

**DEPARTMENT 11  
DOG SHOW**

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**Entry:**

Entries must be sent to the 4-H Office by June 1. A copy of the current Rabies certificate and NYS license must be submitted with entry (DHLPP, Bordatella and Canine Influenza shots are recommended). Date of Birth for ALL dogs entered must be submitted on the entry form. Your dog's height at the withers and date of birth must be present on the entry form.

In addition, exhibitors showing dogs not owned by them or a member of their immediate family must have submitted a non-ownership form to the 4-H Office by June 1, along with rabies and license documentation.

**Date/Time of Show:**

Judging will begin Monday at 9am for all Obedience and Rally classes; Thursday at 2pm for Showmanship classes; Wednesday at 3pm for Dog Bowl; 9am on Friday for Agility and all fun classes.

**Requirements:**

- During the 4-H year, youth must attend one Dog Information Meeting to be held at 5 Star Testing, Dog Camp, and Fair Work Bee. If a handler is unable to attend, please contact the Dog Program Superintendent.
- Exhibitors must assist with set up and take down of equipment. Failing to meet this requirement for any reason other than medical issues will mean the loss of premium points and Curtis Memorial points earned at the Dog Show for that day and will reflect in the Herdsmanship Award. To get credit for this you must sign in at the superintendent table.
- Exhibitors 13 and under will be expected to arrive at least one hour prior to the show time to help set up for classes.
- Exhibitors age 14 and older will be expected to assist in clean up after classes are complete.
- Canine Requirements: Dogs may not compete in the dog show without the following requirements:
  - Valid NYS dog license
  - Valid Rabies Certificate
- Dogs must be at least 6 months of age on the day of competition to compete in show classes. Dogs competing in Agility classes must be 15 months of age on the day of competition.
- If a dog has been trained by someone other than the 4-H youth, then the dog must be shown in the next highest class level (except in Grooming & Handling).
- Dogs should arrive at the 4-H Fairgrounds in time to allow for any necessary final preparations and may leave upon the completion of the show clean up. All youth are responsible for the clean up of
- A bitch in season **must not** be brought onto the fairgrounds.

- No soft sided crates will be allowed. All exhibitor crates are to be in the designated crating area and **MUST** be stacked to conserve space. Dogs must not be tied. **NOTE: dogs are only allowed in the show arena and MUST NOT be walked through or near the llama exhibit side of the barn.**
- Dogs are not allowed on the fairgrounds other than at the Show Arena or camping area. There are no facilities for housing dogs overnight on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are responsible for their own dog; a dog may not be left unattended. A dog should be monitored by the exhibitor or an immediate family member.
- All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their own animals! Please bring appropriate supplies, such as poop bags, for this purpose. This will be strictly enforced. Exhibitors not adhering to this policy will forfeit any premium points earned at the Dog Show and may not be considered for the Herdsmanship Award.
- The use of food, bait or toys in any class other than Grooming and Handling, tricks or costume is prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- For Showmanship classes: all shampooing, brushing, combing, cleaning the ears, trimming nails, and all other preparations must be done by the 4-H member. Those showing dogs which require clipping or plucking (such as poodles and terriers) may have this done by professionals, however, the 4-H members are encouraged to learn to do this for themselves.
- Youth who have trained their dog for obedience are eligible to participate in all classes. An exhibitor may not enter more than one Grooming and Handling class. A dog may not be entered in more than one individual obedience class, but may be additionally entered in Brace and 4-man team.
- If an exhibitor has a conflict within Dog Show classes or with another showing area at fair, then the youth must inform the Superintendent of the program prior to the beginning of the show. Consideration will be given to those youth showing in other areas.

### **Dress Code:**

The purpose for a dress code is to support positive appearances of handlers and to maintain safety in the ring. Judges and 4-H members shall wear suitable attire to maintain a professional appearance.

For all show classes; Hair that must be continually brushed out of the eyes or that falls over the dog when the handler is stacking is distracting. Long hair should be in a braid or ponytail, or clips used to keep it out of the handler's face. Clothing should not hinder or detract from the presentation of the dog. Avoid excessive or oversized jewelry or any accessory that will touch or distract a dog. *Sleeveless shirts including halter-tops and tank tops are not appropriate. Do not wear short skirts, short shorts, spaghetti straps, low cut blouses, or slacks/shorts hanging too low on the waist, clothing with holes or tears in the fabric. Shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, and vests with 4-H club or county logos, slogans, dog club names, etc. are not appropriate. Sandals, open-toed shoes, and clogs are not appropriate.*

Youth should practice running and bending over in their show outfits. Youth should practice handling the dog in show clothes. *Handlers will be penalized if wearing clothing that is too tight or too revealing.* Armbands are worn on the left arm. It is important for the handler to relax, smile and act happy while showing! A pleasant attitude and good sportsmanship will go a long way toward making the handler and his or her dog a winning team.

- Grooming & Handling: Exhibitors should be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and that complements their dog. Dress shoes with non-slip soles and low or no heels are appropriate. Acceptable clothing for girls are suits, dresses, skirts, dress shorts, skorts, dress slacks, dressy capri or crop pants, collared blouses, or similar attire. If a skirt is worn, care should be taken so that it does not flap in the dog's face. Acceptable clothing for boys includes dress shirts, ties, and dress slacks. Sports jackets may be worn, but are not required, especially in warm weather. When wearing a tie, a tie tack should be used to hold the tie close to the shirt so it will not drape over the dog's back or get in the handler's way.
- Obedience: A more casual style is acceptable when competing in Obedience than Grooming & Handling. T-shirts, blue jeans, shorts and sneakers are acceptable but must be clean and without holes or tears.
- Four Person: Same guidelines as Obedience but shirts with county or club identification are allowed.
- Rally and Agility: T-shirts, blue jeans, shorts and sneakers are acceptable but must be clean and without holes or tears. for Rally & Agility. Sneakers must be worn for safety reasons.

**Scoring:**

Scoring guidelines will follow the NYS Dog Program Fairbook.

Any dog fouling the ring will be penalized according to the rules of the New York State Fair 4-H Dog Show as follows:

- Obedience – a loss of 30 points
- Grooming and Handling, Agility, and Rally classes – a loss of 15 points per occurrence
- Flyball – NQ for that run

Award Ribbon Scoring:

<b>Beginner Novice/Graduate Beginner Novice/Novice/Advance Novice/Graduate Novice/Open/Utility</b>	Blue 170 - 200 Red 150 - 169 White 0 - 149
<b>Grooming &amp; Handling</b>	Blue 86 – 100 Red 71 – 85 White 0 – 70
<b>Rally/Agility Novice &amp; Pre-Novice</b>	Blue 86-100 Red 71-85.5 White 0-70
<b>Agility Open &amp; Excellent</b>	Blue 91-100 Red 70-90.5 White 0-70
<b>Brace</b>	Blue 340-400 Red 300-339 White 0-299
<b>4 Person Team</b>	Blue 680 - 800 Red 600 - 679

## SECTION A GROOMING AND HANDLING/SHOWMANSHIP

**Exhibitors MUST enter one of the following classes to be eligible for premiums in the dog program. You may enter only one of the following classes and may use a different dog from year to year. Bait and toys may be used in the ring.**

Class No.

1. Class A – For handlers who are competing for the first time in Grooming and Handling at fair, unless the handler has qualified for the Open class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC show. Handlers who receive a red or white ribbon rating at fair may compete at this level the second year.
2. Class B Junior – for handlers 13 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Class B Senior – for handlers 14 to 18 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> and have previously competed in Grooming & Handling at State Fair.
4. Class C - for handlers that have won in Grooming and Handling B, received master or reserve master showman in the dog competition in the previous fairs, or qualify to compete in the Open Showmanship classes at an AKC event or the equivalent. Handlers may repeat this class indefinitely. If qualified you may enter this class your first year.
5. Cloverbud Showmanship - Youth must be an enrolled Cloverbud (5 – 7 years old) and work with the dog program with a dog from January 1st of the current year. Class A score sheets will be used. Awards: Participation Ribbon

\*There will be run offs for tied scores for placement ribbons for each class. The judge may determine the run off task from the judging criteria on the class scoresheet. Youth must be present at the time that the run off is called or will forfeit the higher placement.

\*\*Youth should stay ringside during the competition; following the showmanship classes there will be a Master Showman class consisting of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place members of each class.

## SECTION B OBEDIENCE

**Dogs may only compete wearing a properly fitted buckle collar, or martingale without tags and a six foot leash. No bait is allowed in the ring.**

Class No.

6. Beginner Novice A - for handlers who have not previously trained a dog. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Beginner Novice level. All exercises (heel on leash, figure 8, sit for exam, sit stay (30 sec.-1 min), recall) will be on lead. The maximum possible score is 200 points. Dogs who receive a blue ribbon in this class must move to Beginner Novice C.
7. Beginner Novice B - for handlers who have previously trained a dog or whose dog was trained by someone else and have not graduated beyond the Beginner Novice level. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the beginner level. All exercises (heel

- on leash, figure 8, sit for exam, sit stay (30 sec.-1 min), recall) will be on lead. Dogs who receive a blue ribbon in this class must move to Beginner Novice C.
8. Beginner Novice C – for handlers who have previously trained a dog and have not graduated beyond the Beginner Novice level. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the beginner level. All exercises (heel on leash, figure 8, sit for exam, sit stay (30 sec.-1 min), recall) will be on lead. Dogs who receive a blue ribbon in this class must move to Graduate Beginner Novice. A recall is done off lead. AKC rules apply for Beginner Novice.
  9. Graduate Beginner Novice A - for handlers who have not previously trained a dog beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Dogs must not have graduated beyond Graduate Beginner Novice level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as Beginner Novice A and B EXCEPT that the Stand for Exam, Recall, Long Sit and Long Down exercises are done off lead. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon in this class must move to Novice.
  10. Graduate Beginners Novice B - for handlers who have previously trained a dog in Graduate Beginner or more advanced levels of obedience. Dogs must not have graduated beyond Graduate Beginner Novice level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as Graduate Beginner Novice A. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon in this class must move to Novice.
  11. Novice A - for handlers who have completed a Novice course of instruction but have not graduated beyond this level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Companion Dog (CD) title (or the equivalent UKC, U-CD, All American CD, Club CD, CKC CD, etc) unless the CD was earned within 60 days of the show. Other than the Heel on Leash and Figure 8, all exercises will be performed with the dog off lead (Stand for Exam, Heel off Leash, Recall, Long Sit (1 min), Long Down (3 min)). Maximum possible points is 200.
  12. Novice B – exercises are the same as Novice A. Exhibitors can participate in this class more than once. Open to any handler and dog at the Novice Level but are not ready for Advanced Novice.
  13. Advanced Novice - for handlers who have previously not graduated beyond the Advanced Novice level of obedience. Dogs may have earned a CD title but not a Companion Dog Excellence (CDX) title (or equivalent). Other than the Heel On Leash, all exercises are to be performed off lead with the Long Sit (3 min) and Long Down (5 min) out of sight.
  14. Graduate Novice – for dogs who have not earned a CDX title equivalent. The exercises are the Heel Free, Figure 8, Drop on Recall, Dumbbell Recall, Recall over High Jump, Recall over Broad Jump, and Long Down. The maximum score is 200 points. Open to any handler and dog beyond the Novice level but are not ready for the open class.
  15. Open A- for exhibitors and dogs who have not graduated beyond the Open level of obedience. Dogs may have earned a CD degree but not a CDX, unless the CDX was earned within sixty days of the show. All exercises are performed off lead (Heel Free, Figure 8, Drop on Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve over High Jump, Broad Jump, and Long Down (out of sight for 5 min)). Maximum possible score is 200 points.
  16. Open B- Dogs who have earned a CDX degree but are not ready to enter Utility may participated in Open B. All exercises are the same as Open A. With permission from

- the show Superintendent, a dog may repeat this class regardless of point score or ribbon placement in the Open class.
17. Utility - for exhibitors and dogs who have not earned a Utility Dog (UD) title or an equivalent, unless this title has been completed within 60 days of the show. All exercises are performed off lead (Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination, one metal article, one leather article, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, directed jumping). Maximum possible score is 200 points. A dog may repeat this class regardless of point score or ribbon placement. With permission from the show Superintendent, a dog who has earned a UD may participate in this class for exhibition only.
  18. Brace - for one individual with two dogs, at least one owned by that handler. **Both dogs that are being braced must be at the Graduate Beginner level of training or beyond, if they are not you will not be eligible to compete.** The Graduate Beginners exercises will be used. Handlers may compete with the same or different dogs indefinitely. Two different handlers may not use the same team of dogs but may share one dog between the two teams. This class may be repeated regardless of ribbon.
  19. The Four **Person** Team - **All dogs that are being used must be at the Graduate Beginner level of training or beyond, if they are not you will not be eligible to compete.** The Graduate Beginners exercises will be used. Teams may repeat this class indefinitely.
  20. Service Dog Class – This class is for those dogs currently being raised by 4-H members for an organization that provides dog to aid the handicapped. It is intended as a way to inform the public of this important aspect of the 4-H Dog Program. Dogs will be evaluated on their appearance (grooming) and simple obedience appropriate to their age and service. Entry must include name of the organization for which the dog is being used. Service Dogs are allowed to wear identification (blanket, collar, etc) appropriate to their sponsoring organization. Any dog that is released from a service dog program is no longer eligible for this class. Dogs entered in this class may not participate in any other class.
  21. Cloverbud Obedience - Youth must be an enrolled Cloverbud (5 – 7 years old) and work with the dog program with a dog from January 1st of the current year. Beginners A score sheets will be used. Awards: Participation Ribbon

\*There will be run offs for tied scores for placement ribbons for each class. The judge will use the heel on leash exercise to determine placement. Youth must be present at the time the run off is called or will forfeit the higher placement.

## SECTION C RALLY

Dogs must be shown on flat buckle collar or snap collar and must have a 6ft lead. The Rally class is judged on performance of each exercise. Station numbers in each class description do not include the START and FINISH stations. Exhibitors will be given a 15 minute period to walk through the course and ask the judge questions prior to the beginning of each class (without dogs). Ties will be broken by time. You must receive a blue or red premium to move up to the

next class. **Please submit your dog's height at withers on your entry forms along with date of birth. This will be used to figure out your dog's jump height.**

The following jump height divisions are used for Advanced and Excellent:

- Less than 10 inches 4 inches
- 10 inches to less than 15 inches 8 inches
- 15 inches to less than 20 inches 12 inches
- 20 inches and over 16 inches

Class No.

22. Rally Novice A – open to all levels of obedience. Composed of 10-15 stations requiring dog and handler to complete each station. Completed on a leash. Dogs receiving blue ribbons must move up to the next level or to Rally B. Dogs who have earned a RN title must move to Rally **Intermediate**, unless earned within 60 days of the show.
23. Rally Novice B – For dogs who are not ready for Rally Advanced but who received a blue ribbon in Rally Novice A previously. Class description is the same as Rally Novice A. This class can be entered only once. If the dog receives a blue ribbon, the dog must move to Rally **Intermediate**.
24. Rally Intermediate- (subject to change based on release of State Fairbook). Composed of 12-17 stations and performed on lead. For dogs who have received a blue ribbon in Rally Novice A. Dogs who have earned an Rally Intermediate (RI) title must move to Rally Advanced unless the RI was completed within 60 days of the show.
25. Rally Advanced – Composed of 12-17 stations. Completed off leash. Dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner level or above. Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off lead exercise to show that they belong in Rally Advanced. Dogs who have received a blue ribbon or a Rally Advanced title (RA) or equivalent must move to Rally Excellent unless RA was completed within 60 days of the show.
26. Rally Excellent - Composed of 15-20 stations. Completed off leash except for the Honor exercise. Dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner level or above. Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off lead exercise to show that they belong in Rally Excellent. **Dogs who have received a blue ribbon or Rally Excellent title or equivalent must move to Rally Masters.**
27. Rally Masters- (subject to change based on release of State Fairbook). Composed of 15-20 stations and performed off lead. Dogs may compete in this class indefinitely.
28. Cloverbud Rally – Completed on leash. Composed of the same course materials as Rally Novice. Awards: Participation Ribbon

## SECTION D AGILITY

**For safety reasons, all dogs must be showing at the Beginner Novice C level of Obedience. Each youth and dog team must meet with the assign Dog Program Development Committee members prior to July 1st to demonstrate safe use of equipment EVEN if they**

**have exhibited in previous years. To schedule, please contact the Superintendent. If you do not meet this requirement you will not be eligible to compete in Agility at county fair.**

Dogs must be shown on a flat buckle collar or may compete without a collar on. No tags will be allowed on the collar. Dogs must be 15 months old to compete. Handlers will be allowed a 10-minute walk through without a dog prior the start of the class. Handlers may be excused from the show ring at the judge's discretion (i.e. lack of control).

Dogs showing in Agility classes shall jump at the AKC preferred jump height (4" lower). No jump height to exceed 24". Please submit your dog's height at withers on your entry forms along with date of birth. This will be utilized to figure out your jump height.

Class No.

29. Agility Pre-Novice- A ten obstacle course that is straight-forward using non-winged jumps, pipe tunnel, A-frame, tire jumps, and dog walk. This class is for dogs competing in the Beginner Novice C level or higher. Dog who receive a blue ribbon must move to the next level.
30. Agility Novice – For dogs who have received a blue ribbon in the Pre-Novice level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Novice standard title (or equivalent) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. 12-13 obstacles must be used, without weave poles.
31. Agility Open – For dogs who have received a blue ribbon in the Novice level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Open standard title (or equivalent) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. Additional obstacles will be added.
32. Agility Excellent – For dogs who have received a blue ribbon in the Open level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Excellent title (or equivalent) unless it was earned within 60 days of the show. Course must be done off lead. Dogs who have titled or received a blue ribbon in this class must move on to Agility Masters class.
33. Agility Masters- (subject to change based on release of State Fairbook). Same description as Agility Excellent; the course may be made more difficult based on the judges discretion. Dogs may compete in this class indefinitely.

## SECTION E FUN CLASSES

(these classes are not state fair classes)

Class No.

34. Flyball- a course based on a series of jumps and retrieval from a triggered box. This class is performed OFF LEAD and with buckle collars only. A successful run means that the dog jumps over all three jumps, triggers the flyball box and returns over all three jumps, with the ball, and without physical help from the handler. There is one run per dog; a handler may enter multiple dogs but the same dog cannot be entered more than once. Placement is determined by the speed of a successful run. This class is not a State Fair class.
35. Costume Class - dogs and youths may be dressed in a costume to indicate a theme. No acts or skits allowed. Groups may show as a single unit. Class will be judged on costuming, originality and dog behavior. **The costume story/description, dog and handler name must be listed on a 3x5 index card and presented to the Show**



- Superintendent 15 minutes prior to the start of class.** Award: placement and blue ribbons only
36. Cloverbud Costume – dog and youth may be dressed in a costume to indicate a theme. No acts, skits or tricks allowed. **The costume story/description, dog and handler name must be listed on a 3x5 index card and presented to the Show Superintendent 15 minutes prior to the start of class.** Award: participation.
37. Tricks - dog must do three tricks. **The trick descriptions, dog and handler name must be listed on a 3x5 index card and presented to the Show Superintendent 15 minutes prior to the start of class.** You may only compete once in this class. Award: placement and blue ribbons only
38. Cloverbud Tricks – dog must complete one trick. **The trick description, dog and handler name must be listed on a 3x5 index card and presented to the Show Superintendent 15 minutes prior to the start of class.** Award: participation.

## SECTION F DOG BOWL

(this is not a state fair class)

Class No.

39. Junior Division Dog Bowl – age 13 and under as of January 1st  
40. Senior Division Dog Bowl - age 14 and over as of January 1st  
41. Cloverbud Division Dog Bowl – age 5-7. Award: participation ribbon.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

Master Showman/Reserve Master Showman - chosen from the first and second place winners of the five Showmanship classes. These exhibitors will go on to compete in the Small Animal Grand Master Showman as the dog program representative.

High In Trial – This is determined by the handler/dog team who has the least number of points deducted from the total score in a combination of the exhibitors entries in Obedience, Rally and Agility classes. The person and dog team with the least number of deductions will win.

"Russell Curtis Memorial Trophy" awarded to the dog program exhibitor earning the highest number of exhibitor points. Each class placement will receive points (1<sup>st</sup> place=6pts, 2<sup>nd</sup>=5pts, 3<sup>rd</sup>=4pts, 4<sup>th</sup>=3pts, 5<sup>th</sup>=2pts, & 6<sup>th</sup>=1pt). You can receive 1pt for each dog related entry into the Trolley Building if they notify the Superintendent of their entries.

Herdsmanship Award – this award will be given to the youth who has exemplified sportsmanship, overall care of their animal, and shown consideration by offering assistance to others during the show.

- Exhibitors must clean up after their dogs
- Exhibitors must have brought a hard sided crate, water, treats, and bags to clean up after their dog.
- The following points will be used in determining herdsmanship awards:
  - Personal appearance of the exhibitors, including neatness and cleanliness of clothing in and out of the show ring.

- Neatness and cleanliness of the exhibiting animals and crating area.
  - Positive attitude of the exhibitor in and out of the ring.
- Willingness to cooperate with the superintendent in charge of the department in helping to make sure that the entire exhibit is run smoothly and effectively managed.