

Kentucky State 4-H Dog Show

DIVISION 6011 - 4-H DOG SHOW

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Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, Kentucky

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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

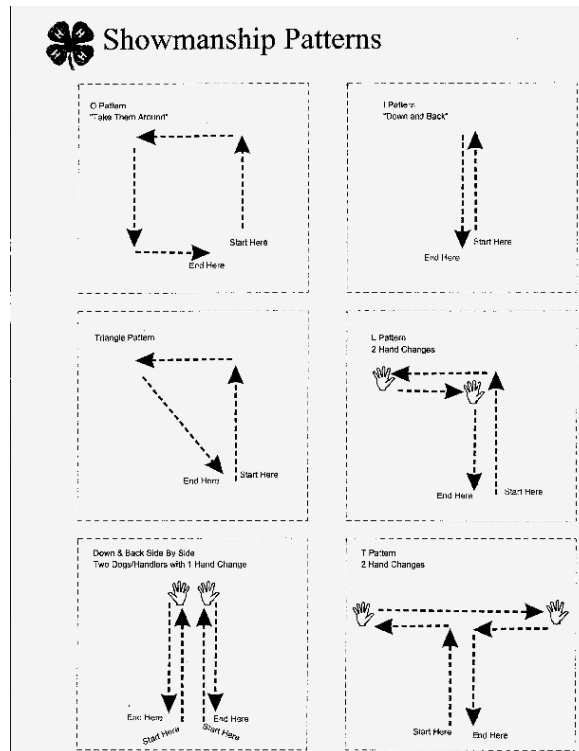
525 Masters Showmanship Handlers age 16-18

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, resco-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 Pattern 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.

- b. 4-H show uniform should be worn.

Handler's Set up / Stacking

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

Judge's Examination

- a. 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. 4-H'ers who (1) placed first, second or third in Sub-Novice B or Graduate Beginner and (2) won a blue ribbon in Sub-Novice B or Graduate Beginner 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 Novice A. (Exercises the same as Novice A - see above.)

507 Graduate Novice - For dogs that have not qualified in open at a recognized trial. Exercises are the same as 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 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.**

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

