be judged in the same way.
  - g. Judges should not disclose any score to anyone but the show committee (and only on a need to know basis) before a class is completed. Announcements of scores at the end of a class are at the judge's discretion, but judges should keep in mind the sensitivity of scores to some exhibitors.
  - h. Judges are in control of their ring from the time that a class starts until its completion.
  - i. Judges decisions are final in all scoring and judging of a class. All other matters are to be decided by the show committee.
  - j. Judges should give commands and or signals in a clear and understandable manner.
  - k. Re-judging. If a dog, in the judge's opinion, had its performance prejudiced by peculiar and unusual circumstances, the judge may re-judge the dog on that particular exercise.
    - a. If the judge finds it necessary to re-judge a dog(s) from a group exercise, the dog(s) should be re-judged immediately following the group or as soon as possible thereafter.
    - b. The judge may ask for volunteer dogs, which will not be competing, in order to fill the ring.
  - l. Judges should not enter into discussion with any exhibitor (including parent, guardian, and friend of exhibitor) who appears to be dissatisfied with the judging/scoring or his/her class. Such an exhibitor should be directed to the Show Committee, who will examine the problem and approach the judge, if necessary. This also applies to mathematical errors.
  - m. A judge who is aware of any assistance, interference or attempts to control a dog from outside

the ring must act promptly to stop such double handling or interference and shall penalize the dog substantially. If in the judge's opinion the circumstances warrant the dog shall be given a score of zero for an obedience exercise. In Showmanship, the members will receive a substantial deduction.

- n. Judges should remember that 4-H should be a positive learning experience. The judge must remember that a 4-H show is an opportunity for a 4-H member to learn "how to make his best better, the next time." Judges should offer encouragement and advice, in addition to placements and scores.
- o. Judges shall have some form of ribbon or tag identifying them as a judge to the members.

#### 8. Placements/Awards/Judging

- a. Judge's decisions are final.
- a. Scoresheets for agility, rally, and obedience classes will be handed out at the conclusion of each class once scores have been recorded. All questions regarding a judge's placements or scores should be made to the Show Committee within 30 minutes of scoresheets being distributed.
- b. Scoresheets for each showmanship class will be handed out at the conclusion of each class once scores have been recorded. All questions regarding a judge's placements or scores should be made to the Show Committee prior to the Best Overall Handler judging for the division.
- c. Under no circumstances should a judge be approached by an exhibitor, parent, or guardian in regard to questioning a placement or score of a given class. Such problems or concerns should be brought to the Show Committee.

### DIVISION 4-H FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

514 Beginner Showmanship Handlers 9-12

515 Beginner Showmanship Handlers 13-15

516 Beginner Showmanship Handlers 16-18

517 Novice Showmanship Handlers age 9-12

518 Novice Showmanship Handlers age 13-15

519 Novice Showmanship Handlers age 16-18

520 Open Showmanship Handlers age 9-12

521 Open Showmanship Handlers age 13-15

522 Open Showmanship Handlers age 16-18

523 Masters Showmanship Handlers age 9-12

524 Masters Showmanship Handlers age 13-15

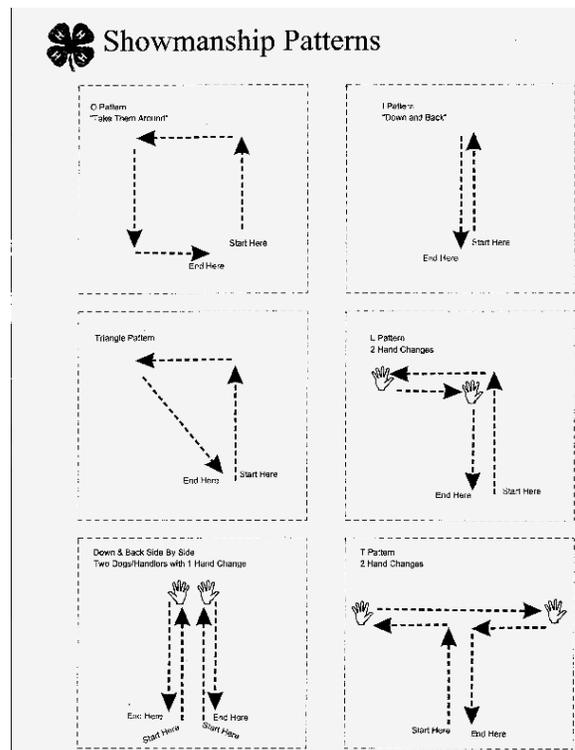
525 Masters Showmanship Handlers age 16-18

Rules – in addition to all of the General Rules:

1. Purpose: To demonstrate the 4-H member's ability to show his/her project dog to the best of their ability, as if they were presenting their dog in the conformation ring at a breed association show. The member must be able to show off the dog's best points, while minimizing faults, demonstrate knowledge of proper ring procedure, and the proper way to present a dog for examination by a judge. In no way should the dog's conformation be considered when scoring an exhibitor.
2. Acceptable patterns include:
  - a. All divisions: "around the ring" or the "O", the "I" or "up and back", the triangle

- b. Novice, Open, Masters: the “L”, the “T”,
  - c. Masters Only: The down and back with 2 dogs gaiting side by side.  
(Please see gaiting patterns outlined in the next section of this manual for explanations.) In the “up and back” patterns, handlers may choose to either turn towards their dog or away from their dog, as long as the movement is done smoothly and efficiently.
3. Courtesy turns may be done at the start of a gaiting pattern and are encouraged.
4. Dogs should be stacked or posed as their breed would in conformation events. Mixed breed dogs should be presented as closely to the breed that they most resemble.
5. “Baiting”, offering a dog a treat for desirable behavior is acceptable in Fitting and Showmanship as long as it does not interfere with other dogs in the class. Baiting is allowed at each judge’s discretion.
6. Dogs may be shown on a show lead (such as a one piece martingale, rescos-type lead, etc.) or on a slip collar (leather, chain, or fabric) and attached leash. The handler’s ability to control the dog’s show equipment in a non-distracting manner is more important than the actual equipment being used.
7. Judges or Stewards WILL ask exhibitors questions during Fitting and Showmanship classes or outside the ring before or after the class. Questions may cover: general dog care and knowledge, the exhibitor’s dog’s breed history and purpose, the exhibitor’s dog’s specific history, the Kentucky 4-H Dog Program Rules, general 4-H questions. Sources of questions: National 4-H Dog Curriculum, other resources TBA by March 1.
8. Classes should be subdivided if there are 12 or more exhibitors in a class.
9. Classes are divided into four divisions and by age (as of January 1 of current year) as follows:
  - a. Beginners. For handlers who have never shown in the showmanship project at the State Fair 4-H Dog Show.
  - b. Novice Division. For youth and dogs with no experience in conformation and/or showmanship at a sanctioned (AKC, UKC, etc.) show (sanctioned show does not include a match).
  - c. Open Division. For youth who have shown in a conformation and/or showmanship at a sanctioned (AKC, UKC, etc.) show (sanctioned show does not include a match) and/or dogs that have obtained Champion in conformation in AKC or UKC (or similar).
  - d. Masters Division. For youth who have shown in AKC Master or Open Showmanship (or other sanctioned equivalent) and/or dogs that obtained Champion in conformation in AKC or UKC (or similar).
  - e. Best handler will be determined in each division. There will not be a best overall handler. (The winners of each age group within their division will compete for the championship of their division.)

Patterns:



Fitting and Showmanship Scoring- Kentucky 4-H Dog Score Sheets for Fitting and Showmanship will follow this point system: Copies of the Fitting and Showmanship scorecard will be available from your county Extension 4-H office.

### Appearance of Animal

- All grooming must be done by exhibitor
- General condition - Dog should be well conditioned, but not overweight. Should be trimmed, combed, and brushed in a manner suitable for coat and breed type. Crossbreeds should be groomed similar to the breed they most resemble. Recognizing that some breeds require more grooming than others, grooming scores should strive to recognize the efforts in grooming.
- Toenails should be clipped to reasonable length for particular breed, or filed down.
- Teeth should be clean.
- Eyes should be clear, not running, ears should be clean and free of excess debris or dirt.
- Coat should be clean and well combed. Feathering should be un-matted and clean. Dogs must not have any external parasites.
- Show clip will not be considered.

### Exhibitor's Appearance

- Exhibitor should be neat and clean.
- 4-H show uniform should be worn.

### Handler's Set up / Stacking

- When stacking and presenting the dog, handler should stand or kneel.
- Stack animal properly on the floor or table depending on breed and/or size.
- Do not lean on dog while stacking front and back legs.

### Judge's Examination

- Handler should work to keep their dog between themselves and the judge at all times.

- b. Show the dog's bite correctly. Judge needs to see the teeth closed, and not the handler's head.
- c. Present the dog quietly and efficiently, encouraging expression from the dog while keeping him in a stacked position for examination.
- d. As the judge moves past the dog's head, handler should control the head from the front or near the front and remain out of the judge's way.
- e. As the judge steps away from the examination, handlers should "pose" the dog again until asked to move
- f. When asked to move, handlers should take time to gather their lead neatly in their left hand, position the collar appropriately and proceed to the courtesy turn and pattern requested.
- g. Handler's should thank the judge after their individual pattern, remembering to use excellent manners when speaking to the judge "Yes Sir, Yes Ma'am"
- h. Movements should be smooth, natural and not distracting to judge or others.
- i. As handler's are asked to move to the end of the line, dogs should be either hand stacked or baited into a square position one final time for the judge.

#### **Gaiting Dog Correctly**

- a. Enter leading animal at an alert, correct gait around the ring as directed. Always have animals on the judges' side holding lead in the left hand, held properly for the individual dog, breed or breed resembled so the dog gaits freely.
- b. If necessary and depending on the pattern requested, the exhibitor may need to change hands, to keep the dog between himself and the judge.
- c. Gait dog at a trot or as the judge directs, with animal's head carried at a height appropriate for the breed of dog.
- d. Do not crowd the dog ahead when gaiting or when coming to a halt with the class.

#### **Holding Lead Correctly - Using Proper Equipment**

- a. Hold the lead in the proper hand and do not let lead hang in dogs face or on the ground.
- b. Equipment should be appropriate to the breed.

#### **Proper Control of Dog**

- a. Handler should be in complete control over dog at all times.
- b. Excessive corrections to dog will not be tolerated.

#### **Follows Judge's Instructions**

- a. Respond rapidly and politely to requests from judge and officials.
- b. Follow directions.

#### **Handler's Attitude**

- a. Alertness and poise. Keep an eye on your animal and be aware of the position of the judge and other dogs and exhibitors in the ring at all times. Do not be distracted by persons and things outside the ring.
- b. Be courteous and sportsmanlike at all times. Show animal at all times, and yourself.
- c. Do not talk to people outside the ring.
- d. Exhibitors poise should be natural nor forced or exaggerated.

#### **General Knowledge**

- a. Exhibitor is knowledgeable about dog care, training, grooming, showing and breeds. Judge or Steward will ask no more than six questions to determine this.

#### **Ring Procedure**

- a. Do not crowd exhibitor or dog in front when stacking.
- b. When judge is individually examining the rest of your class, let your dog stand and relax, if posed reasonably well, but remember to keep the dog's focus on you and stay alert. Excessive grooming in the ring is objectionable.
- c. Be natural, over-showing, undue fussing and maneuvering are objectionable.

10. The following activities will result in disqualification from Fitting and Showmanship contests:

- a. Harsh handling or treatment to the dog
- b. Receiving instructions from ringside
- c. Poor sportsmanship
- d. Arguing with or sassing the judge

**DIVISION: Obedience Division (includes Rally Obedience)**

502 Obedience Sub Novice A	507 Obedience Graduate Novice
503 Obedience Sub Novice B	508 Rally Obedience Beginner (Introduction)
504 Obedience Beginner Novice	509 Rally Obedience Novice
505 Obedience Preferred Novice A	510 Rally Obedience Intermediate
506 Obedience Preferred Novice B	511 Rally Obedience Advanced

**Rules:** In addition to all of the General Rules:

1. Each dog-child team may enter (1) One obedience class for classes 502-506, (2) In addition, each dog entered in 502-506 may be entered in 507, and (3) one rally obedience class. A "Team" is defined as a 4-H'er and a dog combination.
2. Obedience Division: 4-H'ers who (1) placed first, second or third in Sub-Novice B or Beginner Novice and (2) won a blue ribbon in Sub-Novice B or Beginner Novice at the previous year's State Fair Dog Show MUST move up to the next class.

Kentucky 4-H Dog Score sheets for Sub-Novice A and B and Graduate Beginners will follow this point system:

- a. 160-145 Blue Ribbon
- b. 144.5-130 Red Ribbon
- c. 129.5-below White Ribbon

Kentucky 4-H Dog score sheets for Novice A & B and Graduate Novice will follow this point system.

- d. 186-200 Blue Ribbon
- e. 170-185 Red Ribbon
- f. 169-below White Ribbon

Kentucky 4-H Dog Score sheets for Rally Obedience will follow this point system:

- g. 90-100 Blue Ribbon
- h. 70-89 Red Ribbon
- i. 69-below White Ribbon

3. Acceptable obedience collars include well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, or slip collars (choke, training) of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric, or chain with two rings, one at each end, or properly fitted martingale (limited slip) collars. Leashes may be made of leather or fabric. In rally obedience and sub-novice classes, they should be six feet long. In Novice and Graduate Novice classes leashes need only be long enough to provide sufficient slack in the heel on leash exercise. Chain leashes, spiked collars, or electric collars are not acceptable at a 4-H event or show. Harnesses are not allowed in the show ring. Prong collars and head halters (Gentle Leader) may be used for training purposes only, not in classes.

4. In 4-H shows, dogs that foul the ring are allowed to complete the class and be scored, but their score sheet is marked "NP-fouled ring" for "non-placement" and the dog will not receive a placement rosette and will be automatically be awarded a white Danish ribbon.
5. In 4-H shows, dogs that run around the ring "uncontrolled" during an off leash exercise will receive a zero (0) for that exercise, but can have the option of completing that exercise with dog on leash, and if needed, can do the Long Sit and Long Down exercises on leash. Dog and handler will receive a NP (non-placement) score.
6. Members will be allowed to show 2 dogs in the same class.

## OBEDIENCE CLASSES AND EXPLANATIONS

- 502** Sub Novice A - For handlers who have never shown in the dog obedience project at the State Fair 4-H Dog Show.

Heel on Leash and Figure 8 on Leash - In "heeling" and "figure 8" exercises, the handler will work the dog on a loose leash, which should be carried in either hand or both hands, with the dog on the handler's left side. Hands are to be carried in a natural manner. The handler's left hand should not touch the dog. Any jerking or tugging on the leash is penalized. The handler walks, when the order "forward" is given by the judge, in a normal manner and must not adapt his pace to the dog. There must be a definite change of pace when given the orders "fast", "slow", or "normal". Upon judge's command to "halt", the dog must sit in heel position until judge's next command is given. Extra commands, signals or tugs on the collar will be penalized. The judge's command "exercise finished" indicates that the exercise is complete.

Sit for Exam on Leash - Upon the judge's order, the handler will sit the dog facing the judge and leave when ready. A voice command and hand signal may be used. If both are used, the dog's name should not be part of the spoken command. The handler will then walk to the end of the leash and face dog. The judge will examine dog by touching the back of the dog; the dog must stay in a sitting or standing position, as left by handler. Upon judge's command "return to your dog", handler will return to their dog by approaching the dog from the front and walking around behind the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order "exercise finished" to signal the exercise is complete.

Recall on Leash - The handler will sit the dog, and with the judge's order, command the dog to stay, leave, and walk to the end of the leash. When ordered to "call your dog", a voice or hand signal should be used (but not both). The dog should come and sit directly in front of the handler. When ordered to "finish" the handler will again use either a voice or hand signal. The dog must move to the heel position and sit. Attempts to guide the dog in either the "come" or "finish" will be penalized. The judge will then give the order "exercise finished" to signal the exercise is complete.

Long Sit on Leash - The "sit" will be for 30 seconds. Handlers may use a voice command and a hand signal. If both are used the dog's name should not be part of the spoken command. When the judge instructs the handler to "leave your dog", the handler will give the command/signal to stay and immediately proceed to the end of the leash. The leash will always be in handler's hands, never dropped on the ground. Upon judge's command "return to your dog", after the time required is reached, the handler will return to his/her dog by approaching the dog from the front and walking around and behind the dog to heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order "exercise finished" to signal the exercise is complete.

- 503** Sub Novice B - For dogs that have never qualified in Beginner Novice or Novice at any recognized trial

(i.e., AKC, UKC). Same exercises as Sub-Novice A.

- 504 Beginner Novice - For dogs that have never qualified in Beginner Novice or Novice at any recognized trial (i.e., AKC, UKC). Same exercises as Sub-Novice A except:

Sit Stay Walk Around - The sit stay will be off leash. The handler will unsnap the leash and carry it while he or she walks away from the dog to the outer edge of the show ring. The handler will turn to the left and proceed to walk completely around perimeter of the ring, returning to where he or she started. The handler will then turn toward the dog, return to it and circle around into heeling position.

Recall - The recall will be off leash. The handler will sit the dog, command it to stay, and leave on the judge's order. When ordered to "call your dog", a voice and/or hand signal should be used. The dog should come and sit directly in front of the handler. A one-time single phrase of praise or encouragement while the dog is coming to the handler will be allowed without penalty.

- 505 Preferred Novice A - For dogs in their first year of NOVICE only. Limit of one year in this class with the same dog and handler team.

Exercises:

Heel on Leash and Figure 8 on Leash -The same rules which apply to Sub Novice apply to this exercise.

Stand for Examination -This exercise is performed off leash.

Heel Off Leash - This exercise is executed in similar fashion the heel on leash, except without a leash.

Recall -The same rules which apply to Beginner Novice apply to this exercise.

Sit Stay - Walk Around- The same rules which apply to Beginner Novice apply to this exercise.

Sit Stay (Get Your Leash) - The exercise will start with the dog and handler positioned at least 30 ft. from and facing the gate entrance. The leash will be removed by the handler and then given to the steward or judge to be placed at the designated spot (close to the gate entrance, so the handler does not have to leave the ring to retrieve it). The judge will ask "Are you Ready?" On the judge's order, the handler may command and/or signal the dog to sit without touching either the dog or collar. On order "Leave your dog to get your leash," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward to the leash, pick it up and turn to face the dog. The judge will order "Back to your dog." The handler will return by walking toward the dog and passing the dog on its left side and behind the dog, stopping at heel position. The dog is not to move from position until after the judge says "Exercised finished."

- 506 Preferred Novice B - For dogs that do have a C.D. title or 4-H'ers having shown the same dog for one year in Preferred Novice A. (Exercises the same as Preferred Novice A.)

- 507 Graduate Novice - For dogs that have not qualified in open at a recognized trial. Exercises are the same as Preferred Novice A except: there will be a drop on recall and a recall over a jump.

Drop on Recall - Executed similar to recall but the dog must drop to a "down" on command from the handler, and complete the "come" on command. The dog must come quickly, drop instantly, and come straight in to the handler on the first command in each part of the exercise. A second command is a disqualification, slow response to any command results in a loss of points.

Recall over Jump - This exercise starts with the dog in the sitting heel position at least 8 feet from the jump. On the judge's order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay, and then go at least 8 feet beyond, and face the jump. When the judge indicates, the handler will command or signal the dog to come over the jump and sit in front. The handler will then give a command or signal to finish and the dog will to heel position and sit straight.

- 508** Rally Obedience Beginner – **ON LEASH** - For handlers who have never shown in the dog rally obedience project at the State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Dogs have not earned an R.N. title or equivalent. The dog and handler team move continuously through a rally course of 10-20 signs with the dog at the handler's left side. At each numbered sign they perform the indicated exercise then move to the next sign. Unlimited communication is encouraged - the handler can talk to the dog and give multiple commands and signals. The course will be made up of AKC rally signs 1-42 (for novice and all other rally classes), with a challenge level appropriate for beginners. Signs may include halt, sit, down, about turn, slow pace, fast pace, normal pace, right and left turns and circles. Not timed. PREMIUM CLASS.
- 509** Rally Obedience Novice – **ON LEASH** - **For dogs that have not earned an R.N. title or equivalent.** The dog and handler team move continuously through a rally course of 10-20 signs with the dog at the handler's left side. At each numbered sign they perform the indicated exercise then move to the next sign. Unlimited communication is encouraged - the handler can talk to the dog and give multiple commands and signals. The course will be made up of AKC rally signs 1-42 (for novice and all other rally classes). TIMED. This class will be placed. PREMIUM CLASS.
- 510** Rally Obedience Intermediate – **ON LEASH** - **For dogs that have earned an R.N. title or equivalent, or a first or second placing in 4-H Rally Obedience Novice at the Kentucky State 4-H Dog Show (or equivalent show in another state).** The rally Intermediate course will be made up of a combination of AKC rally signs 1-216, excluding signs that require jumps or off leash work. TIMED. This class will be placed. PREMIUM CLASS.
- 511** Rally Obedience Advanced – **OFF LEAD** - **For dogs that have earned an R.N. title or equivalent, or a first or second placing in 4-H Rally Obedience Intermediate at the Kentucky State 4-H Dog Show (or equivalent show in another state).** The Rally Obedience Advanced course will be made up of a combination of AKC rally signs 1-216. TIMED. This class will be placed. PREMIUM CLASS.

The Kentucky State 4-H Program utilizes rally obedience signs created, distributed, and changed by the American Kennel Club. We utilize the signs based on their level listed with the American Kennel Club. For an explanation of the Rally signs, please download the [Rally Regulations](http://www.akc.org/events/rally/resources/) from the AKC website (<http://www.akc.org/events/rally/resources/>) and click on "Rally Signs and Descriptions". Be aware that the American Kennel Club changes the signs and adds new one regularly so the State Show will also adjust accordingly.

## Agility Division

**Rules:** In addition to all of the General Rules:

1. Dogs may wear collars in all classes. It must be a buckle-type or quick release collar or no collar. No slip collars or prong collars are permitted.
2. Each exhibitor may enter two dogs. Each dog may enter only one standard class. Only dogs entered in the standard **off lead** classes may be entered in Jumpers and Tunnelers.
3. Exhibitors will be given time to walk the course without dogs to develop their running strategy.

Ribbons will be awarded as follows:

Blue - 4 or fewer faults

Red – 10 or fewer faults

White - more than 10 faults

4. In 4-H shows, dogs that run around the ring “uncontrolled” during an off leash exercise will receive a zero (0) for that exercise, but can have the option of completing that exercise with dog on leash. Dog and handler will receive a NP (non-placement) score.

JUMP HEIGHTS

May be adjusted for the size of the dog.

FAULTS

Pulling, tugging, aiding or hindering the dog with the leash

Knocked down poles

Missed contacts

On and off the table

Time over the standard course time

### CLASSES AND EXPLANATIONS

#### 538 Agility I - On-lead class

Obstacles: Up to 10 obstacles - May include A-frame at approximately 3 feet 6 inches, pause table, dog walk, and jumps.

#### 539 Agility II - Off-lead class

Obstacles: 13 or more obstacles - May include A-frame at approximately 5 feet 6 inches, open tunnel, six weave poles, teeter, table, tire, dog walk, jumps and hoops obstacles.

#### 540 Jumpers Agility On-lead class

On lead class; Jumps only.

### 541 Jumpers Agility Off-lead class

Off lead class; Jumps and tunnels only.

### 542 Tunnelers Agility Off-lead class

The Tunnelers class is a numbered course comprised of only tunnels. The goal of the Tunnelers class is to demonstrate the dog's ability to respond quickly to directional commands from the handler while negotiating a course of only tunnels. Only off-lead dogs may compete in this class.

### Costume Division

**Rules:** In addition to all of the General Rules:

1. The 4-H'er may be interviewed in the show ring about his/her costume.
2. Costumes cannot be repeated from past years by the same contestant.
3. Members should prepare their costumes prior to show and bring all parts necessary to complete the costumes.

### CLASSES AND EXPLANATIONS

**550 Most Creative Dog Costume.** Most creative dog costume depicting a theme (4-H'er not in costume). The theme may be historical, humorous, cartoon, etc. **No premium.**

**551 Most Creative Dog and 4-H'er Costume.** Most creative dog and 4-H'er costumes depicting a theme. The theme may be historical, humorous, cartoon, etc. **No premium.**

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## State 4-H Dog Show Special Awards

An awards ceremony will be held at the conclusion of the show once all scores have been recorded.

**THE JUDY ELLIS LAWLESS AWARD** will be presented to the 4-H'er whose dog is High-In-Trial out of the following Obedience Classes: Sub Novice and Beginner Novice. This award is sponsored by Helen Palmer.

**OBEDIENCE HIGH IN TRIAL** will be presented to the 4-H'er whose dog is High-In-Trial out of the following Obedience Classes: Preferred Novice and Graduate Novice. This award is sponsored by Libby Rockaway and family.

**THE MICHELE REILLY DEDICATION AWARD** will be presented to the county with the most participants showing during both days of the State Fair Dog Show. This award is sponsored by Michele Reilly.

**THE AGILITY HIGH IN TRIAL AWARD** will be presented to the 4-H'er whose dog is High-In-Trial out of all off lead agility classes.

**THE ON-LEAD AGILITY HIGH IN TRIAL AWARD** will be presented to the 4-H'er whose dog is High-In-Trial out of all the on-lead agility class and on-lead jumpers class.

**BEST HANDLER AWARDS** Awards will be given in each Showmanship division. No overall winner will be awarded.

- Showmanship Beginner Division
- Showmanship Novice Division
- Showmanship Open Division
- Showmanship Master Division

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