

Dogs

Showmanship Premium Code: E

Dog Premium Code: G

1. **Vaccinations-** All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, and rabies. The **Nebraska Vaccination Record Form (SF263)** must document all vaccinations with 1 year or 3 years depending on the vaccine given. 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 vaccinations are recommended for their area or for travel (such as Bordetella). A photocopy of vaccination record form (SF263) noting all vaccinations is required as part of the advanced entry. All vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the show. Exhibitors may want to get annual vaccinations in the spring and have the SF263 filled out one time to use for the whole year.
2. **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. A handler who cannot or does not properly control a dog will be excused and disqualified. Lameness or crippled dogs will not be permitted to show if it is determined by the judge or show superintendent that it is affecting the health of the dog.
3. **Rough Handling:** Any rough handling or abuse of dogs on the grounds or in the ring will result in disqualification.
4. **Baiting:** Baiting with food, squeakers, or toys will not be permitted in any class and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys in showmanship. The judge has the authority to disqualify violators.
5. **Dog Age:** A dog must be 6 months or older to be exhibited in dog competitions.
6. **Cleanup:** This shall be the EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY. This includes all areas while on the show site. Dogs should use the designated dog exercise area.
7. **Exercise Area:** Exhibitors should frequently use the designated exercise area(s) for restroom breaks for their dogs. All clean up and disposal in designated trash cans is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
8. **Soiling in the Ring:** If a dog has an accident in the show ring, the exhibitor will be asked to stop, clean up and disinfect the area with supplies provided by the show. Superintendent will assist by holding the dog's leash. The exhibitor will finish their class and will be lowered one ribbon placing as a penalty for that class due to soiling in the show ring.
9. **Grooming and War Up Day of the Show:** Only exhibitors are allowed to groom or work dogs at the show, both in and out of the rings.
10. **Advancement in Obedience and Agility Classes:** A youth will move up to a "transition year", after they receive 2 purple ribbons 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 the 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 readiness of youth and dog. This may especially occur if the youth has had previous dog handling experiences.
11. **Advancement in Showmanship Classes:** Classes are divided into age divisions.
12. **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 superintendent. 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 the extension office staff is directly consulted prior to the show date. A Nebraska State Fair Dog Show Vaccination Form (SF263) must be completed for all substitution dogs and received by the extension office staff prior to the show date.
13. **Use of Leash:** Dogs are to remain on leash at all times, except under the direction of the judge while performing a class in the show ring.
14. **Dress Code-** See general rules.

Dog Showmanship

Each class will be judged on handler's appearance (10%), grooming and conditioning of dog (20%), handling/showing of the dog (50%), and general knowledge (20%). Showmanship is divided into age divisions. Showmanship will follow those procedures and classes described in the NE 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H421.

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Class

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Dog Obedience

Follow rules in NE 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 421 to determine class entry and exercise within each obedience class.

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Classes

- 10 Beginning Novice Division A-** Both handler and dog are in their first year of county, state or any other dog experience. Dogs being shown may not have completed an AKC "leg" toward a "CD" degree.
- 20 Beginning Novice Division B-** Exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition. This class also includes dogs that have been shown previously by others not moved past the beginning novice level.
- 25 Beginning Novice Division C-** Exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of competition.
- 30 Novice A-** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and are in first year of Novice Class competition (started after October 1 of previous year.)
- 35 Novice B-** Exhibitor or dog are beyond first year of Novice Class competition. This class also includes dogs that have shown previously by other but have not moved past the beginning novice level.
- 37 Novice C-** Exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of competition.
- 40 Graduate Novice-** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice.
- 45 Advanced Graduate Novice-** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice.
- 50 Open-** Exhibitor & dog have received a purple in Graduate Novice.
- 55 Graduate Open-** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open
- 60 Utility-** Exhibitor & dog have received a purple in Graduate Open

Dog Agility

Rules:

1. Procedures- Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H421. 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 time of show registration in designated area(s).
2. Agility Jump Heights- Measure dogs at withers to determine jump height:
 - Dogs 11" or less-----jump 4"
 - Dogs over 11" up to and including 14" ----- jump 8"
 - Dogs over 14" up to and including 18"-----jump 12"
 - Dogs over 18" ----- jump 16"

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Classes

- 10 Level 1-** On leash- 6 obstacles
- 20 Level 2-** On leash- 10 obstacles
- 30 Level 3-** Off leash- 10 obstacles
- 40 Level 4-** Off leash- 13 obstacles
- 50 Level 5-** Off leash- 15 - 20 obstacles

Companion Animals

Premium Code: G

1. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR-** Exhibitors may make no more than **one entry per class** with a maximum of 4 entries total.
2. **Housing of Animals-** All companion animals must be displayed in a cage or tank or on a leash furnished by the exhibitor.
3. **General Health Requirements-** Animals shall be free of fleas, ticks, mites, lice or other parasites & free of contagious diseases. Any animal showing signs of parasites or disease will not be judged.
4. **Cat Requirements-** Must be on collar and leash. Health Requirements— Required to have current rabies & distemper. Panleucopenia, rhino tracheitis, and calici virus. Must be vaccinated for feline leukemia or show proof of a negative test in the last 180 days. Rabies shots should be given at 3 months. Distemper shot should be given at weaning. Kittens too young for shots will be exempt. **Proof of vaccination must be turned in by pre-entry deadline.** See calendar for date. **Cats not meeting these health requirements will not be judged.** No expectant or nursing mother cats may enter.
5. **Dress Code-** See General Rules.
6. **Release of Exhibits-** Exhibits will be released at the conclusion of judging.
7. Does not require an ID sheet.
8. Any animal shown as a companion animal must NOT have it's own species show to enter.

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Classes

- 1 **Cat-** 4 months minimum age
- 3 **Ferret-** 4 months minimum age
- 4 **Chinchilla-** 7 weeks minimum age
- 5 **Guinea pig-** 4 weeks minimum age
- 6 **Gerbil-** 4 weeks minimum age
- 7 **Hamster-** 4 weeks minimum age
- 8 **Mouse-** 4 weeks minimum age
- 9 **Rat-** 4 weeks minimum age
- 10 **Hedgehog-** 5 weeks minimum age
- 11 **Poster-** Can include entries covering any companion animal (including reptiles, companion birds, or others). Exhibitors should make a poster with information on the proper care of a companion animal that they are not showing in another class of the Companion Animal Show. Poster should be the size of one full standard poster (should not exceed 22" x 28") board. Exhibitors must be present at time of judging and will be judged on quality of the poster, accuracy of information provided, and ability of the exhibitor to explain the information and answer judge's questions.
- 12* **Bird**
- 13* **Reptile**
- 14* **Fish**
- 15* **Amphibians**
- 16* **Other Pet** – Pet not classified above.