

## 2024 DOG

All dog entries must be pre-entered at the Extension office by the deadline along with a copy of the current vaccinations. Dogs will be checked in ½ hour before show begins. A dog must be 6 months or older to be exhibited in dog competitions. All dogs must be immunized for DHL, Coronavirus, Parvo and rabies. Exhibitors are required to bring certificate of immunization with their pre-fair entry that is due July 1. **The [Nebraska State Fair Show Vaccination Record Form \(SF 263\)](#) must document all vaccinations given within 1 to 3 years of the show date based on label guidelines.** No animal will be allowed to show if found unfit. Dogs will be released immediately after show. No animal will be allowed to stay on premises after show.

Follow rules in [Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4-H-421](#)

All dogs shown must be a bona fide project of the exhibitor and owned:

a. By the 4-H'er; OR

b. By the exhibitor in partnership with other member(s) of his or her immediate family. Only the name of the showman can be on the show entry. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in the care of the head of the household; OR

c. By someone outside the immediate family, but identified by the exhibitor, provided the exhibitor provides the primary care and training for the dog (cares for, feeds, trains, grooms, etc.), has use of the dog as a 4-H project animal at least 75 percent of the time during the project year and permission for the use of the dog is certified in an owner's affidavit. The dog should reside with the exhibitor or be cared for by the exhibitor the majority of the year.

All dogs must be kept on leash and away from livestock while on fairgrounds.

An exhibitor may enter one showmanship class in addition to a maximum of five other classes.

Each dog can be shown in only one individual, one team, one brace and one agility class. Team events do not count toward overall exhibitor points.

Advancement in Obedience Levels: Only purple ribbon winners can be champions. Dogs receiving the Champion in a class must advance to the next level of obedience. All dogs receiving purple ribbons in their obedience class are encouraged to progress to the next obedience level. There is no limit to the number of times a dog may be in the Graduate Novice class.

Exhibitors are asked to wear 4-H T-shirt or white shirt with 4-H emblem and long-dark pants/denim jeans.

NOTE: This is a 4-H Dog Show. However, dogs trained under AKC regulations should be correctly trained for this show.

### OBEDIENCE CLASSES

\*Denotes State Fair Entry

**Purple, \$3; Blue, \$2; Red, \$1.50; White, \$1**

Beginning Novice — All exercises performed on leash. Dogs must heel, including figure 8; come on recall; stand for examination; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes. The leash may lie on the floor in front of the dog or be held by the handler.

G701080 Team — A team of two dogs and two handlers performing Beginning Novice exercises simultaneously. The dogs do not need to be the same breed. No overall points will be awarded in this class.

\*G701010 Beginning Novice A — Handler and dog are both in first year of training.

\*G701020 Beginning Novice B — Experienced handler and/or dog.

\*G701030 Novice — Dog must heel on leash including figure 8; heel free; stand for examination off leash; come on recall off leash; sit-stay off leash for one minute with handler away from dog; and down-stay for three minutes with handler away from dog.

\*G701040 Graduate Novice — Dog must heel on leash; heel free including figure 8; drop on recall; stand for examination off leash; sit-stay for three minutes with handler out of ring; and down-stay for five minutes with handler out of ring.

\*G701050 Open — All exercises off leash. Heel free and figure 8; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes, both with handler out of sight.

G701070 Brace — Beginning Novice — Exercises the same as Beginning Novice, but with two dogs.

G701071 Brace — Novice — Exercises the same as Novice Class, but with two dogs.

### DOG RALLY

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For complete details and information regarding Dog Agility, please see the Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules (4-H 420). Rally obedience is a dog sport based on obedience. Rally Obedience is a dog performance class that uses directional signs that are numbered to indicate the course the handler to follow during the performance. The team of dog and handler heel from sign to sign, and perform the exercises indicated by the numbered sign at each location. At the start sign, the judge gives permission to start the course and then the dog and handler go through the course. The judge will say "Are you ready?" followed by "Forward." No other directives are given. The course consists of signs that instruct the team what to do. Unlike traditional obedience, handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs during the course. There are 4 classes and the number of stations/signs is noted (start and finish signs are not included in the sign count and are automatically used). Signs may be duplicated and used more than one time to create the course. Although every course will have many of the same exercises, the sequence of those exercises in the course design may vary.

G701090 - Beginning Rally – dog is on leash and there are 5 to 10 stations. These beginning Rally signs are suggested – halt sit, halt down dog, right turn, left turn, about turn right, slow pace, fast pace, and normal pace. These are the same commands that exhibitors use in beginning novice obedience levels.

G701091 - Rally 1 - dog is on leash and there are 10 to 15 stations.

G701092 - Rally 2 - dog is off leash and there are 12 – 17 stations.

G701093 - Rally 3 - dog is off leash and there are 15 to 20 stations.

**DOG AGILITY**

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For complete details and information regarding Dog Agility, please see the Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules (4-H 420). Agility is a timed obstacle course of 6 to 20 obstacles (depending on the class). Scoring is done by making deductions for faults such as jumping off an obstacle, running the wrong course, a tight leash or taking too much time to run the course. Dogs can work on either left or right side of the handler and do not need to be in Heel Position. The most important element of agility is that the dogs and handlers have fun, yet they must work well as a team. A dog may enter in only one level of agility in a competition (Level 1,2,3,4, or 5). An exhibitor may enter multiple dogs according to show guidelines. Wither heights of all agility dogs must be included with fair pre-registration. This is necessary to draft show order. Wither height measurements may be verified as part of the on-site registration process. Baiting with food, squeakers, or toys will not be permitted in any class and is cause for disqualification.

Exhibitors should wear tennis shoes or shoes with non-skid soles.

Dog only goes over the jump. The handler runs beside the obstacle and does not go over the jump.

COLLARS - All dogs must wear a flat / buckle collar. No other type is allowed. Each dog may be exhibited by only one handler in agility competition. No hanging tags.

DOG AGE - Dogs must be 18 months old or older to participate in competition. Practice may occur earlier (with veterinarian recommendations) with low elements and no excessive jumping. Mature body structure is needed for jumping and higher obstacles for all sizes of dogs. Agility is an athletic activity. Dogs need to be in condition and in good health to be able to participate in this discipline. Excessive weight or underweight can be detrimental to a dog's health. Judges or judges and superintendents may confer and may excuse lame dogs or carrying excessive weight and that are unfit for competition.

Obstacles should be numbered to note the obstacle order for the course.

The basic obstacles for the beginning agility course consist of jumps, tunnels, a dog walk and a pause box. There is a progression of equipment up through the higher levels. As well as a progression from on leash to off leash agility.

**AGILITY CLASSES**

\*G702010 - Level 1 - 6 obstacles – 3 bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, and tunnel (open). **Level 1** is run on leash and obstacles are arranged in one set course pattern. Judge may request exhibitors to run the course to be run clockwise or counterclockwise for the event. The same bar jump is used for the start/finish when running the course either direction. Use 45 seconds for course time with 6 obstacles. Youth learn safety on obstacle approach and completion on loose leash

\*G702020 - Level 2 – 10 obstacles – several bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump and tire jump (hoop jump). **Level 2** is run on leash and obstacles change location in different order. For Level 2, some new obstacles were added and youth

learn safety on some new obstacles on loose leash and to complete obstacles in different course order. Youth help arrange obstacles to make up different courses during practices or fun matches. Use 60 seconds for course time with 10 obstacles. For competition, judge may design a course or use from a few samples on the web – 4 – 6 samples. Can use keyhole so same jumps may be used more than once and not have to purchase as many jumps. Solid jump added in this class – can use fabric between PVC pipe. Sleeve fabric of 6 inch panels. Jump should have a displaceable bar (break away) so it can knock down from bar cup so that it will fall down if it is knocked. Not recommended to use Open Obedience jump as it may be too solid and scare a dog if it is knocked down.

\*G702030 - Level 3 - 10 obstacles – same obstacles as Level 2 but dogs run off leash for Level 3. Youth learn off leash techniques. Youth help arrange obstacles for practice or fun matches to make up different courses. Use 60 seconds for course time with 10 obstacles Note: Level 2 & 3 courses can be designed the same at competitions, with Level 2 exhibitors running on leash and Level 3 off leash.

\*G702040 - Level 4 - 13 obstacles – bar jump which has one bar each, bar jump which has two bars each, tall dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump, teeter totter (seesaw), weave poles (single set with 6 poles), and tire jump (hoop jump). **Level 4** is run off leash and some new obstacles are added. Youth learn how to handle dog through obstacles with more fluidity while on course. Youth learn safety on some new obstacles while off leash and to complete obstacles in different course order. Youth help arrange obstacles to make up different courses. Use 75 seconds for course time.

\*G702050 - Level 5 - 15 – 20 of any of the following obstacles such as: bar jump which has one bar each, bar jump which has two bars each, tall dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or obstacles close in proximity and dog takes the obstacle as directed by handler (tunnel by dog walk) – or dummy jump which is an extra obstacle in the ring but not utilized for the course, or addition of optional obstacles. **Level 5** – off leash and can use equipment that youth can practice with, borrow, and use for agility competition events. (such as: AKC, CPE, USDAA, NADAC, UKC, etc.) Groups may add some new obstacles not listed on the Agility Equipment Grid, which must be safe and can be from other organizations hosting agility activities as mentioned above. An A-Frame is acceptable as long as youth have opportunity to practice obstacle. Note: It will not be added at state fair until more dogs can practice and have experience with it.

Pause Table - Level 5 table heights (if use obstacle) - Dogs over 18 inches – use table 16 inches high - All other dogs use 8 inch table closed tunnel), solid panel jump, A-frame short, A-frame tall, teeter totter (seesaw), weave poles (single set with 6 poles), weave poles (double set with 12 poles), and tire jump (hoop jump) broad jump, dump jump, triple bar jump, swing bridge, crawl, etc. Number of obstacles used for a course will depend on ring size and available equipment at show site. Course layout may include more advanced handling techniques. Youth learn safety on some new obstacles while off leash and to complete obstacles in different course order. Youth help arrange obstacles to make up different courses. Youth learn more difficult/higher skilled handling techniques – (such as rear cross, front cross, side changes, jumps – multiple or send outs, distance handling, obstacle omission – two obstacles close in proximity and dog takes the obstacle as directed by handler (tunnel by dog walk) – or dummy jump which is an extra obstacle in the ring but not utilized for the course, or addition of optional obstacles. **Level 5** – off leash and can use equipment that youth can practice with, borrow, and use for agility competition events. (such as: AKC, CPE, USDAA, NADAC, UKC, etc.) Groups may add some new obstacles not listed on the Agility Equipment Grid, which must be safe and can be from other organizations hosting agility activities as mentioned above. An A-Frame is acceptable as long as youth have opportunity to practice obstacle. Note: It will not be added at state fair until more dogs can practice and have experience with it. Pause Table - Level 5 table heights (if use obstacle) - Dogs over 18 inches – use table 16 inches high- All other dogs use 8 inch table.

## **GENERAL**

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Static exhibits must be entered the day of the dog show and will be judged the day of the show. The exhibits will be on display for the remainder of the fair and must be picked up on release day.

- G700060 Cage or transport made by exhibitor
- G700061 Feeder or water equipment made by exhibitor
- G700062 Photo or picture display or special interest display — should be educational
- G700063 Miscellaneous dog exhibits

## **DOG SHOWMANSHIP**

**Purple, \$3; Blue, \$2; Red, \$1.50; White, \$1**

Showmanship (grooming and handling) judged on: General appearance of dog including condition, thriftiness, cleanliness, and grooming (not to be concerned with individual breed differences), 40 percent. Showing dog

including leading and posing, cooperative with judge and other exhibitors, relationship of dog and handler, 40 percent. Appearance and merits of exhibitor including clean proper attire of handler and responsiveness of handler, 20 percent.

- G700050 Beginning — First-year handler only
- G700051 Intermediate — Second- and third-year handlers
- G700052 Advanced — Fourth-year handlers and above