

**DEPARTMENT 4I
FREDERICK COUNTY FAIR YOUTH DOG SHOW**

GENERAL RULES

1. See Youth Show General Rules and Regulations as they apply.
2. When possible, except where expressly altered in these rules, the American Kennel Club (AKC) regulations will be used as the standard for judging.
3. Any exhibitor showing disrespect or unsportsmanlike conduct, or who willfully interferes with another handler, may be excused from showing.

ENTRIES

1. Dogs must be at least 6 months of age to compete in showmanship and obedience, and 12 months of age for agility as of the date of the show.
2. All dogs, whether registered or not, purebred or mix-breed, are eligible to compete.
3. Bitches in season are not permitted on the grounds nor are they permitted to compete and must be scratched from their respective classes.
4. All dogs must be registered with 4-H by July 1st of the current year. (For proof of ownership.)
5. All dogs must be trained and groomed by the individual who is showing them.
6. A dog may be shown only once in each division unless in first year classes where stated otherwise.
7. Dogs may be shown for exhibition only.
8. No dogs shall be left unattended before, during, or after the show.

HEALTH/SAFETY

1. All dogs must have a current rabies vaccination certificate on file with their vet. Any dog without written proof of a current rabies vaccination will not be allowed to compete.
2. All members are responsible for the care and safety of their animals. If, in the opinion of the Superintendent or appointed volunteer, an animal's health or safety is determined to be in jeopardy, the exhibitor may be excused from the grounds and competition. Dogs may be inspected prior to or during the show by a Superintendent, appointed volunteer or a judge to determine general health and well-being.

Unfit or unhealthy may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Filthy – caked dirt, matted coat, flea infestation
- b. Contagious or parasitic skin disorders, mange, lice, mites, open or infected sores or injuries
- c. Lameness or painful movement
- d. Oozing or weeping eyes or ears
- e. Persistent coughing, gagging or choking, vomiting or projectile diarrhea
- f. Visual evidence of internal parasites such as worms

3. An animal (dog) that bites, attempts to bite, or shows aggression by growling or attempting to fight, either another dog or human will be excused from competition. A report will be filed with the appropriate animal health agencies. Any animal, which, in the opinion of the judge, is unapproachable, may be excused from the class.

DRESS CODE

1. AKC appropriate attire required. Suggested attire:

a. Showmanship

1. Girls – dress, jumper, suit, slacks, supportive closed shoes

2. Boys – collared shirt, tie or bolo, slacks, supportive closed shoes

b. Obedience/Rally/Tricks - Same as above, or bermuda style shorts

2. Excluded dress includes skirts, shorts, or skorts more than 3" above the knee; bare mid-drifts; dirty or sloppy attire; exposed undergarments; open-toes shoes such as sandals or flip flops.

OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

All exhibitors will be responsible to provide: water/food and bowls; confinement; waste product clean up (scoop your poop); appropriate collars, leads, and obedience articles as required by the class; grooming supplies; comfortable chair.

JUDGING

1. All judges and superintendent decisions are final.

2. Judges may excuse from the ring:

a. any handler who willfully interferes with another animal or handler

b. any animal which cannot be controlled or is not approachable

c. any obviously ill or lame animal

3. Any handler who physically abuses their animal in or out of the ring will be disqualified and excused from the grounds and will forfeit ALL prizes including money, if applicable.

4. All animals must remain under control at all times. This may include a leash or similar restraining area such as a crate or ex-pen, when not in competition.

SECTION 1 - SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors will be evaluated and judged individually and in a group to determine their ability to fit, groom, and present their project to the judge. Additional consideration is given to teamwork between dog and exhibitor, responsiveness, manners and attitude.

1. A First year showman may enter **BOTH** the "First Year Novice" and Novice classes. However, a First Year exhibitor may enter a First Year Showmanship class only once.

2. Once exhibitor and dog arrives on event grounds, ALL grooming must be done by the exhibitor. Specialized grooming (i.e. clipping, stripping, etc.), where help is needed, must be done prior to arrival on event grounds. Any artificial preparations such as powder or cornstarch may NOT be left on the dog.

3. Dogs must be clean (including their ears) with coats well brushed and free of mats. Dogs should be free of external parasites. The judge may make allowances for unavoidable surface dirt due to wet weather.

4. Exhibitors should be able to show their dogs at an appropriate gait, show the dog's bite upon judge's request, and stand their dogs in an acceptable pose to permit examination by the judge. Exhibitors should be able to answer questions on care, grooming, and background of their breed(s).

5. Fitting of dog (body condition and grooming) will account for 40 points and showing in the ring (performance of dog, presentation of dog, alertness of exhibitor, personal appearance of the exhibitor) will account for 60 points.

6. Performance of the dog will not count against the exhibitor unless in the judge's opinion it interferes with another exhibitor's dog. The ability of the exhibitor to show their dog to its best advantage, whether the dog is cooperating or not, will be evaluated. It is expected that the exhibitor will have

worked with their dog adequately prior to the show and have developed a working relationship with the dog.

7. First year and Novice exhibitors will be expected to know the a) down and back, and b) Triangle gaiting patterns only.

8. Baiting is allowed at the judge's discretion. NO throwing bait.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

First Year Showmanship (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) - Exhibitors who are in their first year of training and showing their first dog are eligible to compete in this class. This class WILL be divided by the different age groups of Junior, Intermediate, Senior. Exhibitors who are regarded as Open Junior Handlers by the AKC, or comparable association, as of August 1 of the current year, are not eligible for this class.

Novice Showmanship (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) - This class represents those who have previously shown their first dog in their first year of training, or who have not advanced to the Open class. Exhibitors who have previously placed 1st in a Novice Fitting & Showmanship class, or who are regarded as Open Junior Handlers by the AKC, are not eligible for this class and must compete in the appropriate Open Fitting & Showmanship class.

Open Showmanship (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) - This class represents advanced fitting & showmanship. Once an exhibitor competes in an Open Fitting & Showmanship class they may not compete in a Novice Fitting & Showmanship class.

Elite Class Showmanship - The following criteria are for those who MUST show in this class: Any exhibitor who has won Showmanship Champion at the Great Frederick Fair, Maryland State Fair, OR if moved or have competed in/from another county and/or state, then THAT major County Fair or State Fair Showmanship Champion (i.e. Montgomery County Fair, Prince George County Fair, Tennessee State Fair, etc.), must now show in the Elite Class. As well, any exhibitor who is currently showing or have shown in AKC, or a comparative association, in the Open class and having previously won that Open class with competition, must now show in the Elite class.

CLASSES - SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th & up
1 First Year Showmanship Jr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
2 First Year Showmanship Int.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
3 First Year Showmanship Sr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
4 Novice Showmanship Jr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
5 Novice Showmanship Int.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
6 Novice Showmanship Sr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
7 Open Showmanship Jr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
8 Open Showmanship Int.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
9 Open Showmanship Sr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
10 Elite Showmanship (all ages)	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
11 Champion Showmanship	Award & Rosette									

(chosen from winners of classes 1-10)

(second place to Champion)

SECTION 2 - OBEDIENCE

The exhibitor and dog are evaluated and judged as a team, using a set of predetermined exercises to determine the usefulness of the dog as a companion to man. The dog and exhibitor must also demonstrate teamwork, willingness and enjoyment of their work.

1. All exhibitors must have completed, and passed, one full training session (6 weeks or longer) with an instructor, to be eligible to compete in that obedience class. A form must be submitted with entry, signed by the instructor, stating that the exhibitor is eligible to compete.
2. Members who have won their obedience class with a minimum of two (2) competitors at a County Fair or State Fair the previous year and received a qualifying score will be required to move that dog to the next level of competition.
3. An exhibitor may show 2 dogs in different Obedience classes in the same age division (not more than 1 per class).
4. AKC obedience regulations will be liberally applied.
 - a. no bait
 - b. well-fitting flat buckle collars or flat slip collars of fabric leather or chain only
 - c. no pinch collars or electronic devices of any kind
5. All exercises will be done individually except for the long sit and long down (which will be done in convenient groups).
6. A qualifying score (170 points) is not necessary to receive a class placement.
7. Any dog that has earned a qualifying score at a sanctioned event in a Novice class may not compete in the Sub-novice class.
8. A 6' (foot) leash of leather or fabric is required for Primary, Sub-Novice, Beginner Novice and Novice classes.
9. Score sheets will be available at the judge's discretion.
10. Jump heights (Open) will be expected at the steward's table prior to the start of the class.

CLASSES - OBEDIENCE

CLASS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th & up
13 Primary Obedience (all ages)	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
14 Sub-Novice Obedience Jr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
15 Sub-Novice Obedience Int.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
16 Sub-Novice Obedience Sr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
17 Beginner Novice Obedience Jr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
18 Beginner Novice Obedience Int.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
19 Beginner Novice Obedience Sr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
20 Novice Obedience Jr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
21 Novice Obedience Int.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
22 Novice Obedience Sr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
23 Grad. Novice Obedience (all ages)	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
24 Open Obedience (all ages)	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00

25	Champion Primary	Award & Rosette
	(top score from class 13)	
26	Champion Sub-Novice	Award & Rosette
	(top score from classes 14-16)	
27	Champion Beginner Novice	Award & Rosette
	(top score from classes 17-19)	
28	Champion Novice	Award & Rosette
	(top score from classes 20-22)	
29	Champion Grad-Novice	Award & Rosette
	(top score from class 23)	
30	Champion Open	Award & Rosette
	(top score from class 24)	

CLASS DESCRIPTION - OBEDIENCE

PRIMARY OBEDIENCE EXERCISES (all ages)

- Walk comfortably at the side of the handler - left turn, right turn, about turn, halt 30 points
- Sit on command 30 points
- Remain sitting while handler circles and returns to heel position 20 points
- Down on command 30 points
- Remain down while handler circles and returns to heel position 20 points
- Allow a judges examination 30 points

Total 160 points

SUB-NOVICE OBEDIENCE EXERCISES (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)

- Heel on leash 45 points
- Figure (8) Eight on leash 25 points
- Stand for exam on leash 30 points
- Recall on leash 40 points
- Long sit on leash (1 minute) 30 points
- Long down on leash (1 minute) 30 points

Total 200 points

BEGINNER NOVICE EXERCISES (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)

- Heel on Leash 40 points
- Figure (8) Eight on leash 40 points
- Sit for Exam (on leash) 40 points
- Sit Stay (on leash – dropped) handler walks around the ring 40 points
- Recall (off leash) 40 points

Total 200 points

NOVICE OBEDIENCE EXERCISES (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)

- Heel on leash and Figure (8) eight 40 points
- Stand for exam 30 points
- Heel free 40 points
- Recall 30 points
- Sit Stay – Get Your Leash 30 points
- Group Exercise - Sit & Down Stay (1 minute each) 30 points

Total 200 points

GRAD. NOVICE OBEDIENCE EXERCISES (all ages)

- Heel free and Figure Eight 40 points
- Drop on recall 40 points
- Dumbbell Recall 30 points
- Dumbbell Recall over High Jump 30 points
- Recall over Broad Jump 30 points
- Stay – Get Your Leash (Sit, Down) 30 points

Total 200 points

OPEN OBEDIENCE EXERCISES (all ages)

- Heel free and Figure Eight 40 points
- Command Discrimination 30 points
- Drop on recall 30 points
- Retrieve flat 20 points
- Retrieve over high jump 30 points
- Broad jump 20 points
- Stay – Get Your Leash (Sit, Down) 30 points

Total 200 points

SECTION 3- RALLY

The exhibitor and dog are evaluated and judged as a team as they move at their own pace throughout a course of signs displaying obedience tasks to be done. A rally course includes 10-20 stations, each displaying a certain task to be performed, and exhibitors are encouraged to communicate with the dog throughout the performance.

Rules and Regulations:

1. All exhibitors must have completed, and passed, one full obedience or rally training session (6 weeks or longer) with an instructor, to be eligible to compete in that class. A form must be submitted with entry, signed by the instructor, stating that the exhibitor is eligible to compete.
2. An exhibitor may show 2 dogs in different Rally classes in the same age division (not more than 1 per class). A dog that has won a Rally class in a previous State Fair 4 H Dog Show may not compete in that same class again. The dog must move up to a higher Rally class (i.e. Novice to Intermediate) or the Exhibitor must move to the next age level (i.e., Junior to Intermediate). Once a dog advances to a higher level it cannot move back to a lower level.
3. All course runs will be done individually.
4. Exercises and Judging Criteria for all divisions will follow AKC rules that are in effect as of January 1 of the current year.
5. NOVICE RALLY: Dogs which have earned their RN (Rally Novice) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class. All work will be done on lead.
6. INTERMEDIATE RALLY: Dogs which have earned their RI (Rally Intermediate) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class. All work will be done on lead.
7. ADVANCED RALLY: Dogs which have earned their RA (Rally Advanced) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class. All work will be done off leash.
8. EXCELLENT A RALLY: Dogs which have won this class, with a qualifying score in prior years, or have earned their RE (Rally Excellent) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class. All work, with the exception of the Honor Exercises will be done off leash.
9. EXCELLENT B RALLY: For dogs that have won Excellent A class at the State Fair in prior years, with a qualifying score or have the AKC RE (Rally Excellent) title. All work with the exception of the Honor Exercise, is done off leash.

CLASSES - RALLY

CLASS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th & up
31 Novice Rally Jr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
32 Novice Rally Int.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
33 Novice Rally Sr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
34 Intermediate Rally Jr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
35 Intermediate Rally Int.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
36 Intermediate Rally Sr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
37 Advanced Rally Jr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
38 Advanced Rally Int.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
39 Advanced Rally Sr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
40 Excellent A Rally (all ages)	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
41 Excellent B Rally (all ages)	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
42 Champion Novice Rally	Award & Rosette									
(top scores from classes 31-33)										
43 Champion Intermediate Rally	Award & Rosette									
(top scores from classes 34-36)										
44 Champion Advanced Rally	Award & Rosette									
(top score from classes 37-39)										
45 Champion Excellent A	Award & Rosette									
(top score from class 40)										
46 Champion Excellent B	Award & Rosette									
(top score from class 41)										

SECTION 4 - TRICKS

All exhibitors will be evaluated and judged individually over a predetermined list of tricks to demonstrate a willingness to work with the handler under a variety of conditions. Trainability and confidence are also considered.

GENERAL RULES REGARDING TRICKS

1. An exhibitor may show only one dog in the Tricks section.
2. Exercises will follow AKC rules for Novice Trick Dog that are in effect as of January 1 of the current year.
3. Dogs with a Novice Trick Dog Title may compete.
4. Judge will assign point values to the various tricks and points will be granted for tricks completed. Winner is based on the most points earned.
5. Baiting is allowed at the judge's discretion.

CLASSES - TRICKS

CLASS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th & up
47 Tricks Jr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
48 Tricks Int.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
49 Tricks Sr.	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00

(top score from classes 47-49)

TRICKS

Competitors must attempt tricks from the AKC Novice Trick Dog Title list. Examples below.

- Balance beam (walk on low board a few inches off floor)
- Bark on cue ("Speak")
- Crawl (dog on belly, crawls at least 5 feet)
- Fetch it and give (ball, toy, etc- bring to handler, release)
- Find it (find treat hidden under cup)
- Get your _____. (Leash, brush, name of toy)
- Get in (gets in box)
- Get on (gets on low platform or step - 4 paws)
- Hand signals (down, sit, or come) _____
- High five
- Hold (3 seconds)
- Jump (thru a low hoop or over a low bar)
- Kennel up (go in crate, stay in until released)
- Kiss (point to cheek)
- Paws up (2 front paws on low stool or step)
- Push-ups (sit, down, sit, down, sit, down)
- Shake hands
- Spin in circle
- Touch it (hand or target stick)
- Tunnel (agility tunnel or child's tunnel)
- Other: Handler's choice: _____
- Other: Handler's choice: _____

SECTION 5 - CANINE DRESS-UP

This event is for the education of spectators and the enjoyment of exhibitors. Contestants and their animals will dress in coordinating or complimentary homemade costumes. Contestants may only enter one entry in this section.

1. Each Contestant must write a narration in story or poem form (100-150 words) which will be read while Contestant is on display. One part should describe the theme of the costume while a second part should tell about the Contestant (name, age, school, exhibitor's activities & club, etc.).
2. Conformation of the dog is not considered in judging.
3. Judging: Participants will be scored on: Educational Value - promotes animal species, breed or use (25%); Originality - clever use of materials, creativity, uniqueness (25%); Workmanship - attractive, neat, effectively put together (25%), Audience Appeal - overall impression, message effectiveness (25%)

CLASSES - CANINE DRESS-UP

CLASS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th & up
51 Dress-Up (all ages)	8.00	7.00	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
52 Champion Dress-Up	Award & Rosette									

(top score from class 51)

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