

# Dog

- A. Procedures** – Those procedures are described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4H421(which will be followed in the County Fair 4-H Dog Show). If competing at the State Fair exhibitors are expected to read and follow the information in the State Fair 4-H Dog Exhibitor Letter which is posted on the web with the 4-H Dog information. **It is the dog exhibitor’s responsibility to pick up after their dogs at all times. Dogs soiling in the show ring (during a class) will be lowered by one ribbon placing.** Dogs soiling anywhere on the show grounds without pickup will be disqualified from all entered classes on that show day regardless of the person who is holding the dog leash.
- B. Dog Eligibility** – Exhibitors should provide primary care and training for the dog. The dog should reside with the exhibitor or be cared for by the exhibitor the majority of the year.
- C. Vaccination** – All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo, and rabies. Bordetella vaccine is recommended but not required. **The Nebraska State Fair Show Vaccination Record Form (SF264) must document all vaccinations given within 1 to 3 years of the show date based on label guidelines.** All vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the State Fair Dog Show.
- D. Number of Entries per Exhibitor** – Youth may enter one showmanship class, two agility classes (using different dogs and in different levels of classes), two obedience classes (using different dogs and in different levels of classes), and two rally classes (using different dogs and in different levels of classes).
- E. Advancement in Obedience and Agility Classes** – Follow rules in the Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rule 4H421.
- F. Advancement in Showmanship Classes** - Classes are divided into age divisions: Junor 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, Senior 14-18 years of age. All 4-H dog exhibitors must show their own animals to be considered participants in the Showmanship Contest. Showmen will be allowed to compete in a division each year based on their age or until they win that particular age group. Winners must advance to the next age group. Winners of the Senior division will be ineligible for future dog showmanship contests.
- G. Disqualified Dogs** – Females in season will not be permitted to be shown. Overly aggressive dogs may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge or superintendent. Lamé or crippled dogs will not be permitted to show if it is determined by a show superintendent that it is affecting the health of the dog. Also, see A. Procedure for information about disqualification for dog soiling on show grounds.
- H. Age of Dog** – A dog that is exhibited at the State Fair must be 6 months or older, same for County Fair except for the local-only puppy class. Agility dogs must be 18 months or older to participate in the competition.
- I. Dress Code** – Exhibitors are required to wear the official Cherry County 4-H t-shirt. Solid blue jeans are required. No headgear is worn in the show ring. Closed-toed shoes with a non-slip sole are required.

- J. Baiting** – Baiting with food or a toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting actions without food or toys in showmanship. The judge or superintendent has the authority to disqualify violators.
- K. Substitutions** – A dog may be substituted for showmanship classes only if it is injured or dies following the entry deadline. Substitutions are generally not allowed in obedience and agility classes; however, substitutions may be considered at the discretion of the 4-H Educator. A substitute can be selected from the exhibitor’s household family or from the household where the originally entered dog resided. Dog(s) may be substituted only if the 4-H Educator is directly consulted prior to the show date. **A Nebraska State Fair Dog Show Vaccination Form (SF263)** must be completed for all substitution dogs and received by the 4-H Educator prior to the show date.
- L.** Only exhibitors are allowed to groom or work dogs at the show, both in and out of the rings.
- M. Awards** – Any award can be withheld if the exhibitor fails to clean up around their area.
- N.** All dogs must remain on a leash held by the exhibitor or a responsible adult at all times.

## Rules

### Scoresheet, Forms, and Contest Study Materials

Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hdog>.

## Divisions

### Dog Agility

#### Class

**G702010 – Level 1: 6 Obstacles**

**G702020 – Level 2: 10 Obstacles**

**G702030 – Level 3: 10 Obstacles**

**G702040 – Level 4: 13 Obstacles**

**G702050 – Level 5: 15-20 Obstacles**

1. Procedure – Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in the Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H421. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines to determine class entry and obstacles for each level of competition. Course maps will be made available and posted at time of show registration in designated area(s).
2. Agility Jump Heights – measure dogs at withers to determine jump height:
  - Dogs 11 inches or less – 4 inches,
  - Dogs over 11 inches up to and including 14 inches – 8 inches,
  - Dogs over 14 inches up to and including 18 inches – 12 inches,
  - Dogs over 18 inches – 16 inches.

## **Dog Obedience**

### **Class**

**G701010 – Beginning Novice Division A** – exhibitor and dog are in first year of competition (Stared Dog Project after 10/1/22). Exhibitors incorrectly entered will be moved to Beginning Novice Division B or C.

**G701020 – Beginning Novice Division B** – exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition.

**G071025 – Beginning Novice Division C** – exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of competition.

**G701030 – Novice A** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and are in first year of Novice Class Competition (starting after 10/1/23).

**G701035 – Novice B** - exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of Novice Class Competition.

**G701040 – Graduate Novice** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice.

**G701045 – Advanced Graduate Novice** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Novice.

**G701050 – Open** – Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Advanced Graduate Novice.

**G701055 – Graduate Open** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open.

**G701060 – Utility** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Open.

**G701067L – Puppies**

**G701068L – Clover Kid Dog Obedience**

### **Rules**

1. Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 421 to determine class entry and exercises within each obedience class.

## **Dog Rally**

### **Class**

**G703010 – Beginning Rally** – dog is on leash and there are 5-10 stations.

**G702020 – Rally 1** – dog is on leash and there are 10-15 stations.

**G703030 – Rally 2** – dog is off leash and there are 12 – 17 stations.

**G703040 – Rally 3** – dog is off leash and there are 15-20 stations.

### **Rules**

1. Rally will follow those procedures and classes described in the Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H421.
2. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines to determine class entry for each level of competition.

## **Dog Showmanship**

### **Class**

**G700001 – Junior Showmanship** (8 -10 years old, 4-H age) NEW – based on State Fair eligibility changes

**G700020 -Intermediate Showmanship** (11 – 13 years old)

**G700030 – Senior Showmanship** (14 – 18 years old)

## **Rules**

1. Each class will be judged on handler’s appearance (10%), grooming and conditioning of dog (20%), coordination of the dog and handler (50%), and general knowledge (20%).
2. Classes are divided into age divisions
3. Showmanship will follow those procedures and classes described in the Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H421.

## **Resources**

### **Cat**

Learn about cat breed, senses, shows, tricks, signs of illness and health, cat sounds, emergency situations, feeding, special diets, and traveling with cats

**URL:** [https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program\\_project/207](https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/207)

### **Dog**

Learn basic skills for dog care and training. Explore dog health, nutrition, care, showmanship, and training; Investigate responsible breeding, diseases, dog roles, and careers

**URL:** [https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program\\_project/8](https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/8).

### **Other Pet or Small Animal**

Find out what it costs to have a pet; Learn about animal digestion; Learn to keep a pet healthy; Consider career with animals

**URL:** [https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program\\_project/6](https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/6)