

Animal Science/ Livestock

Entry must be a purple ribbon to earn awards and rosettes. **Grand and Reserve Champion premiums for cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and poultry are \$12 and \$10 (total), respectively.** All exhibitors of beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry and rabbits must be Quality Assurance certified by July 10th. Beef, sheep, swine and goats must have an animal ID filed in the Extension Office by June 15 of the current year.

Showmanship: Open to all 4-H'ers. Your participation is encouraged. Remember, promptness in the show ring is a part of the contest. The contest will start promptly at designated time. Personal grooming of the exhibitor, 4-H insignia, fitting and training of the animals, show ring courtesies, as well as skill of the showman will be considered in the Showmanship Contest judging.

Showmanship Age divisions: Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18) years of age by January 1 of the current year. Grand and Reserve Champion premiums for showmanship in cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and poultry are \$12 and \$10 (total), respectively.

Note: 1) Animals cannot be shown by more than one person in showmanship, and this includes FFA showmanship classes as well as other 4-H showmanship classes; 2) Animal must be stalled at the fair if that species is normally stalled at fair; 3) Animal must be on the 4-H member's ID sheet who is showing it; 4) If an animal is only entered in a showmanship class, it counts towards the exhibitor's limit on # of animals.

A party making an entry of registered stock of any kind shall furnish the department Superintendent, when called for, authentic certified copy of pedigree of such stock. Failure to do so will render the exhibit ineligible. The superintendent may move it to a commercial class if available.

Substitute Showman: An animal must be shown by the 4-H owner who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Division Superintendent because of illness, disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg) or conflict with other livestock classes in the 4-H show.

Uniform: 4-H exhibitors showing beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goats, dogs, rabbits, poultry, cats and companion animals are required to wear the official County Fair 4-H t-shirt, jeans and closed-toed, hard-soled shoes. Hair must be pulled back. No hats or caps.

Grooming: The preparation and grooming of an animal should be the primary responsibility of the exhibitor; however, assistance may be provided by other youth exhibitors and/or immediate family members.

Beef classes including Showmanship, Market Beef and Breeding Beef will be Blow and Go. *Guidelines for the Blow and Go show include:*

1. Beef animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products.
2. Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through or alter the color of the animal are forbidden. These products include but are not limited to commonly used adhesives and colorants such as Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Ultra White Touch-Up, Black Touch-Up, Black Finisher and black show foam.
3. Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water- or alcohol-based products with no adhesive or glue qualities or artificial colorings are permitted. These products include conditioners and commonly used sprays such as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom and white show foam. Paint will be allowed on the hooves and dewclaws only.

Ultimately...

*Exhibitors can still clip, wash, and blow their animals

*Only oil or water-based products can be applied

*No adhesives or paints

Pigs must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oil, powder or any other coat dressing compounds. Water is permitted.

Entry: Pre-entry is required. Late entries may not have pen space. Club members are not eligible to show one entry in both 4-H and open class. They may show separate entries in both divisions.

Generators: Generators are only allowed south of the road, south of the beef barn on beef show day.

Chutes: Please be considerate of the space allotment for chutes along barns. The recommendation is one chute per family to ensure that all those wanting to set up chutes have an equal opportunity at space.

Herdsmanship

All livestock exhibitors are automatically entered into herdsman'ship, as livestock exhibitors are expected to keep their pens and exhibit area clean, neat, and as attractive as possible. The entire area in the case of club exhibits must also be clean and presented in an attractive manner to the spectators and public at all times.

- A. **HERDSMANSHIP RESPONSIBILITY** - Herdsman'ship duties are the responsibility of the 4-H members, not leaders, advisors, or parents. All exhibitors will be assigned stalls to their club's area prior to clean-up, which makes pre-entry for the fair a must! Exhibitors will need to help with pre and post fair cleanup.

- B. WHEN HERDSMANSHIP BEGINS AND STOPS** - Herdsmanship begins at the time a division of livestock is to be in place and ends when the exhibits are released at the end of the fair.
- C. CLUB RESPONSIBILITY** - It is the 4-H member's responsibility to assist his or her club members to maintain a clean and presentable space for the public. The 4-H members shall show proper courtesy and conduct at all times.
- D. RELEASE OF EXHIBITS** - The superintendent of each area, along with the 4-H Educator, reserves the right to release 4-H exhibits that are not properly cared for or have not followed herdsmanship rules.
- E. JUDGING DIVISIONS** - Each livestock division: beef, sheep, dairy, goats, swine, horse, rabbit and poultry will be judged separately. Awards will be given to Clubs and Independents (families). A committee will be assembled to judge each division. Herdsmanship may be checked twice daily for the duration of the fair, except the day of the show, that species will only be judged once (ex: swine herdsmanship will not be judged the morning of the swine show).
- F. DISPLAY OF ANIMALS** - All animals should be in their stalls or pens between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. except for weighing in, washing, showing and exercise periods.
- G. CLEANING STALLS AND PENS** - All stalls and pens should be thoroughly cleaned before 8:00 a.m. Manure and wet bedding should be collected on a need basis throughout the day.
- H. RESULTS** - Ratings will be made on club or independent basis. Results will be announced in the newsletter.
- I. BASIS OF RATING HERDSMANSHIP** - All pens need to be cleaned immediately after the livestock is removed on Sunday afternoon. Uncleaned stalls after exhibits have been removed will disqualify clubs/individuals from winning herdsmanship premium or recognition. This will be determined by the respective superintendent.
Herdsmanship judges will use the following scoring guide in judging club exhibits for herdsmanship.

Categories

- 1. Cleanliness of alleys and stalls or pens.....5 points

Criteria:

- A. Bedding adequate, reasonably clean and kept in place.
- B. Feed boxes/pans in front of animals only at feeding time.
- C. Manure hauled out/trays emptied and deposited in proper places.
- D. Alleys are to be free from obstructions and clutter, clean, debris free, inviting and accessible to all fair participants.

- 2. Arrangement of Exhibit.....4 points

Criteria:

- A. Exhibits lined up in an attractive manner.
- B. Tack and feed clean and neatly arranged (Show boxes, fans, etc.)
- C. Tie outs (beef) orderly, neatly maintained and cleaned.
- D. Clipping chutes/sheep stands properly positioned.
- E. Signs identifying stalls, exhibits and exhibitors clearly in place and readable from the alley (Club signs should be appropriate for the exhibit).
- F. Stall cards must be neatly arranged, clean, and complete.
- G. Championship signs are displayed in a timely manner.

- 3. Appearance of animals.....3 points

Criteria:

- A. Animals clean with grooming apparent.
- B. Animals in stalls or pens at all times, except for weighing, showing and washing.
- C. Animals securely tied or penned.

12 points possible

The highest scoring club/chapter for overall herdsmanship for all species will receive \$50 for club champion, second highest scoring club \$25 for reserve champion, and the highest scoring Independent 4-H exhibitor will receive \$10. Payments will be given to the club leader to be deposited into the club account. An average will be taken over all species to determine the scores by taking points each club has and dividing it by numbers of stalls/pens per species.

Elite Showmanship Contest

Superintendent: Emily Soll and livestock superintendents

Elite Showmanship

Elite Showmanship Contest Top senior showman from beef, sheep, swine and meat goat will compete against each other showing each animal and take a written test for knowledge. If a 4-H member qualifies in more than one species, they will choose which species they are going to represent, and the other species will be represented by the reserve senior showman. In the event of a tie, additional questions or an additional species may be added.

First place award will be given by the 4 Star Hamilton Heroes 4-H Club.

Livestock Judging Contest
Superintendent: Joel Miller and livestock superintendents

		PREMIUM	Purple	Blue	Red	White
G500-901	Livestock Judging, Senior (4-H ages 14-18)		\$4.00	\$3.75	\$3.00	\$2.25
G500-902	Livestock Judging, Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13)					
G500-903	Livestock Judging, Junior (4-H ages 8-10)					

Champion & Reserve Champion will be awarded in each Judging class.

BEEF DIVISION
Superintendent: Grant Johnson



4-H members can compete for premium in 5 classes plus showmanship. Other classes will be for ribbon and/or awards.

Beef Show will be "Blow & GO": Preparation and grooming of an animal should be the primary responsibility of the exhibitor; however, assistance may be provided by other youth exhibitors and/or immediate family members.

Beef Shows including Showmanship, Market Beef and Breeding Beef will be Blow and Go; animals may be clipped, blown and brushed or combed to enhance their appearance. Guidelines for the Blow and Go show:

1. Beef animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products.
2. Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through or alter the color of the animal are forbidden. These products include but are not limited to commonly used adhesives and colorants such as Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Ultra White Touch-Up, Black Touch-Up, Black Finisher and black show foam.
3. Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water- or alcohol-based products with no adhesive or glue qualities or artificial colorings are permitted. These products include conditioners and commonly used sprays such as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom and white show foam. Paint will be allowed on the hooves and dewclaws only.

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*Exhibitors can still clip, wash, and blow their animals

*Only oil or water-based products can be applied

*No adhesives or paints

State Fair Ruling for Market Beef - "A market beef animal may have the two center temporary incisor teeth replaced by permanent incisors. The remaining six temporary incisors must be in place and there may be no evidence of eruption of any permanent incisors other than the centers."

PREMIUMS	Purple	Blue	Red	White
	\$9.00	\$7.50	\$4.50	\$3.00

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

G610-001	Showmanship Junior (4-H ages 8-10)
G610-002	Showmanship Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13)
G610-003	Showmanship Senior (4-H ages 14-18)

Champion & Reserve Champion Showmanship will be awarded in G610-1, 2, & 3

MARKET BEEF

Any Market Beef animal weighing in UNDER 900 pounds will be put into a Pre-Market class, will not be eligible for a purple ribbon, and will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Market Beef.

G611-010	Market Beef Steer*
G611-020	Hamilton County Raised Steer* (must have weighed in on Feb. 11, 2024)
G611-050	Market Beef Heifer

***The same animal cannot be entered in both classes**

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded in G611-010, 020 & 050.

G611-901 **Rate of Gain Steer** (must have weighed in on Feb. 11, 2024, and be shown for a 4-H market class at the county fair)

G611-902 **Rate of Gain Heifer** (must have weighed in on Feb. 11, 2024, and be shown for a 4-H market class at the county fair)

1st and 2nd place will be awarded in both G611-901 & 902.

G611-006 **Pen of Three**

Individual excellence of animals will be considered. Uniformity of the group will also be considered. Grooming of the animals for competition is permitted but not required. The 3 animals can be any 3 from one family's I.D. sheet.

Champion & Reserve Champion will be awarded in G611-006

G611-007 Club Pen of 3 Beef Animals

Limited to three entries per club. Three animals from one club owned by not less than two club members. Individual excellence of animals will be considered. Uniformity of the group will also be considered. Exhibitors may consist of three club members. Club Pen of 3 cannot be the same 3 animals that were entered for Individual Club Pen of 3.

FEEDER CALVES

The purpose of this division is to provide 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H beef breeding project producing feeder calves an opportunity to exhibit the product of their project. (Not eligible for auction)

1. To qualify in this division each calf (heifer or steer) entered must have a certified birth date. The sire and dam need not be registered.

2. Calves to be exhibited in this division must be identified and recorded with the local County Extension office on or before June 15.

G607-901 Steers/Bulls – born Oct.1-Dec. 31, 2023 (Not eligible for State Fair)

G607-002 Steers/Bulls – January 1, 2024, through April 2024 (Bulls not eligible for State Fair)

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion chosen between G607-901 & G608-902.

G607-903 Heifers – born Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2023 (Not eligible for State Fair)

G607-004 Heifers –January 1, 2024, through April 2024

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion chosen between G607-903 & G607-904.

BUCKET CALF

Any newborn or orphan calf (steer, bull, or heifer) must be born between January 1, 2024, and April 30, 2024.

G609-901 Bucket Calves - feeder calves not raised on a cow. Includes interview judging (in the show ring), showing, and record book.

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion chosen from G609-901.

G609-911 2nd Year Bucket Calves – Calf was tagged and on the 4-H member's Beef ID sheet the previous year as a bucket calf. Must be a steer or heifer and will be shown together. Judging based on the quality of the animal, body condition score, record book, and if the animal is being raised/fed for its intended purpose (breeding vs. market).

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion chosen from G609-911.

BREEDING HEIFER

**G606-010 Registered Female
Commercial Female**

G606-020 Commercial Female Yearling Heifers - Calved Jan. and Feb. of previous year

G606-021 Commercial Female Yearling Heifers - Calved March and Apr. of previous year

G606-022 Commercial Female Yearling Heifers - Calved May and June of previous year

G606-023 Commercial Female Yearling Heifers - Calved July and Aug. of previous year

G606-024 Commercial Female Heifer Calves - Calved Sept. and Oct. of previous year

G606-025 Commercial Female Heifer Calves - Calved Nov. and Dec. of previous year

Any female raised for breeding purposes and not shown in market heifer classes, and properly recorded on 4-H records, may be shown in this division. Classes will be rearranged for the breeds and age groups as the show warrants.

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion are chosen between G606-010 & G606-020.

COW/CALF

The Calf must be shown in the Feeder calves show in order to be entered as a Cow/Calf pair. Judging is on the cow/calf as a pair. Must be clean and groomed, clipping not required. Bull calves are allowed in this class. Prefer cow and calf to be tied. Cow and calf must be biologically related.

G608-030 Cow/Calf

Champion & Reserve chosen in G608-30.

GOAT DIVISION

Superintendents: Jared Sullivan & Trevor Sullivan

PREMIUMS	Purple	Blue	Red	White
	\$9.00	\$7.50	\$4.50	\$3.00

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

- G650-001** Showmanship Junior (4-H ages 8-10)
G650-002 Showmanship Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13)
G650-003 Showmanship Senior (4-H ages 14-18)

Champion & Reserve Champion Showmanship will be awarded in G650-1, 2, & 3



MEAT GOATS

General information: The objective of the 4-H meat goat project is to provide youth with life skills of being responsible, making decisions, planning, organizing and working with others. Most of all, the project member will learn about raising and feeding meat goats. The meat goat project is designed for animals showing meat qualities such as the goats with the Boer influence.

NO hair, dairy or miniature goats will be included in the project.

Meat goat exhibitors must follow all the other County Fair livestock project rules.

- Goats will be weighed on entry day and should be a minimum of 45 lbs. will be put into a Pre-Market class, will not be eligible for a purple ribbon, and will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Market Goat.
- After weighing, goats will be divided into weight classes depending on the number of entries and at the superintendent's discretion.
- Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 5 head, with maximum 3 market or 3 breeding.
- All goats must be carrying all milk teeth at the time of check-in.
- All goats must be dehorned or have horns tipped.
- Other wether and female kids may be shown – no billies.

G650-004 **Market Meat Goats, Wethers & Nannies** Any Market Goat animal weighing in UNDER 45 pounds will be put into a Pre-Market class, will not be eligible for a purple ribbon, and will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Market Goat.

G650-005 **Breeding Meat Spring Born Nannies**

G650-006 **Breeding Meat Fall Born Nannies**

G650-007 **Breeding Meat Yearling Nannies**

G650-008 **Exhibitor group of two Market goats**

G650-009 **Hamilton County Raised Meat Goat** (must be weighed in on May 23, 2024)

G650-010 **Rate of Gain Meat Goat** (Goats must be weighed in on May 23, 2024, and be shown in a market class at fair)

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded for Market Meat Goat in G650-004 & G650-009

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded for Breeding Meat Goat G650-005 to 007

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded for Rate of Gain from G650-010

DAIRY GOATS

Milk Out - Goats to be milked within 16 hours of the show

4-H'ers can compete for a premium in 5 classes plus showmanship. Other classes will be for ribbons and/or Awards.

G650-011 **Goat** (under 5 months)

G650-012 **Goat** (5 to 8 months)

G650-013 **Goat** (8 months to 1 year)

G650-004 **Goat** (1 to 2 years -non-Milking Doe)

G650-015 **Goat** (under 2 years -Milking Doe)

G650-016 **2 and 3 years** (Milking Doe)

G650-017 **4 years and over** (Milking Doe)

G650-018 **Mother-Daughter**

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Dairy Goat will be awarded in G650-011 to 017

SHEEP DIVISION

Superintendents: Jarod Sullivan & Trevor Sullivan



Sheep shown must be owned by the club member & be part of the 4-H Sheep project. No cash awards will be made for sheep not fitted for the show ring. A 4-H'er can enter up to 5 sheep with a maximum of 3 market or 3 breeding.

4-H'ers can compete for premiums in 5 classes plus showmanship. Other classes will be for ribbons and/or Awards. Exhibitors may show 3 individual market sheep and a pen-of-three.

PREMIUMS

Purple	Blue	Red	White
\$9.00	\$7.50	\$4.50	\$3.00

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

- G630-001** Showmanship Junior (4-H ages 8-10)
- G630-002** Showmanship Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13)
- G630-003** Showmanship Senior (4-H ages 14-18)

Champion & Reserve Champion Showmanship will be awarded in G630-1, 2, & 3 (Lambs Shown in Breeding Classes Not Eligible in Market Lamb Classes)

MARKET LAMB

Any Market Lamb weighing in UNDER 100 pounds will be put into a Feeder lamb class, will not be eligible for a purple ribbon, and will not be eligible for overall Market Sheep.

- G631-010** Market Lamb (classed by weight)
- G631-903** Hamilton County Raised Market Lamb (must be weighed in on May 23, 2024)
- G631-901** Rate of Gain Market Wether (Lambs must be weighed in on May 23, 2024, and be shown in a market class at fair)
- G631-902** Rate of Gain Market Ewe (Lambs must be weighed in on May 23, 2024, and be shown in a market class at fair)
- G631-003** Pen-of-Three Market Sheep Only 1 Pen per member.

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded in G631-010 and G631-903. 1st Place and 2nd Place will be awarded in classes G631-901 to G631-902. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded in G631-903.

BREEDING LAMB

(Submit papers to Superintendent)
Purebreds

Breeding lambs under 1 year of age that are eligible for registration are eligible to show in these classes providing registration papers are made available to the superintendent for the Sire and Dam.

- G632-001** Ewe
Ewes dropped January 1 of current year or after are classed as lambs. For the Dorset breed, this date is September 1 of previous year. All other ewes dropped during previous year are classed as yearling ewes.

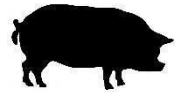
- G632-002** Ewe (over 1 year)

Grades – commercial – no papers

- G632-003** Ewe (over 1 year)
- G632-030** Ewe Lamb (under 1 year)

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded in G632-001, 2, 3 & 30.

SWINE DIVISION
Superintendent: Duane Danielson



A 4-H'er will be allowed up to four market swine and four breeding swine at the county fair.

PREMIUMS	Purple	Blue	Red	White
	\$9.00	\$7.50	\$4.50	\$3.00

MARKET SWINE

Hogs should weigh between 210 and 300 pounds. There will be no re-weighs. Any Market Swine animal weighing in UNDER 210 pounds will be put into a Pre-Market class, will not be eligible for a purple ribbon, and will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Market Hog.

- G635-001** Showmanship Junior (4-H ages 8-10)
- G635-002** Showmanship Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13)
- G635-003** Showmanship Senior (4-H ages 14-18)

Champion & Reserve Champion Showmanship will be awarded in G635-1, 2, & 3

- G635-010** Market Gilt
- G635-020** Market Barrow

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded in both G635-010 & 020.

- G635-030** Pen-of-Four Market Swine – One entry only, per member

Champion and Reserve awarded in G635-030.

BREEDING SWINE

All breeding gilts have to be farrowed from December 1 of the previous year to May 31 of the current year.

G635-040 Commercial Gilt

G635-050 Registered Gilt To be eligible to show a purebred have a copy of registration papers due by pre-fair entry on July 10. Classes will be broken down into breeds if at least three of the same breed are available to have a specific breed.

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded between G635-040 and 050.

POULTRY DIVISION

Superintendent: Marcia Traudt

Assistant Superintendent: Troy Holloway

PREMIUMS	Purple	Blue	Red	White
		\$9.00	\$7.50	\$4.50

\$3.00

Limit of 5 entries (pen of 3 counts as 1 entry) plus showmanship

Poultry

G670-001 Showmanship Junior (4-H ages 8-10)

G670-002 Showmanship Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13)

G670-003 Showmanship Senior (4-H ages 14-18)

Champion & Reserve Champion Showmanship will be awarded in G670-1, 2, & 3



Standard

G670-004 Cockerel

G670-005 Pullet

G670-006 Cock

G670-007 Hen

G670-008 Hen & Rooster Pair

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded between G670-004 to G670-008.

Bantams

G670-009 Cockerel

G670-010 Pullet

G670-011 Cock

G670-012 Hen

G670-013 Hen & Rooster Pair

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded between G670-009 to G670-013.

Broilers

G670-014 Pen of Three Broilers (limit 1 pen)

(must be purchased from the Extension Office)

Champion & Reserve Champion will be awarded in G670-014.

Other

G670-015 Pen of Three Egg Production (same breed)

Champion & Reserve Champion will be awarded in G670-015.

Waterfowl

G670-016 Duck

G670-017 Goose

G670-018 Turkey

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded between G670-016 to G670-018

RABBIT DIVISION

Superintendent: Marcia Traudt

Assistant Superintendent: Troy Holloway

PREMIUMS	Purple	Blue	Red	White
	\$9.00	\$7.50	\$4.50	\$3.00

Limit of 5 rabbits per member



RABBITS

Refer to Nebraska Extension showmanship videos for the correct way to show rabbits.

Showmanship (maximum length of showmanship is 4 minutes.)

G680-001 Showmanship Junior (4-H ages 8-10)

G680-002 Showmanship Intermediate (4-H ages 11-13)

G680-003 Showmanship Senior (4-H ages 14-18)

Champion & Reserve Champion Showmanship will be awarded in Class G680-1, 2, & 3

G680-004 Junior Buck (under 8 months)

G680-005 Junior Doe (under 8 months)

G680-006 Senior Buck (over 8 months)

G680-007 Senior Doe (over 8 months)

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded for the top bucks (Class G680-004 & G680-006) & the top does (Class G680-005 & G680-007).

COMPANION ANIMAL DIVISION **Superintendent: Deana VanDeWalle**



All companion animals must be owned by the exhibitor by June 1, 2023. Exhibitors are required to be present during the judging of their exhibit. Score is based on presentation, handling of animals and exhibitor knowledge. Animals eligible for the show - This lot cannot duplicate animals that are exhibited in other lots. Therefore, no dogs, rabbits or poultry will be permitted in this show. Health requirements - animals shall be free of fleas, ticks, mites, lice, or other parasites. Animals shall be free of contagious diseases. Any animal showing signs of parasites or disease will not be judged. Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies. Not more than one entry per category by any exhibitor.

PREMIUMS	Purple	Blue	Red	White
	\$7.00	\$5.50	\$4.00	\$3.00

COMPANION ANIMALS

G713-001 Showmanship Junior (8-10)

G713-002 Showmanship Intermediate (11-13)

G713-003 Showmanship Senior (14-18)

Champion & Reserve Champion Showmanship will be awarded in G713-001, 002, & 003

G713-004 Mammals (ex. Hamsters, Gerbils, Guinea Pigs, Ferret, Chinchilla, Mouse, Rat, Hedgehog, not available as in individual project)

G713-901 Fish, Reptiles, & Amphibians

G713-902 Birds

G713-903 Other Pets (pre-approved by extension staff such as arachnids)

Champion & Reserve Champion will be awarded between G713-004, G713-901-903.

CAT DIVISION **Superintendent: Deana VanDeWalle**



All cats must be owned by the exhibitor by June 1, 2023. Refer to 4-H Cat/Small Animal Show Guidelines (4H341). ALL CATS MUST BE SHOWN ON A LEASH and must be on a leash at any time they are removed from the carrier/cage. HEALTH RULE - Health: If a cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. All animals should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasite and infectious disease. If any signs of external parasites or other contagious health conditions are present, exhibitors will be asked to leave without being allowed into the show area. If an animal shows the possibility of being contagious, it is considered a danger to other animals and will not be allowed to show. Animals that pose a danger to others will not be allowed in the building. Vaccinations: Cats are required to be current on rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus vaccinations. Cats must have a current feline leukemia vaccination OR proof of a negative test within 180 days of the show. Proof of vaccination must be submitted to the Extension Office by June 15. Participants must have their veterinarian fill out and sign the "Nebraska State Fair Cat/Ferret Vaccination Record Form". 4-H'ers vaccinating their own cats must provide proof by including a statement from their vet on the Vaccination Record or include the vaccination labels on the form and have it signed by a parent. The rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given ONLY by a Certified Veterinarian. The vaccination must be current and include a veterinarian signature on the Vaccination Record.

Age divisions are: Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18) years of age by January 1 of the current year. Limit 2 cats per member

PREMIUMS	Purple	Blue	Red	White
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\$7.00 \$5.50 \$4.00 \$3.00

CAT

G690-001 Showmanship Junior

G690-002 Showmanship Intermediate

G690-003 Showmanship Senior

Champion & Reserve Champion Showmanship will be awarded in Class 1, 2, & 3

G690-020 Cat, Long Hair

G690-030 Cat, Short Hair

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand will be awarded between G690-020 & G690-030

DOG DIVISION

Superintendent: Deana VanDeWalle

Assistant Superintendent: Allison Crist



1. **DOG ELIGIBILITY** - Exhibitor should provide primary training for the dog. The dog should be cared for by the exhibitor the majority of the year by the exhibitor. 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.
2. **VACCINATION** -- All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies. The Nebraska must be filled out and signed by a veterinarian and returned as part of the Advanced Entry. The Nebraska State Fair Show Vaccination Record Form (SF 263) must document all vaccinations within 1 year or 3 years depending on the vaccine given. All required vaccinations must be 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. Explanation: Some vaccinations are viable for one year and some vaccinations are viable for three years but are specifically designed and administered according to their label. It is not acceptable nor allowed to vaccinate a dog with a 1-year vaccine and plan to have it in effect for 3 years. The SF263 Dog Vaccination Certification form must be submitted for each dog according to the entry guideline due date or will not be allowed to show.
3. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** - Youth may enter one showmanship class, two agility classes (using different dogs and in different level of classes) and two obedience classes (using different dogs and in different level of classes).
4. **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. Lameness 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.
5. All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, except when appropriate during a show.
6. **ADVANCEMENT IN OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY CLASSES** – Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 421. 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.
7. **ADVANCEMENT IN SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES** – classes are divided into age divisions: Junior 8-9 (County Only), Intermediate 10-13, Senior 14–18. All 4-H dog exhibitors must show their own animals to be considered as participants in the Showmanship Contest. Showman will be allowed to compete in a division each year based on their age or until they win that particular age group. At state, winners must advance to the next age group, therefore at the state fair winners of the Senior division will be ineligible in future dog showmanship contests.
8. **AGE OF DOG** – A dog that is exhibited must be 6 months or older. Agility dogs must be 18 months or older to participate in competition at both county and state.
9. **BAITING** – Baiting with food or a toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys in showmanship. The judge or superintendent has the authority to disqualify violators.

PREMIUMS

Purple	Blue	Red	White
\$ 9.00	\$7.50	\$4.50	\$3.00

DOG SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Each class will be judged on the handler's appearance (10%), grooming and conditioning of the dog (20%), coordination of the dog and handler (50%), and general knowledge (20%).

G700-901 Junior Showmanship – Ages 8-9 year olds

G700-020 Intermediate Showmanship – Ages 10-13 year olds

G700-030 Senior Showmanship – Ages 14-18 year olds

Champion & Reserve Champion Showmanship will be awarded in each class.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

BEGINNING NOVICE All exercises must be performed on a 6-foot leash. Dogs must heel including figure 8; stand for examination; come on recall; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes. During the sit and down exercise, the leash must be held by the handler.

G701-010 BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION A Exhibitor and dog are in first year of competition (started Dog Project after 10/1/2022). Exhibitors incorrectly entered will be moved to Beginning Novice Division B or C.

G701-020 BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION B Exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition.

G701-025 BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION C Exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of competition.

NOVICE CLASSES

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 with handler across the ring.

G701-030 NOVICE A Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and are in first year of Novice Class competition (started after 10/1/2022).

G701-035 NOVICE B – exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of Novice Class competition.

GRADUATE NOVICE

Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off lead, heel free including figure 8; drop on recall off leash; long sit off leash for 3 minutes with handler out of sight and long down off leash for 5 minutes with handler in sight.

G701-040 GRADUATE NOVICE Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice.

ADVANCED GRADUATE NOVICE

Dogs must heel on leash and figure 8 (off leash), drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, and long down.

G701-045 ADVANCED GRADUATE NOVICE Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Novice.

OPEN

All exercises off leash. Dogs must: heel free and figure 8; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; long sit for 3 minutes and long down for 5 minutes, both with handler out of sight. For more information, refer to the Jump Heights section in this guidebook. Youth are to be responsible for talking with the show office to see if the necessary equipment must be provided by the youth or will be provided by the show office.

G701-050 OPEN Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Adv. Graduate Novice.

GRADUATE OPEN

Graduate Open includes signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving standard examination, go out, and directed jumping. Youth are to be responsible for talking with the show office to see if the necessary equipment must be provided by the youth or will be provided by the show office. Necessary equipment includes high jump, broad jump, and dumbbell (dumbbell must always be brought by the exhibitor).

G701-055 GRADUATE OPEN Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open.

UTILITY

All exercises must be off leash. The dogs will perform five exercises; the signal exercise; the scent discrimination exercise with leather and metal objects; the directed retrieve; moving stand and examination' and directed jumping. Exhibitors must supply their own scent articles and gloves for the directed retrieve. Youth are to be responsible for talking with the show office to see if the necessary equipment must be provided by the youth or will be provided by the show office. Necessary equipment includes high jump, broad jump, and dumbbell (dumbbell must always be brought by the exhibitor).

G701-060 UTILITY Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Open.

DOG AGILITY CLASSES

Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show guidelines 4-H 420 to determine class entry. 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. **Wither 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 is mandatory and duplicate obstacles may be added to make up quantities of obstacles in each level. Obstacle equipment needing repair or deemed unsafe by a 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.

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 11 to 14 inches – 8 inches

Dogs 14 to 18 inches – 12 inches

Dogs over 18 inches – 16 inches

G702-010 Level 1 6 obstacles – 3 bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, and tunnel (open)

G702-020 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).

G702-030 Level 3 10 obstacles – same obstacles as Level 2 but dogs run off leash for Level 3

G702-040 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).

G702-050 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 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 the show site. Course layout may include more advanced handling techniques.

Champion and Reserve will be awarded for Overall Dog in each age division, for those dogs participating in obedience and agility. (as determined by which showmanship class the exhibitor showed the dog in).