



DEPARTMENT 22 YOUTH - DOGS/CATS:

DOGS

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Premiums: A = \$3.00; B=\$2.00; C = No Premiums

Leader Dog/Record Book Premiums: A = \$2.00; B = \$1.25; C = No Premiums

Judging: Saturday, Before Fair, 8:00 a.m.

Check In: Saturday, Before Fair, 7:30 a.m.

Location: North Side Petting Farm Area

Setup: Thursday, Before Fair, 6:00 p.m.

Objective: Gain knowledge in dog handling/training, grooming, dog health and care; gain knowledge and appreciation of service/leader dog programs.

Pre-Entry Form Required. Complete Dog Pre-Entry Form, in fair book and in the Forms section of the web site. A photocopy of shot records for each dog must accompany pre-entry. Deadline July 1.

Fair Exhibit Requirements

1. Dogs will be leashed and under handler's control when on fairgrounds. Pinch/prong collars may be worn by dogs shown by 1st yr exhibitors with supt.'s permission. No Grand or Reserve will be awarded to handlers using prong collars.
2. Vaccinations required are a completed set of DHPP-CPV and rabies given no longer than 3 yrs. from the date of show. If you give your own shots, photocopy box that shot came in along with date given to include with entry.
3. Any dog, with a physical disability, such as the loss of a leg or eye, will be allowed to show, if a statement of fitness is provided by your veterinarian. Please send with pre-entry form.
4. Dogs are to remain in the immediate area of the show. Under no circumstances are they to enter livestock areas or buildings. All dog droppings must be picked up.
5. Exhibitors with females in season must contact Superintendent prior to day of show. All females in season must wear pants while on show grounds.
6. Participants are limited to showing 2 dogs. Dogs must be 5 months of age or older for all activities except Agility. Dogs must be 10 months of age or older to show in Agility. Each dog may have two handlers from the same family. Members may show only one dog in Showmanship, but may show more than one in the other classes if they have done the training.
7. Classes will be divided by age or combined if size warrants and at the Superintendent's discretion.
8. No 4-H Dog leader or parent is to interfere with the judging process. All grooming, warming up, etc. on day of Fair to be done by the participant.
9. Once a dog has been excused from a class by the judge for lameness or aggressive behavior, it may not be shown in any other class.

10. DRESS CODE: Any clothing which draws undue attention to one's self, or clothing that may distract other handlers, spectators, or the judges), is unacceptable. Halter tops, low cut blouses or sweaters, shorts, hats, mini-skirts, denim of any type, style or color, and bare midriffs are NOT ACCEPTABLE. Skirt/culottes shorter than fingertip length are not recommended. Flat shoes such as tennis shoes, should be worn by all exhibitors. Sandals, high heels or boots are not recommended. Long hair should be tied back. Jewelry that makes noise or interferes with handling should be avoided, No clothing with club name, personal identification, club or business advertising logos or other printed words or sayings will be allowed. If at any time the judge feels your attire is not appropriate, in any of the classes, it may reflect on your placing. (Showmanship dress should include for boys dress slacks and shirt and tie. Showmanship dress for girls should include either dress or skirt or pants no shorter than fingertip length and appropriate top.)

11. Failure to be a responsible owner at Fair may result in forfeit of awards.

12. Scores from last year's Fair are used to determine classes to enter this year. This is a youth centered activity where A and B classes are designated by the handler's experience. **"A" classes are for exhibitors who are competing at a level for the first time with their first dog. "B" classes are for exhibitors who have competed at the "A" level previously.** Youth may skip "A" classes in any venue if they believe their level of experience gives them an unfair advantage in potential placing. Scores and proper entry level are available from the Supt. You are on your Honor regarding your level of competition. If an exhibitor competes in the wrong class they may have to forfeit any awards won.

13. Obedience and Rally exercises will follow those for AKC with the exception of the exercises for Graduate Novice obedience and Intermediate rally which will be available from the Supt. Scoring will be based on 2007 AKC rules for these venues.

14. Agility exercises, rules and scoring will be those of the 4-H Dog Programming Committee available from the MSU Extension office. Quick Judging Reference in this booklet is the first reference for rules.

15. Showmanship Judging is based on the information provided in the Jr. Showmanship book available from the MSU Extension office.

All Judges decisions are final.

SECTION 1 - DOG OBEDIENCE

Obedience: General Information

For the purposes of Fair move-ups, 180 points is a qualifying score. The Superintendent may waive the rules regarding move-ups in selected cases when unusual circumstances may prevent the handler from advancing to the next level. The exhibitor needs to discuss this with the superintendent if the exhibitor believes an exception needs to be made. Equipment: collar (no tags) and 6 foot leash. A grooming evaluation will be included in the evaluation of the dog. All judges' decisions are final.

Class 01 - Pre-Novice A

Class 02 - Pre-Novice B - After 2 qualifying scores at this level twice at Fair, any dog who does not move up must show for exhibition only. (Ineligible for HIT.)

Class 03 - Novice A - Qualifying in Pre-Novice is not necessary to enter this class.

Class 04 - Novice B - After 2 qualifying scores at Fair, any dog who does not move up must show for exhibition only or Veterans, if old enough. An experienced handler may choose to skip Pre-Novice and start at this level.

Class 05 - Graduate Novice A - Two qualifying scores in Novice are not required for this class.

Class 06 - Graduate Novice B - Jump heights for Advanced Graduate Novice and above are those required by 2007 AKC rules and are available from the Supt.

Class 07 - Advanced Graduate Novice A

Class 08 - Advanced Graduate Novice B

Class 09 - Upper Level obedience

Class 10 - Brace Class - Two dogs coupled or uncoupled, handled by one handler doing Novice exercises. Dogs must be Novice level or higher (no Pre-Novice dogs).

Class 11 - Team Class - Four dogs, four handlers doing Novice exercises. All exercises will be executed at the same time except the recall. For the recall, all dogs will be left at the same time, called individually and finished at the same time. Four dogs must participate; the four dogs must be noted at the time of entry, an alternate 5th dog may be listed. Dogs must be Novice level or higher (no Pre-Novice)

Class 12 - Veteran's Obedience - For dogs aged 7 years or older as of July 1 who do not wish to compete in higher levels of obedience. The exercises will be those of the Novice class. They are not eligible for HIT. Grand and Reserve trophies will be awarded.

Awards

Premium ribbons will be awarded. Each class will receive ribbons for 1st through 10th placements and a 1st place trophy. Grand Champion trophies will be awarded to the highest scoring dog in each class: Pre Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, etc. Ties will be settled by a runoff per AKC procedure.

A High-In-Trial trophy will be awarded from all Obedience entries. **Ties will be resolved by using the score from the Heel and Figure 8 exercise.** All judges' decisions are final. **Individual score sheets will be available after High In Trial has been determined. High in Trial will be announced at Fair barring unforeseen circumstances.**

SECTION 2 -SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Equipment: As appropriate for dog to be shown in AKC conformation class. Classes will be combined at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Class 13 - 8 years old

Class 14 - 9 years old

Class 15 - 10 years old

Class 16 - 11 years old

Class 17 - 12 years old

Class 18 - 13 years old

Class 19 - 14 years old

Class 20 - 15 years old

Class 21 - 16-19 years old

Class 22 - Champions - A class for exhibitors who have had experiences in Showmanship outside the 4-H venue or have been exceptionally successful at previous fairs may enter this class.

Awards

Premium ribbons will be awarded. There will be 1st - 10th place ribbons and 1st place trophies for each classes where the judge feels they are warranted. A trophy will be presented for Grand Champion.

Selection of Grand and Reserve Champion and Alternates

Following selection of Grand Champion, the second place dog from that class will be brought back for further judging.

Following selection of Reserve Champion, next placing dog from that class will be brought back for judging for alternates (2). Awards will be given the day of show. Judges decisions are final.

Fun Classes – Adult Showmanship

Sign up on day of Show.

Two classes: Experienced – showed in Juniors or breed either as adult or 4-Her. Amateur – never showed before.

SECTION 3 – AGILITY

General Information:

Equipment: buckle collar with 6 foot lead for Beginners. Intermediate and Advanced: buckle collar. Handler and dog must be familiar with equipment. Walk through without dog will be done at the beginning of each class and as necessary so all participants have a walk through before their run. Any questions please contact the Superintendent. A qualifying score is a total of 85 points or more. All judges decisions are final.

Beginning Agility - This level is done off lead with jump heights of 8" and long jump 16" wide. Handlers will be allowed to jump with their dogs. The Superintendent may waive the rules regarding off lead performance in selected cases under unusual circumstances. The exhibitor needs to discuss this with the Superintendent if the exhibitor believes an exception needs to be made.

Class 23 - Beginning Agility A

Class 24 - Beginning Agility B

Intermediate Agility - For dogs who qualified in Beginning Agility. The dog performs the entire run off lead. Dogs who have not received a qualifying score in Pre-Novice Obedience may remain in Beginning Agility B at the discretion of their leader and the superintendent's permission. **Handler is required to know dog's height at withers.**

Class 26 - Intermediate Agility A.

Class 27 - Intermediate Agility B

Advanced Agility - For dogs who qualified in Intermediate Agility. This level is done off lead and jump heights depend on the dog's height at the withers. **Handler is required to know dog's height at withers.**

Class 29 - Advanced Agility A

Class 30 - Advanced Agility B

Class 31 - Veteran's Agility: For dogs aged 7 years old or older as of July 1 who do not wish to compete in Advanced Agility. The exercises will be those of Intermediate Agility.

Awards

Premium ribbons will be awarded. There will be 1st - 10th place ribbons and 1st place trophies for each class. Awards will be given at the show. The judge's decisions are final. Score sheets will be available after presentation of awards. Grand Champion trophies will be awarded to the highest scoring handler with a qualifying score in each of the 4 levels.

SECTION 4 - RALLY

Equipment: collar and 6 foot lead suitable for obedience. Youth who are new to the dog project are strongly encouraged to learn the rally exercises and participate in this venue before entering the obedience classes. Novice Rally and Intermediate Rally are done on-leash with unlimited talking allowed. Dogs may not be touched or physically corrected in the ring.

For purposes of Fair move-ups, 80 points are required to move up.

Novice Rally

Class 33 - Novice Rally A

Class 34 - Novice Rally B

Intermediate Rally – The course will be constructed from any of the Novice and Advanced exercises, but will be done on leash.

Class 35 - Intermediate Rally Novice A

Class 36 - Intermediate Rally Novice B

Rally Advanced - Same signs and course but performed off lead.

Class 37 - Advanced Rally A

Class 38 - Advanced Rally B

Excellent Rally – Includes all signs and performed off lead

Class 39 - Excellent Rally A

Class 40 - Excellent Rally B

Awards

Premium ribbons will be awarded. There will be 1st - 10th place ribbons and 1st place trophies for each class. Awards will be given at the show. The judge's decisions are final. Score sheets available after presentation of awards. Grand Champion and Reserve will be awarded to the high scoring teams as in obedience.

SECTION 5 - LEADER DOG/SERVICE DOG

General Rules:

Puppies are evaluated on suitability to become a Leader Dog/Service dog. Evaluation will cover approximately ten (10) exercises. Separate score sheets will be used for Leader Dog and Service Dog puppies.

Leader Dog puppies may be shown in only one Leader Dog/Service Puppy class and one Showmanship class.

Service Dog puppies (CCI and PWC) may be shown in one Leader Dog/Service Dog Puppy class, one Showmanship and an Obedience Class.

Class 41 - Leader Dog Puppy

Class 42 - Service Dog

Class 43 - Leader/Service Dog already accepted by an organization. Exhibit poster 22"x28" or 22"x14" or notebook showing information on the organization, requirements, and pictures of your puppy's life with your family, etc.

SECTION 6 – DISPLAYS

Class 46 - Dog Project Record Book

This is mandatory for anyone entering a dog in the dog Show and preferred for all who are currently training. Materials for the Record Book and available from the MSU Extension Office, the Fair Board Office, individual leaders and online at the MSU Extension website. The completed project is due July 1 at the Fair Board Office. Project record books are to be housed in a 1" white ring presentation binder with clear overlays on the front, spine and back covers. Originality and creativity in this presentation is encouraged. An interview is part of the project book. The interview will be held during the dog show on Saturday. All Project Record Books will be displayed at Fair and will be evaluated in 3 groupings. They will be placed first through 5th in their category. Grand and Reserve will be awarded. Novice - 1 or 2 years in project, Intermediate - 3 to 5 years in project, Senior 6 or more years in project. Awards will be presented as in Poultry and Shooting Sports.

Class 47 - Dog Care/Training Poster Display

Divided by same age groups as project book. This class may be entered by any youth whether or not they are currently training a dog. Criteria for judging: accurate information, presentation of information in legible fashion, creativity, originality, neatness. Posters are to be brought to the dog show. An interview will be held at a time and place to be determined.