

## **Department G - Cats**

**SARAH DAVIS, Nebraska City, Superintendent**

All Exhibitors must turn in an I.D. sheet into the Extension Office by June 15th each year and an entry sheet must be completed by Monday, July 17th, 2017.

Cats will show as part of the Small Animal Show. All animals must be checked in by 10:30 a.m. These animals will be released immediately following the conclusion of the show.

Required Dress For Show: Every 4-H exhibitor must wear jeans and a 4-H T-shirt or a white shirt with the 4-H emblem attached. Absolutely NO SHORTS will be allowed! Any announcements day of show will take precedence over any other rules or regulations.

### **Cat Entries:**

#### **(Pay Category 3)**

All cats must have current immunization for feline distemper and rabies at least 1 month prior to the show. Certificates of immunization MUST BE BROUGHT to the contest or the cat will not be allowed to show. Female cats in season, pregnant or nursing young will not be permitted to show.

### **Division 690**

#### **Cats Classes:**

- G10. Cat, Showmanship
- G20. Cat, Long Hair
- G31. Cat, Short Hair, Female
- G32. Cat, Short Hair, Male
- G40. Kitten, Short-Haired, (4-8 months)
- G50. Kitten, Long-Haired, (4-8 months)
- G60. Cat, Medium-Haired
- G70. Kitten, Medium-Haired, (4-8 months)
- G80. Registered Cat

## **Department G - Dogs**

**EVANGELINE STUCK, DVM, Dunbar, Superintendent**

**JESSICA JONES, Tecumseh, Asst. Superintendent**

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### **(Pay Category 3)**

The Dog Show will be on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. All animals must check in by 8:00 a.m. These animals will be released immediately following the conclusion of the show.

Required Dress For Show: Every 4-H exhibitor must wear jeans and a 4-H t-shirt or a white shirt with the 4-H emblem attached. Absolutely NO SHORTS will be allowed! Closed toe shoes are required.

**AGE OF DOG:** A dog that is exhibited at the County Fair must be 6 months or older. Agility dogs must be

18 months or older to participate in competition. All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies and all vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the show. Certificates must be brought to the contest. Females in season will not be permitted to show. All dogs must be kept on leash or confined when not being shown.

**Substitutions:** A dog 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.

**Advancement in Obedience and Agility Classes:** Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H420: <http://go.unl.edu/4h420>. A youth will move up to a 'transition year', after they receive 2 purples in a specific class at county 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.

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**Showmanship Class Entries:** Will be judged on handler's appearance 10%, grooming 20%, coordination of the dog and handling ability 70%. Special coat trims (such as poodle or terrier) will not count except for being clean and neatly brushed.

#### **Division 700 - Showmanship Classes:**

G10. Junior – ages 8-10

G20. Intermediate – ages 11-13

G30. Senior – ages 14 & over

#### **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:**

**G10. Division A.** Exhibitor and the dog are in their first year of county competition.

**G20. Division B.** Exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition.

**G30. 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.

**G40. 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. **G45. 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.

**G50. 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.

**G55. Graduate Open.** Signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and

examination, go out, and directed jumping.

**G60. 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.

### **Division 702 - Agility Classes:**

#### **RULES:**

A. Procedure -Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H 420: <http://go.unl.edu/4h420>. 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 will 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. 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.)

B. Agility Jump heights - Measure dogs at withers to determine jump height: Dogs 11 inches or less - 4 inches, Dogs over 14 inches up to and including 14 inches - 8 inches, Dogs over 14 inches up to and including 18 inches - 12 inches, and Dogs over 18 inches - 16 inches.

#### **CLASS NUMBER:**

**G10. Level 1 - 6 obstacles** - 3 bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, and tunnel (open).

**G20. 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.

**G30. Level 3 - 10 obstacles** - same obstacles as Level 2 but dogs run off leash for Level 3.

**G40. 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).

**G50. 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), 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. NOTE: Any exhibitor that does not provide feed and water for their animals will not receive their premium money.

### **Division 703 - Rally Classes:**

#### **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:**

**G10. 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.

**G11. Rally 1 - Dog is on leash and there are 10 to 15 stations.**

**G12. Rally 2 - Dog is off leash and there are 12 to 17 stations.**

**G13. 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.

**Department G- Small Animals**

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**Division 760 - Small Animal Classes:**

A boy or girl must be regularly enrolled in the Small Animal Project by May 1 of the current year. All exhibitors must bring their pets to the fairgrounds in proper cages for exhibiting each pet. The 4-H member is also responsible for bringing feed and water for his pet.

An exhibit will consist of one or more animals, reptiles, or birds of the same kind. Judging will be on the total exhibit. A 4-H member may make an entry for each kind of pet carried in this project. Basis of judging exhibits in this division are: cage or container home of the pet - 25%; general knowledge of pet by exhibitor - 50%; healthy condition and general appearance of pets, clean, brushed, combed, etc. - 15%; and sportsmanship of exhibitor - 10%.

CLASS NUMBER:

G901. Hamsters

G902. Guinea Pigs

G903. Gerbils

G904. Rats or Mice

G905. Reptiles (Snake, Lizard, Turtles)

G906. Amphibians (Frogs, Toads, Etc.)

G907. Birds (Parakeets, Parrots, Etc.)

G908. Misc. Novelty Class (must be identified)