

DEPARTMENT G - DOG

Exhibitor 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.

Experienced handlers are those showing for the second year or more at any dog show, including AKC, fun matches, etc. Handlers and beginning dogs may show **ONLY** one year in Class 10. The following year, they **MUST** advance to Class 20 or higher. A youth will move up to a 'transition year', after they receive 2 purples in a specific class at county or state level competition. Youth will finish their 4-H year at the same level if the second purple ribbon occurs in the middle of their 4-H year. Youth do **NOT** have to move up in the middle of a 4-H year. Youth will then have the option to stay in their current class for one additional year (after receiving 2 purple ribbons) called the 'transition year'. During the transition year, youth will practice the more advanced class (gaining skills such as off leash work) but may compete in their same level. Youth may advance up to the next level more quickly with advice/assistance from a leader and parent to help evaluate skill and readiness of youth and dog. This may especially occur if the youth has had previous dog handling experiences.

"CD" Degree **MUST** show in graduate novice or higher. "CDX" or "UD" degree **MUST** show in utility. There is **NO** limit on the number of years a dog may be shown in the Utility Class. Purple ribbon exhibitors in showmanship move to the next class the following year. Baiting with food or a toy is **NOT** permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys. The judge has the authority to disqualify violators.

All dogs MUST be immunized with Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo, and Rabies. Bring a photocopy of the current rabies vaccination certificate for each dog to the show. Females in season will **NOT** be permitted to show. 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 superintendent that it is affecting the health of the dog. Dog **MUST** be 6 months or older. Dogs may be substituted if it is injured or dies following the entry deadline. A substitute can be selected from the exhibitor's household family or from the household where the originally entered dog resides. Dog(s) may be substituted only if a superintendent is directly consulted prior to the show date.

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 one ribbon placing. Dogs soiling anywhere on the show grounds with **NO** pick-up will be disqualified from all entered classes on that show day regardless of the person who is holding the dog leash.

Showmanship will be judged on handler's appearance "10%", grooming and conditioning "20%", coordination of the dog and handler "50%", and general knowledge "20%". **4-H exhibitors MUST wear official county 4-H T-shirt.** A show lead **MUST** be used in all showmanship classes.

SHOWMANSHIP - DIVISION 700

Class

- 901. **Beginning Showmanship** - Handler is in the first year of county or state 4-H experience, or any other dog show experience.
- 902. **Intermediate Showmanship** - Handler beyond first year's experience.
- 903. **Advance Showmanship** - Exhibitors who have previously won a purple ribbon in Intermediate Showmanship.

OBEDIENCE - DIVISION 701

Beginning Novice and Sub-Novice - All exercises **MUST** be performed on a six-foot (6) long leash. Dogs **MUST** heel including figure 8; stand for examination; come on recall; 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.

Class

- *10. **Beginning Novice** - Handler and the dog being shown are both in their first year of competition.
- *20. **Sub-Novice** - Handler or dog is beyond first year of competition.
- *30. **Novice** - Dogs **MUST** heel on leash including figure 8; stand for examination off leash, heel free; come on recall off leash, long sit for one minute off leash and long down for three minutes off leash.
- *40. **Graduate 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.
- *45. **Advanced 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.
- *50. **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. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420 for jump heights/distances.
- *55. **Graduate Open** - Signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, go out, and directed jumping.
- *60. **Utility** - 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. Exhibitors **MUST** supply their own scent articles and gloves for the directed retrieve.

AGILITY CHALLENGE - DIVISION 702

Class

- 901. **Beginners** - The dogs will be on a leash for safety purposes. Including a table at 12" for all dogs to be performed in the down position for five cumulative seconds), Pipe Tunnel, and Six Obstacles. The standard course time shall be 60 seconds.
- 902. **Intermediate** - The dogs will be on a leash for safety purposes. For handler's beyond first year's experience. The course will include all of the obstacles from the beginners' division as well as the tunnel, dog walk, weave poles, and "A-frame".
- 903. **Advanced** - Will perform all of the obstacles listed in the intermediate division but will be done off leash. Exhibitors must have received a purple ribbon in the intermediate division in order to move on to the advanced division.