

DEPARTMENT G – PLANTS & ANIMALS

DOG

**These are the rules for the Douglas/Sarpy Dog Show. Contact a 4-H staff person if you are interested in entering the Nebraska State Fair Dog Show.*

Superintendent:

Helene Overgaard

4-H Staff Persons Responsible – Carol Fritz & Marci Carroll

The 2009 4-H Dog Show will be held Saturday, July 18 at 9 am. The dog show will be held at the central extension office, 8015 W. Center Road, NOT the fairgrounds.

Rules:

- A. Procedures described in the Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Show published by Nebraska Cooperative Extension will be followed in the County Fair Dog Show.
- B. Pre-registration must be turned into the extension office by July 15 to participate in the 4-H Dog Show.
- C. All dogs must be immunized for Carnivorous DHP, (and depending on age) Parvo, and Rabies vaccine. **A photocopy of proof of vaccination must be sent in with registration.**
- D. Females in season will not be permitted to show. A handler with a dog that has a visible condition that does not impair the dog's general health may present a signed vet's opinion that the dog is able to be shown. The document should be presented to the ring steward before entering the ring.
- E. Any abuse of dogs on the grounds or in the ring will result in disqualification. Overly aggressive dogs or handlers who cannot, or do not, properly control a dog will be excused and disqualified from that class.
- F. This is an unbenched 4-H Dog Show and may not be consistent with all AKC rules.
- G. Exhibitors must be present and ready to enter the ring when their class is called. No exhibitor will be allowed to enter after the class judging starts. Ring secretaries have requested that exhibitors include breed, color and size on the entry tag to help them locate exhibitors and dogs.
- H. Exhibitors are required to wear an approved t-shirt or white shirt with 4-H chevron attached. Pants or jeans are required. Shoes with non-slip soles are also suggested. A show superintendent may rule that circumstances (i.e. inclement or hot weather) warrant a relaxation of dress code rules.
- I. An exhibitor may exhibit twice in obedience if using two different dogs in two different classes, once in showmanship and once in the non-state fair classes.
- J. Baiting with food or a toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers

- may use baiting action without food or toy.
- K. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their own dog both in and out of the ring. A point penalty may be assessed by the show superintendent in conference with extension personnel.
- L. Experienced handlers are those showing for the second year or more at any dog show.
- M. Advancement levels in obedience classes:
- Dogs that have earned a trophy at county or state fair in beginning Novice A or B must advance to Novice level competition.
 - Any dog earning a trophy at county fair or a purple ribbon at state fair competition must advance to the next level of competition, except in Open Obedience where those winning the purple ribbon or trophy may repeat the class once.
 - Dogs with AKC degrees must show in the following classes: CD must show in Graduate Novice or higher, CDX or UD must show in Utility.
 - There is no limit on the number of years a dog may be shown in the Utility classes.
- N. Advancement in showmanship classes:
- Purple winners in Intermediate Showmanship move to the Advanced Class the following year.
 - Exhibitors move to Trophy Class after winning a trophy in the Advanced Class.
 - Trophy winners of the 5 showmanship classes will have the opportunity to be recalled to the ring to compete for the honor of being the Top Junior Handler. This is an optional activity.
 - The Jackie Griffith Memorial medal, high in trial award, is awarded to the exhibitor with the highest score in obedience competition. In the case of a tie the exhibitor in the more advanced class earns the award.
- O. Premiums for the Dog Show are pay level 5. Premiums for the Showmanship Sections are pay level 4.

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General Information:

Each class will be judged on handler's appearance (10%), grooming and conditioning of dog (20%), coordination of the dog and handler (50%), and general knowledge (20%).

CLASS 901 BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP A

Handler is in the first year of 4-H or any other dog show experience and the dog is 15" & under.

CLASS 902 BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP B

Handler is in the first year of 4-H or any other dog show experience and the dog is over 15".

CLASS 903 INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP A

Handler is beyond first year's experience and the dog is 15" & under.

CLASS 904 INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP B

Handler is beyond first year's experience and the dog is over 15".

CLASS 905 ADVANCED SHOWMANSHIP

Handler previously winning a purple ribbon in the Intermediate Showmanship.

CLASS 906 SHOWMANSHIP TROPHY

Handler previously winning the trophies in the County & State Showmanship Trophy Class.

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Division 701 – Dog Obedience**

CLASS 901 BEGINNING NOVICE A

Handler and the dog being shown are both in their first year of any dog show experience. All exercises must be performed on a six-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.

CLASS 902 BEGINNING NOVICE B

Beginning dogs with experienced handlers, experienced dogs with beginning handler, or handlers and dogs who have not yet earned a trophy (County Fair) or purple ribbon (State Fair) in Beginning Novice competition. Repeat exercised of Beginning Novice A.

CLASS 903 NOVICE

Dogs must heel on leash including the figure 8; heel free, stand for examination off leash; come on recall off leash (35 ft.); long sit one minute off leash; long down three minutes off leash.

CLASS 904 GRADUATE NOVICE

Dogs must heel on leash; heel free including the figure 8; drop on recall; stand for examination off leash; long sit three minutes and long down five minutes both with handler out of sight.

CLASS 905 OPEN

All exercises off leash; heel free; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; horizontal jump; long sit three minutes and long down five minutes, both with handler out of sight. Refer to Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Shows for jump heights and distances.

CLASS 906 UTILITY

The dog will perform five exercises; the signal exercise (40 points); the scent discrimination exercise with leather (30 points) and metal objects (30 points); the directed retrieve (30 points); directed jumping (40 points); the moving stand (30 points). Exhibitors must supply their own articles and gloves.

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Division 702 – Versatility

CLASS 901 TRICKS PROGRAM

CLASS 902 A DOG-HANDLER COMBINATION

Winning in versatility cannot use the same program tricks or exercise in succeeding years. Exhibitor must prepare a sheet for the judge so she/he will know the exercise. Exercises may not exceed 5 minutes.

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Division 703 – Clover Kid

CLASS 901* CLOVER KIDS (EXHIBITOR AGES 5-8)