

# Bureau, LaSalle, and Marshall-Putnam Dog Show

*June 22, 2024 | 9:30 | Baker Lake Park*

## Schedule

**8:45- 9:30** Check-in for all classes

**9:30** Show Stars (after a general briefing on judging locations & expectations)

Note: Show will begin at 9:30 with several contests being judged at one time. Please communicate upon check-in if you are enrolled in more than one contest.

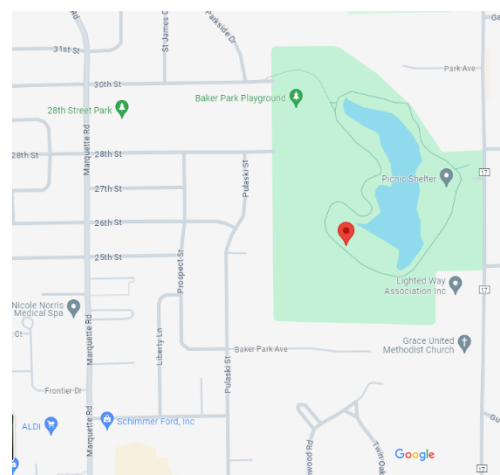
## Emergency Services

Peru Fire/ Ambulance/ Police- 911

## Show Site Map

When entering the location, use Pulaski St. or Marquette St. on the Peru side. The shelter, parking lot, and dog show access will be easier from 28<sup>th</sup> St. or 30<sup>th</sup> St. going east.

- Bring your own chairs and blankets for seating.
- Light (human) snacks and water bottles will be provided.
- Clean up after your dog so the city of Peru will continue to welcome pets.
- Please be respectful and understand that this is not a professional dog show, but one for youth and pets to learn and grow together.



## 4-H Dog Show General Rules

1. Exhibitors must have been at least 8 years old and not yet 19 as of September 1, 2023.
2. A dog being shown must be trained by and belong to the exhibitor or to a member of their immediate family. The dog can be leased for the length of the project and a signed agreement should be on file with the local 4-H extension office by June 1, 2024.
3. American Kennel Club (AKC) rules will be followed at both a multi-county and state level. (<https://www.akc.org/>)
4. No dog under 6 months may be exhibited.
5. No dog may be shown by more than one exhibitor, however, a 4-Her may show multiple dogs.
6. The exhibitor is responsible for the dog at all times.
  - Dogs must be on leash or crated except as required for the show.
  - Dogs must be kept a fair distance apart to avoid sniffing and other interactions.
  - Dogs may not be left in cars for long periods of time for any reason.
  - Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Anyone not cleaning up after their dog will be excused from the show. Disposal containers and cleaning supplies will be provided.

- Water bottles will be provided. Any dog food/ treats or bowls needed for the animal are the owner's responsibility.
7. All exhibitors must have completed the Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) directions can be found here: <https://go.illinois.edu/TakeQAEC> and are expected to be familiar with and abide by both the principles of that certification and the [Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act](#).
  8. Exhibitors shall be limited to one entry/dog in each obedience class. The same dog can be entered once in each show discipline; Obedience, Showmanship, and/or Rally Obedience.
  9. All dogs are required to have rabies shots. The exhibitor must have proof of shots at the show at the time of check-in. Without shots, dogs will be excused. If your dog has a cough, do not attend. Coughing dogs will be sent home.
  10. Obvious sick animals will not be judged and will be sent home after observation by the superintendent and judges. Protests will result in the veterinarian being called to examine the animal at the protester's expense.
  11. A dog that is not under the control of the exhibitor, or shows viciousness toward its handler, judge, or other dogs will be excused from further competition.
  12. All participants must use appropriate show equipment. Acceptable leashes are a maximum of 6 ft. (can be shorter in advanced classes) of leather, nylon, or canvas. No flexy or retractable leashes allowed. No pinch/ prong, electronic, or slip chain "training" collars will be allowed. No identification tags on collars are allowed while showing. Harnesses or other training aids such as a gentle leader are not acceptable show equipment.
  13. Female dogs in season may not compete.
  14. A run-off will be held in case of ties.
  15. Special problems not covered by these rules will be acted upon by the superintendent and members of the 4-H staff in accordance with the Illinois 4-H Policies including the Youth Code of Conduct and Member Behavior Guidelines.
  16. Judges' decisions are final.

### **Additional Rules & Regulations for Dog Obedience**

1. Obedience is open to all 4-H Members in Bureau, LaSalle, and Marshall-Putnam Counties that are enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project and can provide written proof that they have completed at least 6 sessions (this year) at either a 4-H provided Dog Obedience and Handling class or any such class with a certified dog trainer. Poor attendance and missed classes may result in the 4-Her being required to complete an oral or written test as proof of eligibility to participate in the dog show. This will be determined by the trainer and superintendent.
2. If the 4-Her is enrolled in the 4-H Dog Obedience class, the parent/guardian is encouraged to attend at least the first two training sessions with the child and the dog. At this time, the instructor and advisors will determine if the child can control the dog. If at any time the dog cannot be controlled by the child, the dog will be excused from the class. The dog will not be allowed to return until it has been proven to the satisfaction of the instructor that the dog can be controlled by the 4-Her who is to show it. If the handler cannot control his/her dog, he/she will be excused from the competition.
3. AKC rules will be used for judging. Dogs do not have to be AKC registered to exhibit in any classes. Purebred and mixed breed dogs may compete.

4. *Beginner Novice I* is for new handlers and inexperienced dogs only. It is recommended that dogs have the [Canine Good Citizen](#) award before showing in Beginner Novice in 2024. It will be required for 2025.
5. *Novice I* is for dogs who have qualified in Preferred Novice at least once, or upon recommendation of the local trainer.
6. *Beginner Novice II* is for experienced handlers with inexperienced dogs or experienced dogs with inexperienced handlers. It is recommended that one qualifying score be achieved before advancing to the next class level.
7. *Novice II* is for dogs who have qualified in Novice at least once, or upon recommendation of the local trainer.
8. *Preferred Novice* is for dogs who have qualified at least once in beginner Novice II, the sit or down stay walk around the ring will be utilized.
9. A run-off will be held in case of a tie for total score.
  - All beginning level classes will use on-leash heeling exercises. (Beginner Novice I and II, Preferred Novice, Novice, and Graduate Novice)
  - All advanced classes will use novice off lead heeling exercises. (Graduate Novice and above)
10. The exhibitor is responsible for bringing an appropriate collar/lead for the obedience classes. For the long sit/down and recall events, the lead must be at least five feet long if the exercise is to be completed on lead.
  - All beginning level classes will use on-leash heeling exercises. (Beginner Novice I and II, Preferred Novice, Novice, and Graduate Novice)
  - All advanced classes will use novice off lead heeling exercises. (Graduate Novice, and above)
  - The superintendent shall have the discretion to decide whether the leash and collar are appropriate.
11. To be eligible for the State Dog Show, a dog and handler team must have a qualifying score of 170 or above for all classes.
12. In most classes, commands/signals given by handler will be either voice or hand, but not both. The Stay command can be both verbal and a signal. See full AKC rules and regulations for clarification of your class's specific rules.

**The following (11-13) are the exceptions as compared to AKC in the classes offered for the 4-H show:**

13. 4-H has 2 levels of Novice obedience. Level 1 for dogs new to the novice class and Level 2 for dogs who have successfully shown in Novice previously, or the youth showed a different dog previously.
14. 4-H is based upon *Positive Youth Development*, meaning that the dog training project is for youth only, not for a parent to train the dog and the youth to show.
15. Youth showing dogs who were trained previously by an adult are not eligible for trophies/awards.

## **Dog Obedience Classes**

### *Beginner Novice I Class* (For inexperienced handlers and inexperienced dogs)

1. Heel on Leash (forward, halt, right turn, left turn, about turn, slow, normal, and fast). The last order signifies that the handler and dog must break pace. These orders will be given by utilizing posted signs
2. Figure Eight (on leash)
3. Sit for Exam (on leash)
4. Sit Stay (walk around ring)
5. Recall (off leash front/no finish)

*Beginner Novice II Class* (For experienced handlers and inexperienced dogs or experienced dogs and inexperienced handlers.)

1. Heel on Leash (forward, halt, right turn, left turn, about turn, slow, normal, and fast). The last order signifies that the handler and dog must break pace. These orders will be given by utilizing posted signs
2. Figure Eight (on leash)
3. Sit for Exam (on leash)
4. Sit Stay (walk around ring)
5. Recall (off leash front/no finish)

*Preferred Novice Class*

1. Heel on Leash and Figure 8
2. Stand for Examination (off leash)
3. Heel Free (off leash)
4. Recall (off leash with finish)
5. Sit or Down Stay-Walk around the Ring
6. Sit Stay-Get Your Leash (off leash)

*Novice Class*

1. Heel on Leash and Figure 8 (on leash)
2. Stand for Examination (off leash)
3. Heel Free (off leash)
4. Recall (off leash)
5. Sit Stay – Get your leash (off leash)
6. Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay (on leash)

*Graduate Novice Class*

1. Heel Free and Figure 8 (off leash)
2. Drop on Recall
3. Dumbbell Recall
4. Dumbbell Recall over High Jump
5. Recall over Broad Jump
6. Stay-Get your leash (sit, Down)

*Preferred Open Class*

1. Heel Free and Figure 8
2. Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)
3. Drop on Recall
4. Retrieve on Flat
5. Retrieve over High Jump
6. Broad Jump
7. Stay-Get your leash (Sit, Down)

*Open Class*

1. Heel Free and Figure 8
2. Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)
3. Drop on Recall
4. Retrieve on Flat
5. Retrieve over High Jump
6. Broad Jump
7. Stay-Get your leash (Sit, Down)

Graduate Open Class

1. Signal Exercise
2. Scent Discrimination
3. Go Out
4. Directed Jumping
5. Moving Stand and Examination
6. Directed Retrieve

Preferred Utility Class

1. Signal Exercise
2. Scent Discrimination Article #1
3. Scent Discrimination Article #2
4. Directed Retrieve
5. Moving Stand & Examination
6. Directed Jumping

Utility Class

1. Signal Exercise
2. Scent Discrimination Article #1
3. Scent Discrimination Article #2
4. Directed Retrieve
5. Moving, Stand and Examination
6. Directed Jumping

**Dog Obedience Awards**

Best Overall County (Trophy)

Best Overall Multi-County (Practical)

County Ribbons

County Premium Funds will remain the same

**Additional Rules & Regulations for Dog Care Show (County Only)**

This class is open to all Bureau, LaSalle, and Marshall-Putnam Counties 4-H members enrolled in a Dog project, but who are not showing in Dog Obedience or Showmanship. This class is judged on the dog's health, cleanliness, grooming, and general appearance. Dogs may be judged on their conformation, movement, and attitude. The handler must be able to pose the dog in a standing position and trot the dog in a straight line and a circle. The dog should not sit or lie down. Small dogs may be lifted onto a judging table for examination. The dog must allow the judge to examine him by hand. A show dog should look clean, confident, and happy, so make sure he feels his best to help him make the best possible impression at the show. Must follow general rules and obedience rules for handlers and dogs listed on the previous pages. This class is not eligible for state premium funds.

## Additional Rules & Regulations for Showmanship (Handling)

1. Handlers must be members of the county they are representing. A dog may compete in only one showmanship class.
2. A county may be represented by one junior showmanship dog/handler team and one senior showmanship dog/handler team who have earned/won their county competition at the state dog show.
3. Exhibitors will be judged on handling skill, knowledge of breed standards of their dog, dog show terminology, and elementary dog anatomy. The judge has the right to question exhibitors in one or all these areas.
4. Dogs will be judged on cleanliness, general health, and grooming.
5. Purebred and non-purebred dogs are eligible for this class. The breed of dog has no bearing on judging or placement.
6. A dog eligible for Showmanship that must be withdrawn for good and sufficient reason (veterinarian excuse) may be replaced by another dog owned by the handler or the family. This must be in writing (giving the reason) at the beginning of the show.
7. A female in season cannot participate.
8. Exhibitors and their animals must participate in 6 weeks of training classes to ensure socialization and leash manners for showmanship. Showmanship training classes can be 4-H sponsored or privately scheduled with a certified trainer.
9. Per the Department of Agriculture, no premiums will be paid for the showmanship classes.
10. Judges' decisions are final.

**Junior Showmanship:** This class is for members 8-13 years of age (as of September 1, 2023)

**Senior Showmanship:** This class is for members 14 years of age or older (as of September 1, 2023).

### Showmanship Awards

Best Jr. & Sr. Overall County-level (Trophy)

Best Jr. & Sr. Overall Multi-County (Practical)

County Ribbons

## Additional Rules & Regulations for Rally Obedience

1. Dog/Handler team must receive a qualifying score of 70 out of 100 to compete at the state level.
2. The event will be timed. In the event of a tie score, the fastest time will break the tie.
3. A Dog/Handler team **should** receive 3 qualifying scores before advancing to the next level.
4. All [Rally Courses](#) will be from the collections of AKC virtual Rally.

### Rally Classes

#### Rally Novice

- 10-15 signs are used (not including start and finish).
- 3-7 of the signs must be "stationary" signs.
- Performed on leash.
- It is recommended that dogs have the [Canine Good Citizen \(CGC\)](#) prior to competing in this class for 2024. It will be required for 2025.

- In the Novice class, the handler may speak to the dog, pat their leg, or clap their hands to encourage.

#### Rally Intermediate

- 12-17 signs are used (not including start and finish).
- 3-7 of the signs must be “stationary” signs.
- At least 3 “advanced” signs.
- Performed on leash.

#### Rally Advance

- 12-17 signs are used (not including start and finish).
- 3-7 of the signs must be “stationary” signs.
- At least 3 “advanced” signs.
- Dog must jump once.
- Performed off leash.
- Cannot pat leg or clap hands for encouragement.

#### Rally Excellent

- 15-20 signs are used (not including start, finish, or call marker).
- Dog must jump twice.
- 2 or more of the signs must be “advanced” signs.
- 3 or more of the signs must be “excellent” signs.
- Must include a “Sit Stay” sign.
- Performed **off leash**.
- Cannot pat leg or clap hands for encouragement.

#### **Rally Awards**

Best Overall Multi-County (Practical)

Multi-County Ribbon

### **Fun Class**

\*\*Registration for this class can be done the day of the show at the check-in table. To participate, dogs & handlers need to register before 9:30 that morning. \*\*

#### **Costume Creativity**

Any 4-H member enrolled in Dog Care or Dog Obedience, with a dog of any age is eligible for this class. The 4-H member and their dog dress in costumes of the same theme. Judging will be done on creativity, originality, and theme focus.

- Non-premium class.
- Best Overall Costume Multi-County Award

#### **Tail Wagging Talent**

Any 4-H member enrolled in Dog Care or Dog Obedience, with a dog of any age is eligible for this class. The 4-H member and their dog must show-off one fun dog trick. Judging will be done on creativity, dog’s focus, and trick difficulty.

- Non-premium class.
- Best Overall Costume Multi-County Award

# Illinois State 4-H Dog Show

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024  
Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center  
613 River Lane  
Dixon, IL 61021

***Entries must be verified by your local Extension office, along with entry fee of \$5 per 4-Her by Thursday, August 1, 2024.***

Listed below are the classes which will be included in the 2024 State 4-H Dog Show:

- Dog Obedience
  - Beginner Novice I Class
  - Beginner Novice II Class
  - Preferred Novice Class
  - Novice Class
  - Graduate Novice Class
  - Preferred Open Class
  - Open Class
  - Graduate Open Class
  - Preferred Utility Class
  - Utility Class
- Dog Showmanship
  - Junior Showmanship
  - Senior Showmanship
- Rally Obedience
  - Rally Novice Class
  - Rally Intermediate Class
  - Rally Advanced Class
  - Rally Excellent Class