

## DOG DEPARTMENT 26

1. Read General Rules, Livestock Rules and Health Regulations carefully.
2. Only dogs participating in the 4-H Dog Show will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
3. The Dog Knowledge Test will be taken on Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the Overnighter's Kitchen without dogs. If there is a time conflict with another livestock class and the dog knowledge test it is the registrant's responsibility to alert the Dog Chairperson prior to the test time. Attempts will be made to work with this schedule. All fun classes (costume, egg & spoon, trick and snookers) will follow after the Opening Ceremonies. 4-H members who wish to enter their dog in Snookers must have a dog with prior agility training. Entries must be approved by the Dog Department Chairperson. Registration for Saturday classes will be held on that morning at 8:30 a.m.
4. Entry fee is \$3.00 per dog and must accompany Livestock and Master Entry Forms; an entry fee of \$2.00 per person must accompany all static entries (Class E/5). There is no entry fee for Fitting and Showmanship.
5. All exhibitors must enter the Fitting and Showmanship Classes at the appropriate age level.
6. All exhibitors must take a Dog Knowledge test.
7. An exhibitor may show more than one dog in any obedience class, but must have a second handler (another 4-H'er or a brother or sister) for Sits and Downs.
8. Exhibitors must have trained the animals entered, unless the dog is owned by someone who has trained the dog and is allowing the exhibitor to use the dog as his/her project. In this case, exhibitor must have management of dog on or before May 1, 2011. **The dog must be entered in the appropriate performance class. See class descriptions for details.**
9. Any dog having earned an obedience title prior to May, 2011 must exhibit in the next highest class (i.e., no dog possessing a C.D. prior to this date may be entered in Novice; no dog possessing a C.D.X. may be entered in Open, etc. unless entered on a non-competitive level).
10. Any dog having received a qualifying score in 2 previous obedience trials prior to entering this one must enter at the next highest obedience level. To receive a qualifying score a dog must earn a total of 170 or more points and score at least ½ of the required points in each exercise.
11. Exhibitors must maintain positive and safe control of their animals at all times. All dogs must be on a leash at all times, except when being shown. 4-H'ers not following this rule will be asked to restrain the dog or remove it from the grounds. Dogs are not allowed in the Static Building, food areas or livestock barns at any time.
12. Proper equipment is required; prong (pinch) collars, flexi leads, chain and horse leads will not be allowed. Dogs entered in obedience shall be shown on six foot leather or nylon leads, with training collars. Dogs entered in the Brace Class shall be shown on a coupler not less than six inches. Fitting and Showmanship entries shall be shown on the appropriate hardware for their breed. Dogs entered in agility must wear a buckle collar **without tags**.
13. Include the following information with your entry form: 1) Name of dog, breed, age and height at withers for those entering agility or open & utility obedience class; 2) Did you have any formal obedience training? If so, describe.
14. All exhibitors must wear a plain white shirt or blouse and tan pants, shorts or skirt and flat shoes or sneakers, no clogs or sandals permitted; a 4-H badge must be worn on the shirt; Horse Show uniform is appropriate for those showing in the Horse Department as well as in the Dog Department.
15. Any 4-Her demonstrating poor sportsmanship inside or outside the ring at any time, showing mistreatment or improper handling, or using excessive forms of correction or punishment shall be disqualified and stripped of all awards. Decision of Judge and/or Department Chairman is final.
16. Any dog exhibiting signs of unprovoked aggression towards people and/or other animals inside or outside the ring shall be excused from the Fairgrounds immediately. Decision of the Judge and/or Department Chairmen is final.
17. No changing or substitution of entries, or dogs, once entry deadline is past. Bitches in season may not be brought to the fairgrounds. In this case a change or substitution of dogs may occur once entry deadline is past. In this instance, a dog prepared and managed by the same 4-H'er may be substituted. (Veterinarian certificate is required as proof.)
18. Dogs shall be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor. Outside assistance or interference from parents or leaders could result in disqualification of the exhibitor.
19. Top Exhibitor Award: Scores received in Dog Knowledge Test, Fitting and Showmanship classes and Obedience Class entered with dog shown in Fitting and Showmanship shall be used to calculate an individual score.

**PLEASE NOTE: Current certificates of Rabies, DHL and Parvo must be sent with your entry forms, and received prior to the Entry Deadline of August 1, 2011. If certificates have not been received prior to the day of the show, the exhibitor may not show. Rabies tags will not be accepted. Please refer to the Livestock Rules on page 43 for the specific rules as they pertain to Dogs. All dogs coming onto the grounds must be visually inspected by the Dog Chairperson before they are allowed to stay. If dogs are on the grounds on Thursday night they must be brought to the Dog Area for inspection between 4:00 p.m and 9:00 p.m. on Thursday.**

**I have read and understand, and will abide by all above rules.**

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Exhibitor Signature Parent Signature

Please print, sign, and return with your entries.

## CLASSES

**CLASSES:** A Championship class will be held for overall top dog. This class will be competition among top-scoring novice, junior and senior dogs in fitting and showmanship.

### A. Fitting and Showmanship

1. Cloverbud: Age 5 through 7 as of January 1, 2011.
2. Novice: Age 8 through 13 as of January 1, 2011 and showing in the department for the first time (excluding cloverbud years).
3. Junior: Age 10 through 13 as of January 1, 2011 and having shown in the department before; also age 14 through 18 as of January 1, 2011 and showing in the department for the first time (excluding cloverbud years).
4. Senior: Age 14 through 18 as of January 1, 2011 and having shown in the department before.

#### A. Appearance of Animal (30)

1. General Condition 10
2. Nails 5
3. Teeth 5
4. Ears 5
5. Coat 5

#### C. Showing Animal in the Ring (50)

1. Gaiting 25
2. Posing 25

#### B. Exhibitor (20)

1. General Appearance 5
2. Attitude and Poise 10
3. General Knowledge 5

TOTAL POINTS: 100

The following are disqualifications from fitting and showmanship contests:

1. Slapping the dog.
2. Receiving instructions from ringside.
3. Poor sportsmanship.
4. Arguing with or sassing the judge.

### B. Dog Knowledge Test

1. Cloverbud
2. Novice
3. Junior
4. Senior

### C. Obedience Classes

1. Pre Novice A: For beginning trainers and beginning dogs who have not shown more than 2 times at this level (all on leash). Dogs with CD not permitted.  
A. Heel on leash & figure 8 (80); B. Stand for examination (30); C. Recall (30); D. Long sit - 1 minute (30); E. Long down - 3 minutes (30). Total points: 200
2. Pre Novice B: Open to experienced handlers who have previously finished a dog at novice or above starting with new dog (all on leash). Routine and points same as Pre Novice A (above).
3. Novice A: Open to any dog ready for off-leash work which have not yet achieved a CD.  
A. Heel on leash & figure 8 (40); B. Stand for examination (30); C. Heel free (40); D. Recall (30); E. Long sit - 1 minute (30); F. Long down - 3 minutes (30). Total points: 200
4. Novice B: For CD dogs with new handlers, or dogs shown by handlers who have finished a dog at the novice level. Routine and points same as Novice A (above).
5. Graduate Novice  
A. Heel on leash (30); B. Stand for examination (30); C. Heel free & figure 8 (40); D. Drop on recall (40); E. Long sit - 3 min. out of sight (30); F. Long down -5 min. out of sight (30). Total points: 200
6. Open A  
A. Heel free & figure 8 (40); B. Drop on recall (30); C. Retrieve on flat (20); D. Retrieve over high jump (30); E. Broad jump (20); F. Long sit - 3 min. out of sight (30); G. Long down -5 min. out of sight (30). Total points: 200
7. Open B: For CD dogs with handlers who have previously finished a dog at the open level, or new handlers working dogs which have received a CDX. Routine and points same as Open A (above).
8. Utility

A. Signal exercise (40); B. Scent discrimination - leather (30); C. Scent discrimination -metal (30); D. Directed retrieve (30); E. Directed jumping (40); F. Group examination -stand (30). Total points: 200

9. Brace (One handler, two dogs) - Dogs may not be shown by more than one handler. Two dogs worked together doing a Novice or Pre-Novice obedience routine with one handler.
10. Pairs (Two handlers, two dogs) - 2 dogs, each with handler, performing the Novice or Pre-Novice obedience routine.

#### D. Agility Classes

- Puppies under one year, bitches in season, dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness which may affect the dogs physical or mental performance, and dogs demonstrating signs of aggression toward people or other dogs shall not be eligible to compete in agility tests or events. Decision of Chairperson(s) and/or judge are final.
- Courses are to be performed with dogs wearing a buckle collar **without tags** - no choke collars will be allowed for safety reasons.
- Second year or greater 8-11 year old handlers' course selection will be contingent upon score from previous shows. First year handlers who are 12 years and older: agility class entry will be determined by team ability and dog experience.
- All agility entries including snookers entries must be approved by the Department Chairperson.

1. TRY IT: Obedience training required at some level. Open to dogs/handlers inexperienced in agility. Starters Course will be used, course to be performed on lead. Any dog that performs in the Try It class will not be allowed to move into another agility level during this dog show.  
COURSE: 8 obstacles including tire, tunnel, 3 jumps, low A-frame, table or pause box and modified dog walk.

STARTERS A AND B: Obedience training required at some level, some experience on obstacles required.

2 - A Level - Course to be performed on lead with food or motivational device.

2 - B Level - Course to be performed on lead without food or motivational device.

COURSE: 11 obstacles including repeats. A-frame, dog walk,\* collapsed tunnel, pipe tunnel, tire jump, three miscellaneous jumps\*\* (no broad), table (maximum height 12") or pause box, 6 weave poles (24" apart).

NOVICE A AND B: Must have demonstrated off leash control of dog in obedience or agility and have some training on obstacles prior to entering. Course to be performed off lead.

3 - A Level - food or motivational devices permitted on course

4 - B Level - no food or motivational devices permitted on course

COURSE: 11 to 20 obstacles including repeats. A Frame,\* dog walk,\* see saw, weave poles (5 to 12, 24" apart), collapsed tunnel, pipe tunnel, table or pause box, tire jump, broad or long jump, two miscellaneous jumps.\*\*

#### **COURSE HANDLING:**

- A handler is permitted to talk, cheer and encourage his/her dog during the course. There shall be no restrictions on the number of commands or other degree of speaking to a dog, except that language and antics not construed to be in the spirit of good sportsmanship shall not be permitted. Any action viewed by the judge not to be in the spirit of good sportsmanship shall result in elimination and immediate dismissal from the test or event.
- A dog which has run out of control on the course shall be faulted for a "runout" evidencing loss of handler control. A "runout" is the continuous movement past an obstacle in course sequence without focus of direction and/or attention on its handler.
- A dog leaving the ring shall result in elimination if his attention is distracted away from the handler. This is not intended to cause elimination for a dog which has passed beneath the ring ropes used to define the course area as long as the dog is continuously demonstrating attentiveness and responsiveness to its handler.
- A handler shall not receive outside assistance from another person while running a dog on the course, whether intentional or not. Faults may be assessed by the judge at his sole discretion for assistance to a dog from outside the ring. In extreme cases the round may be marked for elimination.
- A dog shall be charged with running the wrong course if:
  1. The dog touches an obstacle or tunnel out of sequence as defined by the course design;
  2. The dog jumped or crossed any part of a hurdle, table, line of weave poles or other obstacle out of sequence as defined by the course design;
  3. The dog has begun to take an obstacle in the wrong direction.

## **E. Fun Classes**

1. **Costume Class** - Entries shall be judged on the following: Originality, neatness, general appearance and handling of dog, each counting for 25% of the score.
2. **Trick Class** - Does your dog know any tricks? This is the class to show off all your dog's talents.
3. **Egg and Spoon Contest** - Each handler is given a spoon and an egg.
4. **Snookers Agility Game** – Dogs must have some agility training, please refer to Dog Department General Rules. Entry must be approved by the Dog Department Chairman.
5. **Challenge Class** - see the Challenge Lots section. This class will receive Danish ribbons only; it will not receive premiums. Submit on Thursday night to the K-9 campsite.

## **F. 4-H DOG RALLY (Sunday)**

Novice A and B - this is the first level for those just getting started in competition.

- All exercises are performed with the dog on leash;
  - There is a requirement of 10-15 stations to complete with no more than five stationary exercises;
  - The exercises performed vary from turning 360 degrees to changing paces during the course;
  - Exhibitors at this level may clap their hands and pat their legs through the course.
1. Novice A - This class is for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally Obedience, who have not received a blue ribbon at any State 4-H Dog Trial in Rally Novice, and/or have not received a RN title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for two years.
  2. Novice B - This class is for any member who is in their third year or above of Rally Obedience with the dog they used in Rally Novice A, or who is starting a dog which has never competed in Rally. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an RN title from a national dog association.

### **COURSE HANDLING:**

Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalized. Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. The handler may not touch the dog or make physical corrections. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands or intimidating signals will be penalized.

## **G. 30 WEAVE POLE CHALLENGE**

Dogs will enter the weave poles with the first pole on the dog's left side. If a dog misses a pole, he may be restarted at a point just before he went out of the poles. Danish ribbons will be awarded to the dog with the fastest time in each height category (small, medium, large).

## **AWARDS**

1. Ribbons are awarded (Danish System) in all Showmanship and Fitting Classes.
2. Rosettes are awarded to the top six scores.

### **OTHER AWARDS**

- Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes will be awarded to the following:
  - Fitting and Showmanship Championship Class
  - Highest Scoring Dog in all Obedience Classes
- Sportsmanship Award - to be awarded to the person displaying the true spirit of sportsmanship, above and beyond the other exhibitors.
- Top Novice
- Top Junior
- Top Senior

Awards are presented at the close of show.

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