

# DOG

This is a Multi-County Event usually held late July. This show is hosted by Otoe County.

## DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 700-702 - DOG DIVISION

Division 700 Classes 10 - 30

Division 701 Classes 10 - 60

Division 702 Classes 10 - 50

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### DOG SHOW RULES

- A. **See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**
- B. **PROCEDURE**-Those procedures described in "Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines" 4-H 420. 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 showgrounds 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.
- C. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** - Youth may enter one showmanship class, two agility classes (using different dogs and in different level of classes), two obedience classes (using different dogs and in different level of classes) and two rally classes (using different dogs and in different level of classes). For County Show - A dog may re-enter the ring with a different (family member) handler in the showmanship class.
- D. **IDENTIFICATION** - Exhibitors must identify their dogs with a photograph and attach to an Identification form from the Extension Office due by closing on **June 15**. **Additionally, records of dogs' immunizations** must be turned into the Extension Office **by June 15** or animals will not be allowed to show.
- E. **PRE-ENTRY** - Dog entries, including showmanship, to be eligible to exhibit at the Dog Show must be pre-entered on a Otoe County Entry Sheet due in the Extension Office by closing the date designated by Otoe County.
- F. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** - All dogs must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworms, other parasites and infectious diseases or they will not be permitted to show. All dogs must be vaccinated against: Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo and Rabies. **PROOF OF VACCINATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SHOW OR CLINIC OR THE ANIMAL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW.** The Nebraska State Fair Certificate of Vaccination for Dogs 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 County / State Dog show.
- G. **ADVANCEMENT IN SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES** – All 4-H dog exhibitors must show their own animals to be considered as participants in the Showmanship Contest. **See State Fair Book for advancement at the state level.** Refer to Livestock Showmanship General Rules for more information.
- H. **ADVANCEMENT LEVELS IN OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY CLASSES** - The following definitions and rules apply to advancement in obedience classes: 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.
- I. **AGE OF DOG** - A dog must be 6 months or older. Agility dogs must be 18 months or older to participate in competition.
- J. **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. Lamely 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: B. Procedure for information about disqualification for dog soiling on show grounds.
- 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 fair superintendents. 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.
- L. **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 has the authority to disqualify violators.
- M. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY** - Dogs are not allowed on the floor except while in the show ring or 30 minutes prior to the class for check-in. CLEANUP shall be the EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY. Non-entered dogs and puppies are not allowed in the grooming area or on the arena floor. All dogs must be kept on leash or confined when not being shown.
- N. GROOMING** - Only exhibitors are allowed to groom or work dogs at the show, both in and out of the rings.
- O. REQUIRED DRESS FOR SHOW** – Exhibitors are required to wear a 4-H t-shirt or a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached. Solid blue jeans are required. Absolutely NO SHORTS will be allowed. No headgear is worn in the show ring. Closed toed shoes with a non-slip sole are required. No flip flops or sandals are allowed.

## DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 700 - SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- C)CLASS 10** Junior Showmanship - 8 - 10 year olds  
**SF)CLASS 20** Intermediate Showmanship - 11-13 year olds  
**SF)CLASS 30** Advanced Showmanship - 14-18 year olds

## DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 701 - OBEDIENCE CLASSES

**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 lay on the floor in front of the dog or be held by the handler.

### CLASS NUMBER:

- SF)CLASS 10** **Division A** - Exhibitor and the dog is in their first year of county competition.
- SF)CLASS 20** **Division B** - Exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition.
- SF)CLASS 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; long down for three minutes off leash.
- SF)CLASS 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.
- SF)CLASS 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.
- SF)CLASS 50** **Open** - All exercises off leash. Heel free & 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.
- SF)CLASS 55** **Graduate Open** - signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, go out, and directed jumping.
- SF)CLASS 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.

## DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 702 - 4-H DOG AGILITY

### GENERAL DOG AGILITY RULES

- A. See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**
- B.** All dogs must wear a flat collar. No other collar type is allowed.
- C.** Each dog may be exhibited by only one handler in agility competition.
- D.** More than one dog may be entered per exhibitor.
- E. 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.**
- F. Procedure** -Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H 420. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H 420: <http://go.unl.edu/4h420> to determine class entry. 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 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 and posted at time of show registration in designated area(s). 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).

**CLASS NUMBER:**

- SF)CLASS 10** **Level 1** – 6 obstacles - 3 bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, and tunnel (open).
- SF)CLASS 20** **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).
- SF)CLASS 30** **Level 3** - 10 obstacles - same obstacles as Level 2 but dogs run off leash for Level 3.
- SF)CLASS 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), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump, teeter totter (seesaw), weave poles (single set with 6 poles), and tire jump (hoop jump).
- SF)CLASS 50** **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 show site. Course layout may include more advanced handling techniques.

**DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 703 - 4-H DOG RALLY**

**GENERAL DOG RALLY RULES:**

- A.** Rally obedience is a dog sport based on obedience. Many of the Rally exercises are the same as, or have the same parts (elements) of traditional obedience.
- B.** Rally obedience is a dog performance class that uses directional signs that are numbered to indicate the course the handler is 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 below (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.

**CLASS NUMBER:**

- SF)CLASS 10** **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.
- SF)CLASS 11** **Rally 1** - Dog is on leash and there are 10 to 15 stations.
- SF)CLASS 12** **Rally 2** - Dog is off leash and there are 12 to 17 stations.
- SF)CLASS 13** **Rally 3** - Dog is off leash and there are 15 to 20 stations.

**NOTE:** Although every course will have many of the same exercises, the sequence of those exercises in the course design may vary. As the levels go up the difficulty of the exercises goes up as in ordinary obedience. Our rally classes will follow the AKC rules for the same levels. The signs and rules are available online at AKC's website. A difference between rally and regular obedience is that you may talk to your dog as much as you want to guide and instruct him.

**NOTE:** Any exhibitor that does not provide food and water for their animals will not receive their premium money.

**NOTE:** State fair classes may differ from what is above.