

DEPT 22 – DOGS

SATURDAY, JULY 15 12:00 NOON

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If you are signing up as a differently abled exhibitor, please contact the Superintendent for special accommodations when Fair forms are turned in.

DOG CARE AND TRAINING RULES

1. All dogs to be exhibited at the fair **must** be kept on leash or crated except when in the show ring. Exhibitors must present dog's current Rabies and DHLPP record and license or tag to 4-H Club Leader prior to the show date. Bordatella-Kennel Cough vaccination is highly recommended. Exhibitor **must bring** a copy of these records to the registration table at the fair.
2. All Dogs must and be registered at the Extension office by May 1st.
3. Exhibitors should dress appropriately for the show and appear neat and clean in the show ring. Flat shoes are required; no sandals, high heels, or boots. Long hair should be tied back. Slacks are acceptable for showmanship and encouraged for obedience, agility, and rally. For girl's showmanship – skirts, culottes, dresses no shorter than fingertip length recommended. For boy, dress slacks and shirt/tie recommended, jacket/suits optional. Halter tops, low-cut blouses, spaghetti straps, shorts, hats, miniskirts, denim, and bare midriffs are NOT acceptable. Judges will be made aware of the dress code before judging.
4. If the exhibitor is showing an animal not their own, they must have had access to the dog for training from March of fair year.
5. Exhibit dogs will be kept at the fair one day only, Saturday. All dogs must have a crate available during the show and stay within the designated dog show area.
6. Exhibitors may exhibit one dog in each class.
7. All judge's decisions will be final.
8. If there is only one exhibitor in a particular class, he must make 50% of the TOTAL SCORE to qualify for a trophy.
9. If an exhibitor has advanced, he may not drop back to a lower class with the same dog(s).
10. An exhibitor may remain in the same class for a maximum of three years, except Sub-Novice A and Novice A exhibitors who must move up to Sub-Novice B and Novice B the following year. The exceptions are: if the exhibitor receives a score that is less than 170 for all classes except Sub-Novice A and Novice A. The exhibitor is responsible for keeping their score sheets from the past years for verification by the Superintendent.
11. Any dog or exhibitor showing excessive aggression, determined by show officials, shall be removed from show and shall not exhibit.
12. Exhibitors will need to check-in with the Superintendent at 11:00am on Saturday to receive an exhibitor number and final show instructions.
13. Female dogs in season may not participate in the show. If you expect that your dog may come into season at fair time, check with your vet, there is a shot available to prevent the season from starting. If your dog is in season, another dog may be substituted at the fair with proof of required vaccinations and verification that exhibitor has trained this animal. Exhibitor must inform Superintendent as soon as aware.
14. A dog may be shown by only one exhibitor in Obedience classes.
15. Any dog/handler team with an obedience title earned by January 1 of the current year must exhibit in the next highest class or Title Holder's Class. A dog who has earned one or two legs in AKC or UKC obedience competition may compete in that class. Inexperienced Handler/Titled dog should start in Novice A (this is an exception to the Sub-Novice rules). Experienced handler/Titled dog start at the next highest class or Title Holder's Class.

16. Scoring will be done on a point system as suggested by AKC and 4-H Dog Care and Training Project.
17. Show Committee will inspect all dogs prior to entry in the show for health and disposition.
18. In obedience classes a dog must have a slip or buckle collar and a six foot leather or web lead.
19. Exhibitors must enter in a showmanship class.
20. Dogs must be a minimum of 6 months by June 15, current year.
21. Exhibitors entering in Class 692 must be enrolled in either Leader Dogs for the Blind or Paws with a Cause. They must enter a showmanship class. The dog may not enter any other Obedience classes.
22. Questions regarding compliance of these rules should be directed to the Superintendent.
23. Level A classes are for members who will be competing at a level for the first year. Level B classes are for members who have competed in the "A" class previously.
24. An exhibitor can show up to two dogs, but he/she may not have more than one entry per class.
25. Set-up and tear down of the Dog Show is a required part of the completion of the project; eligibility for premiums and high points is at the discretion of the Superintendent.
26. Differently Abled exhibitors may continue to exhibit until the age of 26. Exhibitors shall follow all rules according to their species. They should enter the showmanship age class for their species. Differently Abled exhibitors ages 19 to 26 should continue in the senior showmanship class. Superintendent will work with the exhibitor, their family, and the Differently Abled Superintendent to make appropriate arrangements. These arrangements may include showing at a different time, being accompanied by a teen mentor/adult, etc. Differently Abled exhibitors will receive a special showmanship trophy.

DIVISION 1 – DOGS

Section a – SHOWMANSHIP (JUNIOR HANDLING)

Class 675 – 680 will receive a trophy and placing rosettes
Class 675 – Champion Showmanship (13-19 years)
Exhibitors ages 13-19 with three or more previous 1st or 2nd place 4-H, AKC, or UKC sponsored wins in Classes 676-679 in Showmanship in previous years should compete in the Champion Class.

Class 676 – Senior Showmanship (15-19 years)
Class 677 – Junior Showmanship (13-14 years)
Class 678 – Young I Showmanship (9-10 years)
Class 679 – Young II Showmanship (11-12 years)
Class 680 – Pee Wee Showmanship (6-8 years)

The top two exhibitors in classes 675-679 will compete for the Overall Showmanship Champion. Trophies and rosettes for Grand and Reserve Overall Showmanship will be awarded.

Section b – OBEDIENCE

Class 681 – Sub-Novice A
(On lead inexperienced trainer with an inexperienced dog, never shown before)
Class 682 – Sub-Novice B (6-11 years)
Class 683 – Sub-Novice B (12-19 years)
Class 684 – Novice A
Class 685 – Novice B
Class 686 – Title Holder (Dogs with AKC or UKC obedience title)
Class 687 – Graduate Novice Obedience
Class 688 – Open
Class 689 – Utility

Class 690 – Brace

Brace is the showing of two dogs working obedience together on the same leash on brace attachment at the same time. On or off leash brace is optional.

Class 691 – Team

A team of four dogs and four handlers that compete as a group performing the Novice exercises.

Class 692 – Service Dogs

See rule 20

Class 701 – Advanced Agility

Off leash, handler may NOT go over jumps with dog. One year previous experience in Intermediate Agility required.

Class 702 – Veterans Agility

Dogs that have existing physical limitations causing unnecessary stress to the dog if they participate in agility (veterinary statement and superintendent pre-approval required – form available at Extension Office). Jump/equipment heights to be set according to 8” dog height, with no teeter totter obstacle.

All exhibitors in classes 695-702 will receive placing rosettes.

There will be a Grand Champion in each class for 695-702. Grand Champion will receive a trophy.

Section e – RALLY OBEDIENCE

RALLY RULES

1. Rally exhibitors must have a minimum of six months obedience training before the current fair year date and be entered in any obedience class to participate in any Rally classes.
2. Rally exhibitors must be familiar with rally signage and equipment.
3. Rally walk-through without dog will be done at the beginning of each class.
4. Rally will follow AKC Rally regulations and will use AKC signs. Go to www.akc.org for signs, rules, and regulations.
5. The exhibitor must currently be in or have participated in obedience training.
6. An experienced handler/new dog or new handler/experienced dog must enter in Novice B or higher classes.
7. Exhibitors may show only one dog in each class.

Class 703 – Novice A - First year beginners

Class 704 – Novice B - 2nd/3rd year beginners

Class 705 – Advanced - 1st/2nd year intermediate – Off Leash

Class 706 – Excellent - Advanced – Off Leash

All exhibitors in classes 703-706 will receive 1-5 rosettes.

There will be a Grand Champion in each class for 703-706. Grand Champion will receive a trophy.

For Freestyle Obedience and Team Obedience Demonstrations, see Department 73, Individual/Team demonstration.

A High Points and Reserve High Points trophy will be awarded to the highest combined total scores in Obedience, Rally, and Agility. If more than one dog is used by a handler, the dog used in Showmanship MUST also be used in all four events to be eligible for the high point trophy. Ties will be based on showmanship placements, followed by record book in the event of a second tie.

Section f – DOG RECORD BOOK CONTEST

To recognize outstanding achievement in record keeping for a dog project, awards will be presented to the top exhibitor in the following divisions.

Pee Wee (6-8)

Young (9-12)

Junior (13-14)

Senior (15-19)

	A	B	C
Premiums for classes 681 thru 690	4.00	3.50	3.00

Exhibitors in classes 681-685, and class 687 and 690 receive Dog Obedience rosettes (1-5) and A, B, C ribbons. First place exhibitors in these classes will also receive a trophy. First place exhibitors in classes 686, 688, and 689, will receive a Grand Champion rosette. First place exhibitors in Class 691 each receive a Grand Champion rosette (4 total)

Section c – COSTUME CLASS

Grand and Reserve Trophies and Rosettes

Costumes (dog/handler/both) will be judged on creativity, originality, and youth’s description of how the costume was personally designed and created.

Class 693 – Costume under 12 years of age

Class 694 – Costume 12 years of age and over

Section d – AGILITY

DOG AGILITY RULES

- D. In Agility classes, buckle collars without tags only. Leashes must not be greater than 6’. Leashes must be made of leather or web only.
- E. Agility exhibitors must have a minimum of 6 months obedience training with exhibiting dog before the current fair year date and be entered in any obedience class with exhibiting dog to participate in any agility class.
- F. Agility exhibitors must be familiar with Agility equipment.
- G. Agility walk-through without dog will be done at the beginning of each class.
- H. Agility will be scored according to State 4-H Agility rules.
- I. For complete guidelines contact the MSU Extension Office.
- J. The exhibitor must currently be in or have participated in obedience training.
- K. Dog jump height information should be included on the Small Animal Entry form and exhibitors should show their jump height card at Dog Show registration.
- L. An experienced handler/new dog or new handler/experienced dog must enter in Beginner B or higher classes.
- M. Exhibitors may show only one dog in each class.

Class 695 – Beginner Agility A (6-11 years)

First year beginner, on leash, handler may go over jumps with dog.

Class 696 – Beginner Agility A (12-19 years)

First year beginner, on leash, handler may go over jumps with dog.

Class 697 – Beginner Agility B (6-11 years)

2nd-3rd year beginners, on leash, handler may go over jumps with dog

Class 698 – Beginner Agility B (12-19 years)

2nd-3rd year beginners, on leash, handler may go over jumps with dog

Class 699 – Intermediate Agility A

First year intermediate, optional leash, handler may go over jumps with dog. One year previous experience in Beginner Agility is required.

Class 700 – Intermediate Agility B

2nd-3rd year intermediate, off leash, handler may NOT go over jumps with dog.

Exhibitors will receive A, B, C ratings. First place winners in each division will receive a \$15.00 cash prize and a Best of Show rosette.

Record books should be turned into the Dog Superintendent upon registering on the day of the Dog Show. Record books will be judged on completeness, accuracy, neatness, and interview. Interview times will be announced the day of the show. Winners will be announced at the Domestic Animal Awards ceremony on Saturday. Record books are available from the Extension office.



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