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## **DIVISION: DOGS**

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4-H'ers in a dog project may do one or both of the following:

- Participate in the dog show (details on this page).
- Prepare an Animal Study Exhibit (Division: Animal Science) for display in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

### **COVID-19 GUIDELINES:**

Ogle County 4-H will be adhering to the following guidelines developed by the University of Illinois, Illinois 4-H, and approved by the Ogle County Health Department. Changes to these guidelines will be sent to families if Illinois reaches Phase 5 or goes back to Phase 3.

1. Our office will only offer a virtual option if someone is not comfortable with attending in person judging. Livestock Virtual Judging request must be made by June 30<sup>th</sup> by completing the Reasonable Accommodation paperwork provided on our website.
2. Adhere to 50 people maximum in a defined space if in Phase 4, or 25 people maximum in a defined space in Phase 3.
3. Phase 4 Safety Protocols are as follows:
  - Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside).
  - Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
  - Handwashing and/or sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
  - Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191. We can discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

### **DOG DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE**

Check-in – Friday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. & Saturday, June 26, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Judging – Friday, June 25 at 2 p.m. & Saturday, June 26, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Judging will begin at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, June 25, at Granny Rose at 613 River Lane in Dixon. Check-in starts at 1:30 p.m. The following classes will be judged only on Friday in this order:

- Costume Class (this class will be offered on both days)
- Junior Showmanship
- Beginner Novice Dog Obedience I & II
- Junior Care & Grooming (throughout the afternoon)

Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m., on Saturday, June 26, at Granny Rose at 613 River Lane in Dixon. Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. The following classes will be judged only on Saturday:

- All Agility Classes
- Costume Class (this class will be offered on both days)
- All Rally Classes
- Pre Novice Obedience
- Novice Obedience
- Graduate Novice Obedience
- Pre-Open Class Obedience
- Open Class Obedience
- Graduate Open Class Obedience
- Pre Utility Class Obedience
- Utility Class Obedience
- Senior Showmanship
- Senior Care & Grooming

## **DOG RULES**

1. All *General Rules and Animal Department Rules* apply.
2. Dogs must have correct training equipment such as a flat buckle collar or a choker collar and 6-foot leather or nylon lead to enter obedience classes. Harnesses will not be allowed in the obedience classes. NO PRONG COLLARS are allowed.
3. 4-H'ers and dogs entered in the 'Beginner I' or 'Beginner II' obedience class must have written proof (form signed by trainer) of at least 8 sessions of obedience training. Training for agility is recommended, but not required.
4. All dogs must be current on vaccinations and owners must present a copy of those vaccinations and signed certificate from the vet (within 30 days of show). Please present these forms at check-in for each dog entry certifying dog has had current rabies, distemper-hepatitis-leptospirosis, and parvo inoculations.
5. Dogs must be on a leash at all times unless crated.
6. Dogs not registered to compete will not be allowed in the building.
7. Exhibitors need to bring their own water bowl, crate if needed, other items to care for your dog, and chairs for seating. Limited chairs will be available. Concessions will be available for purchase on site.
8. Dogs in season will not be permitted to show.
9. Unruly or aggressive dogs will not be allowed to show and may be excused by the superintendent and/or judge.
10. No treats are allowed in the ring or to be given during judging.
11. A runoff will be held in case of a tie for total score.
12. Clean-up equipment will be available. You must clean up after your own dog.
13. Show awards may be presented to: Grand Champion Jr. Dog Showmanship and Grand Champion Sr. Dog Showmanship.
14. Individual county awards will be presented to: Champion Jr. Dog Showmanship and Champion Sr. Dog Showmanship.
15. Exhibitors shall be limited to one (1) entry in each class.
16. Consult the *2021 Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements* for information about health papers.
17. ATTENTION: All 4-H'ers planning to exhibit in this department, must complete the Quality Assurance and Ethics certification once during their 4-H career in order to be eligible to show either a live animal or a poster. Certification must be completed by May 1st.
18. 4-H members are limited to receive one premium per class exhibited in premium eligible projects.
19. AKC rules will be used for judging.

## **DOG CLASSES**

### **Care and Grooming Division Classes:**

1. Open to all dogs. Youth should have knowledge of breed standards of their dog, elementary dog anatomy, and knowledge of their dog (the judge has the right to question exhibitors in one or all of these areas).
2. If dog is groomed by professional groomer, exhibitor should be knowledgeable of grooming procedure as well as the daily or weekly grooming needs performed by the exhibitor.

**D101 Care and Grooming - Junior Class** (*youth ages 8 - 13 as of Sept. 1 of the current 4-H year*)

**D102 Care and Grooming - Senior Class** (*youth ages 14-18 as of Sept. 1 of the current 4-H year*)

### **Agility Division Classes:**

1. Youth may only enter one Agility Class for each dog being shown.
2. Agility classes may be subdivided by dog shoulder height into 8", 12", or 16" classes depending on number of entries. Dogs under a year of age will jump at the next lowest height.
3. Dogs are only eligible for Agility On Leash for 2 years before they must advance to Agility Off Leash.

#### **D103 Agility On Leash**

Dogs will be led by handler through an obstacle course. They will be judged on their ability to maneuver through the obstacles. No choke collars may be used: only flat buckle collars.

#### **D104 Agility Off Leash**

Dogs will be judged on their ability to navigate course and maneuver through obstacles while off leash.

### **Costume Division Class:**

1. Dog and handler to be dressed in costume.
2. Dog will be dressed at show time ONLY to avoid the risk of dog overheating.
3. As soon as the class is finished, the costume will be removed from dog and handler.
4. Dog must enter and exit the ring on leash.
5. Exhibitor will be judged on the thought and creativity put into the costume for the dog and handler.

#### **D105 Costume Class**

### **Showmanship Division Classes:**

1. Exhibitors will be judged on handling skill. Exhibitors should have appropriate "show" lead for their dogs.
2. Only the persons winning Champion Jr. & Sr. Showmanship classes at the Ogle County 4-H Fair may represent Ogle County at the State Fair 4-H Dog Show. If the Champions are unable to attend, the alternate may represent the county.
3. Pre-registration is required in Fair Entry to receive a premium. Last minute entries may not receive a premium.
4. All 4-H'ers are eligible for showmanship.

**50411 Junior Dog Showmanship** – for handlers ages 8-13, as of September 1, of current 4-H year.

**50412 Senior Dog Showmanship** – for handlers ages 14 and older, as of September 1, of current 4-H year.

### **Obedience Division Classes:**

1. Inexperienced handler refers to exhibitors who have not previously shown dogs. Inexperienced dogs refers to dogs who have not been trained before this year.
2. Handler and dog teams may only enter Beginner I class for one year, then must move to Beginner II. Handler and Dog teams may only enter Beginner II for one year, then must move to Graduate Beginner. In all other obedience classes, dogs qualifying the previous year must advance to the next class, with a maximum of two years in any one class.
3. AKC rules will be used as a guideline for judging. Maximum 200 points per class.
4. Either a command or signal may be given when the dog is to be in motion. A command and/or signal may be given when a dog is to stay.
5. Exhibitors planning to enter at the Illinois State Fair in 'Obedience' must have a score sheet signed by the judge of the county show certifying the dog scored 170 points for class handler/dog entered at county show.
6. For the Rally class: depending on the number of entries, classes may be combined.

#### **50401 Beginner Novice I**

(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 – Maximum points 40
2. Figure Eight (on leash) – Maximum points 40
3. Sit for Exam (on leash) – Maximum points 40
4. Sit Stay (walk around ring – Maximum points 40
5. Recall (off leash front/no finish) – Maximum points 40

#### **50402 Beginner Novice II**

(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 – Maximum points 40
2. Figure Eight (on leash) – Maximum points 40
3. Sit for Exam (on leash) – Maximum points 40
4. Sit Stay (walk around ring) – Maximum points 40
5. Recall (off leash front/no finish) – Maximum points 40

#### **50403 Pre Novice**

1. Heel on Leash and Figure 8 – Maximum points 40
2. Stand for Examination (of leash) – Maximum points 30
3. Heel Free (off leash) – Maximum points 40
4. Recall (off leash with finish) – Maximum points 30
5. Sit or Down Stay-Walk around the Ring – Maximum points 30
6. Sit Stay-Get Your Leash (off leash) – Maximum points 30

#### **50404 Novice**

1. Heel on Leash and Figure 8 (on leash) – Maximum points 40
2. Stand for Examination (off leash) – Maximum points 30
3. Heel Free (off leash) – Maximum points 40
4. Recall (off leash) – Maximum points 30
5. Sit Stay – Get your leash (off leash) – Maximum points 30
6. Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay (on leash) – Maximum points 30

**50405 Graduate Novice**

1. Heel Free and Figure 8 (off leash) – Maximum points 40
2. Drop on Recall – Maximum points 40
3. Dumbbell Recall – Maximum points 30
4. Dumbbell Recall over High Jump – Maximum points 30
5. Recall over Broad Jump – Maximum points 30
6. Stay – Get your leash (sit, down) – Maximum points 30

**50406 Pre-Open**

1. Heel Free and Figure 8 – Maximum points 40
2. Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit) – Maximum points 30
3. Drop on Recall – Maximum points 30
4. Retrieve on Flat – Maximum points 20
5. Retrieve over High Jump – Maximum points 30
6. Broad Jump – Maximum points 20
7. Stay – Get your leash (Sit, Down) – Maximum points 30

**50407 Open**

1. Heel Free and Figure 8 – Maximum points 40
2. Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit) – Maximum points 30
3. Drop on Recall – Maximum points 30
4. Retrieve on Flat – Maximum points 20
5. Retrieve over High Jump – Maximum points 30
6. Broad Jump – Maximum points 20
7. Stay – Get your leash (Sit, Down) – Maximum points 30

**50408 Graduate Open**

1. Signal Exercise – Maximum points 40
2. Scent Discrimination – Maximum points 30
3. Go Out – Maximum points 30
4. Directed Jumping – Maximum points 40
5. Moving Stand and Examination – Maximum points 30
6. Directed Retrieve – Maximum points 30

**50409 Preferred Utility**

1. Signal Exercise – Maximum points 40
2. Scent Discrimination Article #1 – Maximum points 30
3. Scent Discrimination Article #2 – Maximum points 30
4. Directed Retrieve – Maximum points 30
5. Moving Stand and Examination – Maximum points 30
6. Directed Jumping – Maximum points 40

**50410 Utility**

1. Signal Exercise – Maximum points 40
2. Scent Discrimination Article #1 – Maximum points 30
3. Scent Discrimination Article #2 – Maximum points 30
4. Directed Retrieve – Maximum points 30
5. Moving Stand and Examination – Maximum points 30
6. Directed Jumping – Maximum points 40

**Rally Division Classes:**

1. The handler is guided through the course by numbered signs, which tell the handler what exercise is to be performed. For Rally Novice there will be 10 to 15 signs or stations as well as a “Start” and a “Finish” sign.
2. Participants will have a chance to walk course before class begins.
3. Unlimited communication is allowed, however, touching the dog is not.
4. Time to complete the course will be used in case of a tie.

**50413 Rally Novice**

10-15 signs are used (not including start and finish). 3-7 of the signs must be “stationary” signs. Performed on leash

**50414 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.

**50415 Rally Advanced**

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**.

**50417 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.

**DOG AWARDS** *(awards are subject to change)*

Champion Care and Grooming – Junior  
Champion Care and Grooming – Senior  
Champion Agility on Leash  
Champion Agility Off Leash  
Overall Champion Jr Showmanship  
Overall Champion Sr Showmanship  
Champion Beginner Novice 1  
Champion Beginner Novice 2  
Champion Pre Novice  
Champion Novice  
Champion Graduate Novice  
Champion Pre Open  
Champion Open  
Champion Graduate Open  
Champion Pre Utility  
Champion Utility  
Champion Rally Novice  
Champion Rally Intermediate  
Champion Rally Advanced  
Champion Rally Excellent