

DEPT G – DOG

Purple award \$2.00; blue award \$1.50; red award \$1.00; white award \$0.50

If numbers are sufficient size, a dog show will be conducted according to the State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Sufficient size will be determined by the fair superintendents.

Dog Show Rules

- a. Vaccination Required – all dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo, and rabies. Proof of shots are required the day of showing or you will not be able to show.
- b. Arrival Time – 4-H dog exhibitors will check in on Thursday at **11:30 a.m.** at the Nielsen Center.
- c. Number of Entries per Exhibitor – an exhibitor may enter no more than three animals as long as one is used in obedience, one in showmanship, and one in versatility as it takes an older, well-trained dog.
- d. Restrictions on Showmanship Winners – an exhibitor winning first place in showmanship is no longer eligible to show in that class with the same dog.
- e. Care and Grooming class may be taken by exhibitors.
- f. Females in season will not be permitted to show.
- g. Overly aggressive dogs may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge or superintendent.
- h. Dress code will be enforced. No shorts. No clogs or sandals.

Refer to the Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Manual (4-H 421) for complete details and explanations of divisions, classes, and scoresheets.

Showmanship

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%. Special coat trims (such as poodle or terriers) will not count except for being clean and neatly brushed. Classes are divided by age. Exhibitors will continue to show in their age division until they are able to move onto the next division based on age.

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| G-700-10 | Junior Division – 8-9 years old on January 1 of current year |
| G-700-20 | Intermediate Division – 10-13 years old on January 1 of current year |
| G-700-30 | Senior Division – 14-18 years old on January 1 of current year |

Obedience Classes

NEW: County Optional Class: Pre-Beginning Novice Exercises A & B (see classes following G-701-60 / Utility)

Beginning Novice – Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines (4H 421) to determine class entry and exercises within each obedience class.

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| G-701-10 | Beginning Novice Division A - Exhibitor and dog is in first year of competition (started Dog Project after October 1 of previous year) |
| G-701-20 | Beginning Novice Division B - Exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition |
| G-701-25 | Beginning Novice Division C – exhibitor and dog is beyond first year of competition. |
| G-701-30 | Novice A – Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and are in first year of Novice Class competition (started after 10/1 of previous year). Dogs must heel on leash including figure 8; stand for examination off leash, heel free; some on recall off leash, long sit for one minute off leash, and long down for three minutes off leash. |

- G-701-35 Novice B – Exhibitor and dog is beyond first year of Novice Class competition
- G-701-40 Graduate Novice – Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice. Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off leash; heel free including figure 8; drop on recall; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes, both with handler out of sight.
- G-701-45 Advanced Graduate Novice – Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Novice. Heel on leash and figure 8 (off leash), drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, and long down.
- G-701-50 Open – Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Advanced Graduate Novice. 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. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines (4H 420) for hump heights/distances.
- G-701-55 Graduate Open – Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open. Signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve; moving stand and examination, go out, and directed jumping.
- G-701-60 Utility – Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Open. The dog will perform five exercises – the signal exercise; the scent discrimination exercise with leather and metal objects; the directed retrieve; moving stand and examination; directed jumping. Exhibits must supply their own scent articles and gloves for the directed retrieve.

Pre-Beginning Novice Exercises A & B

All exercise must be performed on a 6-foot leash. Dogs must heel; figure 8; sit for examination; come on recall – no finish; long sit for one minute. During the sit exercise, the leash must be held by the handler.

- G-701-905 Division A – Both handler and dog are in their first year of county, state, or any other dog experience. Dogs being shown may not have completed an AKC “leg” toward a “CD” degree.
- G-701-906 Division B – Exhibitor or dog are beyond first year competition. This class also includes dogs that have been shown previously by others but have not moved past the pre-beginning novice level.

Advancement through Obedience Levels with Pre-Beginning Novice A & B – County Only

- Pre-Beginning Novice (PBN) A & B – it is recommended that an exhibitor enrolls in this class when they begin showing. Under General Guidelines in Obedience #9, we recommend that handlers choose the lowest level in their first year because once they show at a level they may not move to a lower level.
 - PBN A is allowed for one year (first year exhibitor and first year dog).
 - Exhibitors who participate in PBN A at the county fair and choose to show at State Fair in the same year will advance to Beginning Novice A. However, once they show in Beginning Novice at State Fair, they cannot go back to PBN B at the county fair next year and must show in Beginning Novice. Exhibitors with the same dog beyond their first year of showing should go into Beginning Novice C.
 - PBN B is a second-year pre-beginner novice class for exhibitors that seek to gain another year of experience at a pre-beginner level.
 - Exhibitors receiving a second purple (A & B together), are required to move up to

Beginning Novice C unless youth is using a new dog then they could select. Beginning Novice B (#10 under General Regulations). The addition of the PBN A & B at the county level is for youth to gain show experience and be comfortable with showing obedience in the show ring. It is recommended leaders should encourage youth to move up to Beginning Novice after the first year or two regardless of results

Versatility

G-701-900 Versatility Class – handler shows what the dog can do instead of having a set pattern as in the obedience classes. This can be a series of tricks, brace, or teamwork; sporting events such as point and retrieve using hand signals. Exhibitors must prepare a sheet for the judge, so they know the exercise to be done.

Agility

Procedure – Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 421. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 421 – to determine class entry and obstacles for each level of competition. If a youth has not had training or practiced on agility equipment, they may not enter a competition due to safety and training experience in agility. With heights of all agility dogs must be included with advanced entries. Level 1 & 2 Agility classes are run on leash. Level 3, 4 and 5, are all run off leash. One of each obstacle noted in each level are mandatory and duplicate obstacles may be added to make up quantities of obstacles in each level. Obstacle equipment needing repair or deemed unsafe by judge will be excluded from the competition. Judges determine the arrangements of the obstacles on the course. Obstacles in course should be numbered to note the obstacle order for the course. Course maps will be made available.

Level 5 – Youth can use additional equipment for competition that they have access to and can use in practice. Obstacles that are used for agility competition events may be included from (AKC, CPE, USDAA, NADAC, UKC, etc.)

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

- G-702-10 Level 1 – 6 obstacles / 3 bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, and tunnel (open).
- G-702-20 Level 2 – 10 obstacles / several bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), and solid panel jump.
- G-702-30 Level 3 – 10 obstacles / same obstacles as Level 2 but dogs run off leash for Level 3.
- G-702-40 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), solid panel jump, teeter totter (seesaw), and weave poles (single set with 6 poles).
- G-702-50 Level 5 – 15-20 obstacles / 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), 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), broad jump, dump jump, triple bar jump, swing bridge, 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.

Rally Classes

Rally will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines (4H 421). Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines to determine class entry for each level of competition.

G-703-10 Beginning Rally – dog is on leash and there are 5 to 10 stations

G-703-20 Rally 1 – dog is on leash and there are 10 to 15 stations

G-703-30 Rally 2 – dog is off leash and there are 12-17 stations

G-703-40 Rally 3 – dog is off leash and there are 15 to 20 stations

Care and Grooming

G-701-901 Care & Grooming – internal and external care of animal will be judged on the following criteria: Nose, Eyes, Ears, Mouth, Teeth, Feet, Nails, Legs, Skin, Hair Coat, Trimming, Nutritional Health, Temperament of the dog and three to four health care questions to be answered by the 4-Her and the appearance and attitude of the 4-H member.
Each of these items will receive a score of 1-5 points. Top exhibitor will be the one with the most points. Limit one dog entry per exhibitor.

Equipment Division

All constructed items, care and show kits, and essays must be ENTERED on Thursday before the show begins. Each exhibitor is responsible to present the exhibit during the show at the designated time. Need at least five exhibitors before rosette is awarded.

G-701-902 Construction – suggested items include doghouse, whelping box, beds, etc. Items of cardboard will not be accepted. Copy of construction plan used must be attached to item.

G-701-903 Care and Showing Kits – suggested items include health kits, grooming kits, show kits, etc.

G-701-904 Essay – Care of dog, grooming of dog, immunizations, breed of dog, training dog.