



Animal Science Dog

The Scotts Bluff County Fair Dog Show is considered a separate show, as are the District and Nebraska State Fair Dog Shows. This division is intended to give an opportunity to demonstrate the obedience training members have given their dogs. Members must own their dogs and have their dogs enrolled as a regular 4-H project to be able to compete. Dogs must be 6 months or older to participate in Showmanship, Obedience, and Rally. Dogs must be 18 months old or older to participate in the Agility competition. Earlier age can be permitted with your veterinarian's written clearance. Practice may occur earlier (with veterinarian recommendations) with low elements and no excessive jumping. A mature body structure is needed for jumping and higher obstacles for all sizes of dogs. Dogs not owned by enrolled members of the dog project must have the approval of the dog project committee prior to registration but will not be eligible to show at the state level. Any unforeseen circumstances where it should become necessary for a participant to exchange dogs after the deadline date will be able to do so with the stipulation that they are not eligible for Grand or Reserve placing and entered in the appropriate class.

Vaccination Required: All dogs must be immunized and current for distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, and rabies. Vaccinations must be administered according to vaccine label guidelines (effective for 1 or 3 years). Dog owners are encouraged to visit with their veterinarian to determine if other vaccines are recommended for their area or for travel (such as Bordetella). An updated and current vaccination record form noting all vaccinations is required as part of the advanced entry. All vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the show. Vaccination is to be verified with either the original vaccination certificate or a copy of the certificate which must be submitted at the time of registration (July 1) for the Scotts Bluff County Show. If vaccination papers are not turned in by July 1 they will not be allowed to show. All dogs shown by owner/4-Her must have vaccination records in exhibitors' name in order to show at State Fair.

Youth may enter one showmanship class, two agility classes (using different dogs and in different levels of classes), two obedience classes (using different dogs and in different levels of classes), and two rally classes (using different dogs and in different levels of classes).

Multiple exhibitors cannot show the same animal, with the exception of the Clover Kid Group.

Dogs receiving a purple ribbon in an obedience class at a previous County Fair (Scotts Bluff or any other County Fair) must advance to the next obedience class. Dogs with AKC degrees will show as follows: "CD" degree must show in graduate novice or higher. "CDX" or "UD" degree must show utility class. There is no limit on the number of years a dog may be shown in utility class.

A trained dog will stay in its highest attended class. A 'new' handler will enter such class.

Intermediate Showmanship - Purple ribbon winners in intermediate showmanship will move to the advance class the following year.

Advance Showmanship - After winning the championship trophy in the advance class, the exhibitor has one of two options: 1) He/she must advance to the trophy showmanship class, or 2) May enter the advance class the following year but must enter with a different dog.

Other advance showmanship purple ribbon exhibitors may either continue to show in the advance showmanship class the following year or can advance to the trophy class if they so desire.

A dog and handler may repeat Open Class until they have received two (2) purple ribbons.

Any dog who has won "Best in Group" in an AKC show must show in advanced showmanship.

These showmanship rules apply to participants of any previous County Fair. (Scotts Bluff or any other County Fair)

Baiting with food or a toy in any class is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. The judge or judges have authority to disqualify violators.



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Female dogs in season will be shown at a different time and place as determined by the dog project committee.

Dogs known to bite, fight, or show aggressive behavior may be disqualified at the judges' discretion or asked not to show by the decision of the 4-H dog project committee.

Exhibitors' Responsibility: All exhibitors/owners are responsible for the actions of their dogs, including clean up. This includes all areas while on the County Fairgrounds. This rule will be enforced. No dogs will be allowed in the show ring after it has been set up prior to the show.

Dogs must be under the owner's control at all times. Violators will be disqualified. Exhibitors' numbers will be called only twice prior to showing.

Only exhibitors are allowed to work dogs at the show, both in and out of the show rings.

Dress Code: A county issued fair shirt, dark blue jeans, and hard soled shoes are required.

Dog Showmanship Division 700

Showmanship will be judged on the following criteria: the 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 poodles or terriers) will not count except for being clean and neatly brushed.

- Class 1 Beginning Showmanship - Exhibitors are in the first year of county or state 4-H experience, or any other dog show experience.
- Class 2 Intermediate Showmanship - Exhibitors are beyond first years' experience in showmanship or obedience.
- Class 3 Advanced Showmanship - Exhibitors who have previously won a purple ribbon in intermediate showmanship.
- Class 4 Trophy Showmanship - Exhibitors who have previously won Champion or Reserve Champion Trophy in advanced showmanship.

Clover Kid Dog Division 96

Clover Kid showmen are encouraged to be enrolled in the 4-H Clover Kid Program.

- Class 1 Obedience
- Class 2 Showmanship
- Class 3 Agility
- Class 4 Rally

Dog Skill-A-Thon Division 500

- Class 1 Jr. Division – ages 8 - 13
- Class 2 Sr. Division – ages 14 - 18

Obedience Classes Division 701

Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 421 to determine class entry.

Beginning Novice - All exercises must be performed on a 6-foot 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.



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- Class 1 **Beginning Novice Division A** - exhibitor and dog is in first year of competition. Any purple ribbon will advance to Novice.
- Class 2 **Beginning Novice Division B** - exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition. Handlers may repeat this class until the dog has earned a purple ribbon. Dogs being shown may not have completed an AKC "leg" toward a "CD" degree.
- Class 3 **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.
- Class 4 **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.
- Class 5 **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.
- Class 6 **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 421 for jump heights/distances.
- Class 7 **Graduate Open** - signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, go out, and directed jumping.
- Class 8 **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.

Team Dog Obedience Division 701

Beginning teams – consists of two handlers and two dogs. Each team is judged the same as BEGINNING A & B OBEDIENCE. All exercises are performed on leash. Each team performs, in unison, the following exercises: heel on leash, including the figure 8; stand for examination; come on recall; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes, all on leash. Consideration is given for uniformity. Handler and/or dog must be competing at beginning level.

The team will move to the level of the most advanced competitor.

Advanced teams – consists of two handlers & two dogs. Each team is judged the same as in the NOVICE OBEDIENCE. Each team performs, in unison, the same exercises as the novice obedience class.

Class 10 Beginning Team

Class 11 Advanced Team

Brace Division 701

Two dogs will perform at the same time, at a unit, doing the BEGINNING NOVICE exercises. The brace will be handled by one handler. The dogs need not be of the same breed.

Junior Brace Class is for handlers ages 8 to 11.

Senior Brace Class is for handlers ages 12 to 18.

Class 12 Junior Brace

Class 13 Senior Brace



**Agility
Division 702**

Procedure - Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 421. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines to determine class entry and obstacles for each level of competition. Course maps will be made available and posted at the time of show registration in the designated area(s).

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.

Class 1 - 6 Obstacles

Class 2 - 10 Obstacles

Class 3 - 10 Obstacles off-leash

Class 4 - 13 Obstacles off-leash

Class 5 - 15 to 20 Obstacles off-leash

Best-of Grand and Reserve Champions will be chosen from the following: 1 Grand and 1 Reserve from Classes 1 & 2 overall and 1 Grand and 1 Reserve from Classes 3, 4, & 5 groupings.

**Rally Obedience
Division 703**

Class 1 Beginning Rally – youth and dog teams who have not shown in rally previously, youth in Beginning Novice Obedience (A or B), this class is designed for youth with minimal show experience. Dog is on leash and there are 5-10 stations.

Class 2 Rally 1 – youth and dog teams who have won 2 purple/blue ribbons in Beginning Rally, youth in Beginning Novice B or Novice Obedience. Dog is on leash and there are 10-15 stations.

Class 3 Rally 2 – youth and dog teams who have won 2 purple/blue ribbons in Rally 1, youth in Novice Obedience or higher. Dog is off-leash and there are 12-17 stations.

Class 4 Rally 3 – youth and dog teams who have won 2 purple/blue ribbons in Rally 2. Dog is off-leash and there are 15-20 stations.

**Dog Project
Division 92**

Other dog project exhibits are to be entered with the other static exhibits on Sunday August 1 in the Event Center. Exhibitors may enter only one of the dog kit classes.

Dog Grooming / Show Kit - A kit of materials used to groom / show a dog. Label items on a 3" x 5" card. Name, breed and size of the dog for which the kit is intended is required. Contents are at the discretion of the exhibitor.

This will be an interview class.

Class 7 Jr. Division - ages 8 - 13

Class 8 Sr. Division - ages 14 - 18

First Aid Kit - A kit of materials used for the emergency care of a dog. Label items on a 3" x 5" card. This will be an interview class.



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Class 9 Jr. Division - ages 8 - 13
Class 10 Sr. Division - ages 14 - 18

Dog Project Scrapbook - Scrapbook in a hard cover binder or notebook. Include pictures and any other information that pertains to your involvement in the dog project.

Class 11 Jr. Division - ages 8 -13
Class 12 Sr. Division - ages 14 - 18

Small Animal Round Robin

The overall grand and reserve champion showman of each species (companion animal, dog, dairy goat, fiber animal, poultry, and rabbit) will represent that species in the Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship, unless that person has won the Round Robin Trophy in the past. In that event, the person who placed 3rd and received a purple ribbon of that species will be the representative in the Round Robin (unless that person has won the Round Robin in the past). If the same exhibitor is Grand or Reserve Champion of two species, he/she will choose which animal to show, then the next purple ribbon will represent that species in the Round Robin. There will be 6 stations (companion animal, dog, dairy goat, fiber animal, poultry, and rabbit), each exhibitor will be allowed 5 minutes to show each species. Each exhibitor will be scored at each station and the Grand and Reserve Champion Round Robin Exhibitor will be awarded to the top two accumulative total point winners. In case of a tie, the participants will answer the same question at each station until the tie is broken. Dress code: recommended to wear dark jeans, hard soled shoes, and county issued fair shirt, a white shirt or dairy showman attire.