

DOG CARE & TRAINING - SECTION 003

Superintendent: Sonja Galley

4-H Dog Show

Wednesday, July 15, 6pm - Agility and Grooming & Handling

Wednesday, July 22 6pm - Rally and Obedience

Location: 4276 State Highway 51, Garrattsville

Entries due **July 8** to the 4-H Office

Guidelines for dog show participation:

- All exhibitors need to have proof of rabies available for show while at all 4-H events, any location.
- Proof of Training for each class/sport entered is REQUIRED, including Grooming and Handling. The minimum number of classes needed per sport is eight classes. Training must include group training for good social skills around other people and dogs.
- Trainers/Instructors certifying dogs in training must be experienced in dog training and may be family members. Committee approval is needed to be considered a certifying instructor.
- Dogs must be qualified for agility - they must show proof that they are trained and confident on the equipment required for their competition level.
- Training must have taken place within the current 4-H year.
- Dog Science committees and/or judges, other 4-H Staff for the event reserve the right to ask the dog/handler to be removed if they believe the dog/team is unsafe. They also reserve the right to restrict activities of the dog/handler team to a safer level.
- No bitches in season are allowed at events.
- Dogs competing in agility must be a minimum of 15 months unless entered in the puppy agility class. They will need either an official measuring at the event, or a permanent height card from an established agility venue - AKC, or CPE etc.
- Dogs competing in all other sports are required to be 6 months of age.
- Leashes for on lead exercises are to be 6 feet in length.
- Agility dogs must be shown either with no collar or a buckle collar. No slip collars.
- All dogs competing should wear properly fitted collars so as not to slip loose.
- Any equipment used (leashes, toys, collars, etc) beyond what's listed in these rules must be approved by the superintendent.
- You may not leave your dog unattended.
- Dogs will be judged on a point basis for state fair eligibility.
- NO treats or other training aids in the show ring unless specifically stated they are allowed in the class description. Classes that allow treats/toys: Grooming and Handling (all levels), Intro to Rally, Intro to Obedience, Intro to Agility, all Cloverbud classes, and Puppy Agility
- Participants must clean up after their dogs.
- Dogs are not allowed on the fairgrounds other than necessary transit to and from the event being held.
- All exhibitors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Dogs that received a red or white ribbon placing rating may compete at the same level class the second year.
- Dogs receiving a blue ribbon placing must move up to the next level [unless otherwise noted].
- No double handling from outside the ring - please do not try to help your child from ringside, it is distracting and will only serve to draw the dog's attention off his handler.
- Dogs earning a blue ribbon in a class at the county show are eligible to compete at the state show in the corresponding class. If a circumstance arises where the dog/handler is unable to attend the county show, a request to use a comparable venue must be made in writing to the superintendent (i.e., injury, illness, bitches in heat) by the day of the county show. Situations will be evaluated by the dog committee and handled on a case-by-case manner. The decision of the committee is final. Other acceptable venues

include but are not limited to AKC, ASCA, USDAA, CPE, UKI. A qualifying score would then be needed to be eligible for the state show— documentation must be provided.

Note: No dog can compete in more than one regular obedience class. An individual can compete at only one level with each dog. Dogs handled by more than one handler in the same year, or other years must compete at the dogs highest level of training, regardless of handlers level.

GROOMING & HANDLING CLASSES - **MANDATORY**

Guidelines for Grooming and Handling Classes:

- The Appearance of the Animal (Grooming) will account for 45 points and the Showing (Handling) of the Animal will account for 45 points. Knowledge of handler (appropriate to class level) will account for 10 points.
- If a 4-H'er is also entered in one or more obedience classes, he/she should notify one of the stewards in the obedience class(s) that he/she is also entered in Grooming and Handling
- Gaiting Patterns will be I, L, T, Δ.
- Dogs must be shown by the 4-H member who did the grooming. The same dog may NOT be shown twice.
- Treats will be allowed in all Grooming & Handling classes

Class No.

- 2010 **Grooming and Handling A** – 4-H members that have never competed in a grooming and handling class at the County Fair.
- 2011 **Grooming and Handling B/ Jr. Class** (ages 9-13) – 4-H members that have previously competed in a grooming and handling class at the County Fair.
- 2012 **Grooming and Handling B/ Sr. Class** (ages 14-19) – 4-H members that have previously competed in a grooming and handling class at the County Fair.
- 2013 **Grooming and Handling C** – 4-H members who have been named Champion Showman in previous years.
- 2022 **Grooming and Handling Cloverbuds** (ages 5-8) – For Cloverbud members. Dogs are shown individually not as a group. Youth must be accompanied by an adult in the showing

RALLY OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Guidelines:

- In general, American Kennel Club (AKC) rules will be used for Rally Obedience Class evaluation. Mixed parentage dogs are welcome.
- The Obedience Regulations & Rules applying to dog shows, where applicable, shall apply to all persons and dogs, except as otherwise provided.
- A copy of the course will be posted at the announcer's stand and a copy will be provided to each competitor.
- Competitors shall be provided with a 15-minute period to walk the course (without dogs) and ask the judge questions.
- There will be a maximum time of three minutes per handler/dog team.
- Dogs may be shown in only one level of Rally Obedience.
- Times will be used only to break a tie for Grand or Reserve.
- Class selection is based on a dog's level of training not handlers training history.

Class No.

- 2014 **Intro to Rally** – Course shall consist of a maximum of 10 stations, plus START & FINISH signs. This course is open to all dogs at all levels of obedience. Intro to Rally will be performed on leash. Dogs receiving white or red ribbon will be able to repeat Intro to Rally the following year, those receiving a blue ribbon must move to Rally-Novice A the following year. Dogs who have received a Rally Novice Title (unless earned within 60 days of the show) must move to Rally Advanced. Treats/toys may be used in this class. **NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR**

- 2015 **Rally-Novice A** – Course shall consist of 10-15 stations plus a START & FINISH sign. This course is open to dogs at all levels of Obedience. Rally Novice will be performed on leash. Dogs receiving a white or red ribbon will be able to repeat Novice A the following year. Dogs receiving blue ribbons must move to the Novice B class if not ready to move up to Rally Advanced. Dogs who have received a Rally Novice (RN) Title unless earned within 60 days of the show must move to Rally Advanced.
- 2016 **Rally-Novice B** – For dogs who are not yet ready for Rally Intermediate but who received a blue ribbon in the previous year. Class description is the same as Rally Novice A. Dogs receiving a white or red ribbon in Novice B will be able to repeat the Novice B class the following year. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon in Novice B must move to Rally Intermediate the following year. Dogs who have received a Rally Novice (RN) Title unless earned within 60 days of the show must move to Rally Intermediate.
- 2017 **Rally-Intermediate** – To be eligible for entry in this class dogs must have received a blue in Rally Novice B but may not have earned a blue in Rally Advanced. All signs are judged with the dog on leash. Rally Intermediate must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finished not included) with a minimum of three Advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class. Dogs earning a red or white ribbon in Rally Intermediate will be able to repeat this Intermediate class the following year. Dogs receiving a blue in Intermediate must move to Rally Advanced the following year. Dogs who have received a Rally Intermediate (RI) title must move to Rally Advanced (unless) earned within 60 days of the show).
- 2018 **Rally-Advanced** – Course shall consist of 12 – 17 exercise stations plus a START & FINISH sign. Rally Advanced course shall be performed with the **dog off leash**. All dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner level to be training/working/showing in this class. Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off-leash exercise to show that they belong in Rally Advanced. Beginner A & B obedience dogs are not eligible. Dogs who have received a blue ribbon or a Rally Advanced (RA) Title (or the equivalent), unless earned within 60 days of the show must move to Rally Excellent.
- 2019 **Rally-Excellent** – Course shall consist of 15-20 stations plus a START & FINISH sign with no more than seven stationary exercises. All dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner level to be training/working/showing in this class. Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off leash exercise to show that they belong in Rally Excellent. Beginner A & B obedience dogs are not eligible. All exercises shall be performed off leash except the Honor Exercise. Dogs who have received a blue ribbon or Rally Excellent (RE) Title (or the equivalent) unless earned within 60 days of the show may participate FEO with permission from the 4-H Dog Show Superintendent.
- 2034 **Rally-Cloverbuds** (ages 5-8) – Course shall consist of a maximum of 10 stations, plus START & FINISH signs. This course is open to all dogs at all levels of obedience. Intro to Rally will be performed on leash. Treats and toys may be used. An adult must accompany the youth in the show ring.

OTHER CLASSES

Class No.

- 2020 **Service Dog** – Only those dogs that are currently being raised by 4-H members for an organization that provides dogs to aid the handicapped (e.g. Guiding Eyes for the Blind). Dogs will be evaluated on their appearance (grooming) and simple obedience appropriate to their age and service. Dogs are allowed to wear identification (blanket or collar) appropriate to their sponsoring organization.
- 2021 **Costume class** (no premium) – Open to any 4-H handler/dog combination.
- 2023 **Brace** – For ONE 4-H members with TWO dogs, at least one of the dogs being owned by the 4-H members handling the Brace. The two dogs may be different breeds. Exercises will be performed as in Graduate Beginner (Heel on Leash, and Figure 8, Stand for Examination, Recall, Long Sit and Long Down). 4- H members and dogs who have participated in this class in previous years may repeat. Beginner A and B Obedience dogs are not eligible for Brace. The same two dogs, as a brace, may not be shown twice.
- 2024 **Four-Person Team** – Teams will consist of four 4-H members with their four dogs simultaneously performing Graduate Beginner exercises Heel on Leash, Figure 8, Stand for Examination, Recall, Long Sit and Long Down). The Figure 8 will require the use of 5 stewards as “posts”. Once lined up for the Recall, the judge will instruct the 4-H members to leave their dogs (all four handlers leave as a group). Each 4-H'er will call their dog individually. Once all four dogs have been called, the judge will instruct the handlers to finish their dogs (as a group). 4-H members and dogs who have participated in this class in previous years may repeat. Only one entry per handler/dog combination. Beginner A & B obedience

dogs are not eligible for 4-Person Team.

- 2025 **Drill Team** (FEO at County level) – Each team will consist of 8 or more dogs and their 4-H member handler who will perform a detailed drill of their own design. Handlers may wish to dress alike and perform to music. Live music is permitted. Teams using pre-recorded music should bring their own CDs to play. No adult may enter the ring with the Drill Team. Vocal or whistle commands are permitted, but they must be given by a member of the Drill Team.
Dogs may be dressed to add further color. The drill should be at least five but not exceed eight minutes in length.

AGILITY CLASSES

RULES:

- Dogs may be asked to perform an off-lead recall and sit/stay to show that they belong in Agility.
NOTE: Dogs entered in Beginner A & B obedience are not eligible to compete in agility at state fair. However, they can compete in agility at the county level.
- Dogs must be at least 15 months old.
- Either no collar or flat buckle collars but no hanging tags or attachments.
- Handlers shall be allowed to bring their dog to the start line on leash.
- Handlers will be excused by the judge/superintendent for inappropriate actions including training devices.
- Handlers in all classes will be allowed one ten-minute walk through the course, without a dog, prior to the start of the class.
- A handler may be asked to leave the ring at any time at the judges/superintendents' discretion.
- All dogs must be measured prior to judging.
- If a dog is trained by someone before the 4-H handler takes over, that dog must be shown at the next highest level of competition.
- Dogs who have reached age 7 or above will be allowed to jump 4" lower than their required jump height. 4-H member will enter the height division of their dog measured at the withers and will note "veteran" on their entry form. The notation of "veteran" will also be made on your jump card. (Veteran's class does not apply to Pre-Novice).
- Training Certificates must state equipment trained on.
- Dogs entering agility must be fully trained and safe on ALL agility obstacles for their level of competition. Safety certificates **required** for dogs not attending agility training with an approved instructor. For safety reasons, Superintendents or judges have the right to change a dog's level or refuse a dog based on the level of training.
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Mandatory Elimination: as defined by AKC, will result in a 15-point deduction for each occurrence.

Mandatory Excusals: as defined by AKC, will result in a score of zero. (i.e. a dog that leaves the course area and discontinues working.)

Class No.

- 2026 **Intro to Agility** – Maximum of ten obstacles, course is straight forward using non-winged jumps, pipe tunnel, A-Frame, and table. The following obstacles will not be used: Teeter, weaves, dog walk, broad jump, tire jump, winged jumps. Dogs can be on or off leash, treats/toys can be used. **NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR**
- 2032 **Agility (Pre-Novice On lead)** *This class will only receive a participation award* Obstacle course will be set for a very basic beginner level. **NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR**
- 2027 **Agility (Pre-Novice Off lead)** – A ten obstacle course that is straight forward using non-winged jumps, pipe tunnel, A-frame, tire jump, table and dog walk. Any dog that received a blue ribbon placing must move to the next level.
- 2028 **Agility (Novice)** – Any dog that received a blue ribbon placing must move to the next level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Novice Standard Agility title (or the equivalent – NADAC, USDAA, etc.) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. At least 12 – 13 obstacles must be used in the Novice classes: (There will be no weaves in Novice.)

- 2029 **Agility (Open)** – For dogs who have received a blue-ribbon award in the Novice Level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Open standard title (or the equivalent – NADAC, USDAA, etc.) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. Additional obstacles will be added.
- 2030 **Agility (Excellent)** – For dogs who have received a blue-ribbon award in the Open Level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Excellent Title (or the equivalent – NADAC, USDAA, etc.) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. Dogs that have titled or received a blue ribbon in this class may show FEO.
- 2031 **Agility Cloverbuds (On lead)** (ages 5-8) – Course set at very basic beginner level. Youth must be accompanied by an adult in the showing. Treats and toys may be used.
- 2033 **Puppy Agility** – For dogs less than 15 months. Maximum of ten obstacles, the course is straight forward and will consist of jumps with bars laid on the ground (or jump bumps), tunnels, and the table set at the lowest height. Treats and toys may be used.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Class No.

- 2101 **Intro to Obedience** – For dogs who are not ready to enter the Beginner level obedience classes. All exercises are performed on leash. Treats/toys can be used. Exercises are Heel on Leash, Figure 8 (using cones instead of people), Sit for exam, Recall, long sit: 30 seconds. **NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR**
- 2102 **Beginner A** – For 4-H members who have not previously trained a dog. The dogs in this class must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. All exercises (Heel on Leash and Figure 8; Sit for Examination; Recall; Long Sit, 1 Minute) will be performed with the dog on lead. **Dogs entered in this class cannot also participate in Agility, Brace or 4-Person Team at STATE FAIR.**
- 2103 **Beginner B** – For 4-H members who have previously trained a dog in Beginner or more advanced levels of obedience. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. Exercises are the same as in Beginner A. **Dogs entered in this class cannot also participate in Agility, Brace or 4-Person Team at STATE FAIR**
- 2104 **Beginner C** – For 4-H members who have not previously trained a dog, but a dog who has been trained beyond the beginner level of training. May be combined with Beginner B. Exercises are the same as in Beginner A.
- 2105 **Graduate Beginner A** – For 4-H members who have not previously trained a dog beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in the Beginner A and B classes EXCEPT that the Stand for Examination, Long Sit, 1 minute; Long Down, 3 minutes; exercises are done with leash attached to collar and placed next to dog with number. The Recall exercise is done with the dog off leash. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon in this class **MUST** move to Novice.
- 2106 **Graduate Beginner B** – For 4-H members who have previously trained a dog in graduate beginner or more advanced levels of obedience. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in Graduate Beginner A. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon in this class **MUST** move to Novice.
- 2107 **Novice A** – For 4-H members and dogs 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 Examination; Heel Off Leash; Recall). (Long Sit, 1 minute; Long Down, 3 minutes are done with leash attached to collar and placed next to dog with number). The maximum possible score will be 200 points.
- 2108 **Novice B** – Exercises will be 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 not ready for Advanced Novice.
- 2109 **Advanced Novice** – For 4H members and dogs who have 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 the equivalent). Other than the Heel on Leash, all exercises will be performed with the dog off leash (Stand for Examination; Heel Free and Figure 8; Drop on Recall; Long Sit, Handlers Out of Sight, 3 minutes; Long Down, Handlers Out of Sight, 5 minutes). The maximum possible score will be 200 points. Open to any handler and dog beyond the Novice Level but not ready for Graduate Novice.

- 2110 **Graduate Novice** – Dogs may not have earned a CDX or equivalent title, unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. The exercises are Heel Free and Figure 8; Drop on Recall; Dumbbell Recall; Recall over High Jump; Recall over Broad Jump and Long Down. The maximum possible score is 200 points. Open to any handler and dog beyond the Novice level but not ready for open class (due to training and/or physical ability of dog)
- 2111 **Open A** – For 4-H members 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 60 days of the show. ALL exercises will be performed with the dog off leash (Heel Free and Figure 8; Drop on Recall; Retrieve on Flat; Retrieve Over High Jump; Broad Jump; Long Sit, Handlers Out of Sight, 3 minutes; Long Down, Handlers Out of Sight, 5 minutes). The maximum possible score will be 200 points.
- 2112 **Obedience Cloverbuds (On lead)** (ages 5-8) – All exercises are performed on leash. Treats/toys can be used. Exercises are Heel on Leash, Figure 8 (using cones instead of people), Sit for exam, Recall, long sit: 30 seconds. Youth must be accompanied by an adult in the showing.