

4-H DOG DEPARTMENT

4-H Superintendent - Kerri Wenck, Fort Dodge

Location - Livestock Pavilion

SCHEDULE:

Sunday, August 23

7:00 a.m.	Dogs may arrive
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Check in at the Dog Show Rings
8:30 a.m.	Dogs must be in
8:45 a.m.	Exhibitor Meeting
9:30 a.m.	Dog Show (released after show)
5:00 p.m.	Dogs must be off the grounds

ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 1 through FairEntry (4hOnline)

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations, 4-H General Rules and Regulations and 4-H Livestock Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Entries are open to dogs identified in 4hOnline as 4-H projects by May 15 of the current year that meet the division and class qualifications.
3. The fee of \$2 per class entered must be paid with the entry. **No refunds.**
4. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS - Must bring current Rabies Certificate or an official Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection with the rabies certificate number listed and date of vaccination to the Fair. Rabies certificate MUST have an actual veterinarian's signature to be valid. Office letterhead is not acceptable without an actual vet's signature on it.**
5. HOUSING cannot be provided on the Fairgrounds for dog entries; thus, exhibitors should plan to arrive Sunday morning and will be released at the completion of their classes.
6. CHECK-IN PROCEDURES will begin at 7:00 a.m. and will continue until 8:30 a.m. Exhibitors should report to the check in area with their dogs and vaccination paperwork for processing. This procedure will include checking class entries, veterinarian inspection and checking Rabies Certificate. They will receive exhibitor number and exhibitor t-shirt at check-in.
7. EXHIBITOR CONDUCT - Exhibitors shall not strike dogs nor use any other unnecessarily harsh physical means of disciplining dogs. The exhibitor must be ready when the class is called. No harsh or excessive corrections are to be made on the grounds.
8. EXHIBITOR DRESS - State Fair exhibitor's t-shirt or white blouse or shirt with blue, black or khaki jeans or slacks. No caps or hats are allowed in the show ring. It is recommended that exhibitors wear tie shoes, no sandals or slip on shoes. Dress clothes may be worn for handling classes only.
9. EQUIPMENT - All dogs must be leashed or crated while waiting for their class to be called. Dog owners will provide their own water pan and food. The use of choke chains and buckle collars in obedience and show leads in handling are to be used while showing. No prong or pinch collars, gentle leaders or harnesses will be used in the show rings at any time.
10. Any bitch in season or nursing may not be shown.
11. Dogs are to be shown by the 4-H member.
12. Exhibitor and dog experience determine class level. **Experience includes county fairs and/or State Fair experience combined. Years completed include the current year and all previous years a dog was shown.** A qualifying score is achieved when an exhibitor earns 170 points (out of 200 points) or more and achieves 50% of the points or better for each exercise in his/her class. When an exhibitor achieves this standard he/she must advance to the next class with the exception of Preferred Novice B, Graduate Novice B and Open. However, an exhibitor may advance to the next level without a qualifying score (see class description). An exhibitor who does not achieve a qualifying score may remain in the same class for the following year; the only exception to this is for Beginners Novice A exhibitors who must advance to Beginners Novice B the next year.
13. This is NOT an AKC sanctioned dog show. AKC rules have been used as much as possible. It is recommended that youth attend an AKC show or obtain a copy of their rules prior to exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair. This will assist exhibitors in knowing and understanding some of the expectations of a dog show. In accordance with AKC guidelines, baiting is only allowed in the handling classes. If bait is used in any other class, the exhibitor will be excused from the class and will not receive any placement or premium for that class.
14. All exhibitors should note that dogs belonging to the general public are not allowed on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. If individuals question you about this policy, please inform them that you are a 4-H exhibitor and that you and your dog are here for the 4-H Dog Show. Only service dogs are allowed in buildings (other than the Livestock Pavilion) on the Fairgrounds.
15. If you are to be exhibiting in a handling and an obedience class (including rally) at the same time, the **handling** class has precedence. Let the ring steward in your obedience/rally ring know where you are. Show times are **estimated**. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with both ring stewards for actual show times. Judges do not have to hold up classes for a single exhibitor.
16. No practicing will be allowed in the show rings.
17. Jumps - Jumps will be measured at shoulder height (withers) for those classes requiring jumps. Exhibitors are to know the jump height for their dog before entering the ring.

OBEDIENCE - DIVISION 30

1. Entries in this division are open to purebred or mixed breed dogs which are owned by the exhibitor or in partnership with parent or guardian. In all cases, the dog is to have been trained, cared for and managed by the exhibitor.
2. Any dog that earns an obedience or rally title through a sanctioned show, such as AKC, UKC, etc., before January 1, **MUST** compete in the next level above the title earned.
3. There are no limits on the number of dogs exhibited. Even if the dog was identified under more than one 4-H member in 4hOnline by May 15, the dog can only exhibit in a class once.
4. Exhibitor may have more than one entry in Graduate Novice B and Open. Dogs entered in Graduate Novice B may also enter the Open class with the same exhibitor.
5. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Purple - 190-200 points, Blue - 170-189 ½ points, Red - 150-169 ½ points and White - 149 ½ or lower.
6. Monetary premiums will be paid to the top three entries in each class. Premiums paid will be \$10, 8, 6.
7. The top scoring dog in each class will receive a special award.

**8. Qualifying Scores**

- A. If a dog/exhibitor achieves a qualifying score in a class at the previous year's Iowa State Fair, he/she must move up to the next class.
- B. Qualifying score = 170 points or above

Note: The # of years of experience for either exhibitor or dog includes participation at a county fair and/or State Fair dog show and includes the current 4-H year.

**OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

• **Intro Class**

Heel & Figure 8	On leash	40 pts
Sit for examination	On leash	40 pts
Recall (no finish)	On leash	40 pts
Long sit (1 min)	Handler at the end of the leash	40 pts
Long down (1 min)	Handler at the end of the leash	40 pts

Intro class is for First year exhibitor with First year dog only. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc.

• **Beginners Novice A & B**

Heel	On leash	40 pts
Figure 8	On leash	40 pts
Sit for Examination	On leash	40 pts
Sit/stay Handler walks ring	Drop leash	40 pts
Recall (No finish)	Off leash	40 pts

Beginners Novice A is only for dogs and handler teams in their 2nd year of training. Exhibitor/Dog team may only enter this class 1 year. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc.

Beginners Novice B is for dog/handler teams, where either the dog has had previous training, but this is the first year for the exhibitor, or for an exhibitor with experience, but this is the first year for the dog. This class is also open to exhibitor/dog teams in their 3rd year of training that did not receive a qualifying score in Beginners Novice A last year.

Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

• **Preferred Novice A & B**

Heel & Figure 8	On leash	40 pts
Stand for Examination	Off leash	30 pts
Heel Free	Off leash	40 pts
Recall with finish	Off leash	30 pts
Stay – Sit or Down	Handler walks ring	30 pts
Sit Stay Get your Leash	Off leash	30 pts

Preferred Novice A class - A handler /Dog team may enter this class 1 year.

Preferred Novice B class - A handler/Dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score.

Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

• **Novice A & B**

Heel & Figure Eight	On leash	40 pts
Stand for Examination	Off leash	30 pts
Heel Free	Off leash	40 pts
Recall with Finish	Off leash	30 pts
Sit Stay Get Your Leash	On leash	30 pts
Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay		30 pts

Novice A - A handler/Dog team may enter this class 1 year.

Novice B - A handler/Dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score.

Any dog that has earned any 'CD' level title before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

• **Graduate Novice A & B**

Heel Free and Figure Eight	Off leash	40 points
Drop on Recall	Off leash	40 points
Dumbbell Recall	Off leash	30 points
Dumbbell Recall over High Jump	Off leash	30 points
Recall over Broad Jump	Off leash	30 points
Stand Stay – Get Your Leash	Off leash	30 points

Graduate Novice A – For dogs attempting the dumbbell work and have not received a qualifying score.

Graduate Novice B – For dogs that readily carry the dumbbell, or have received a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A.

Dogs must not have received any 'CDX' level titles.

• **Open**

Heel Free & Figure Eight	Off leash	40 points
Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)	Off leash	30 points
Drop on Recall	Off leash	30 points
Retrieve on Flat	Off leash	20 points
Retrieve over High Jump	Off leash	30 points
Broad Jump	Off leash	20 points
Stand Stay Get Your Leash	Off leash	30 points

• **Rally**

1. Exhibitor is allowed one entry in each class, except Rally Advanced Rally, where two entries are allowed.
2. Dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. An exhibitor leaving the ring without the dog on a leash will have major points deducted from their score. All dogs must remain on the floor while in the show ring. Any dog picked up in or being held while entering the ring will have their score reduced by 1 ribbon color.
3. A dog who has received any Rally Novice title in any sanctioned show such as AKC (American Kennel Club) or UKC (United Kennel Club), etc., must compete in Rally Intermediate or Rally Advanced.
4. AKC guidelines and rally signs will be used as judging guidelines for these rally classes. State fair courses will not be released until the day of the show. Exhibitors are to know the signs in their appropriate class level prior to entering the class.
5. Exhibitors will walk the course without their dog prior to showing. The judge will be available at walk-throughs to answer any questions. If an exhibitor is showing in another ring and missed the walk through, that exhibitor will be able to walk the course before being judged. It is the exhibitors responsibility to let the ring steward know that they have not walked the course before entering the ring with their dog.

**Rally Novice A** - For dogs which have not previously competed in any rally class & are in their first year of rally training. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 10-15 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of five stationary exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Novice level signs will be used for this class.

**Rally Novice B** - For dogs which have competed in any rally class & are in their 2nd or 3rd year of rally training. Exhibitor/dog combinations are limited to 2 years in this class. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 10-15 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of five stationary exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Novice level signs will be used for this class. Novice A course will be used.

**Rally Intermediate** - For dogs which have competed in any rally class and are in their 3rd year of rally training or more, or for a dog who has earned any Rally Novice title (AKC, UKC, etc ). Exhibitor/dog combinations are limited to 2 years in this class. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 12-17 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three Advanced level stations. There are no jumps in this class. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Intermediate level signs will be used for this class.

**Rally Advanced** - For dogs which have competed in a rally class with 4 or more years in rally training or for a dog who has earned any Rally Intermediate title (AKC, UKC, etc.). There is no limit on the number of years an exhibitor/dog combination can compete in this class. All exercises are performed OFF leash. There will be between 12-17 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses will have a minimum of three advanced level stations plus one required jump. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands, or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Advanced level signs will be used for this class.

**HANDLING (SHOWMANSHIP) - DIVISION 31**

1. Entries in this division are open to purebred or mixed breed dogs and must be owned by the exhibitor or in partnership with parent or guardian.
2. All exhibitors entering the Handling Division MUST ALSO enter and exhibit in at least one Obedience Class, this includes rally.
3. The exhibitor is limited to one entry in this division.
4. The handler grades are as of the current completed school year.
5. Class determination is based on the age of the handler.
6. Handling classes will be judged using the following Showmanship Score Card:  
 Exhibitor (appearance, attitude) ..... 10 points  
 Dog Grooming and condition..... 10 points  
 Handling ..... 40 points  
 Questions ..... 40 points  
 Total ..... 100 points
7. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Purple - 90-100 points, Blue - 80-89 points, Red - 70-79 points and White - 69 points or less.
8. First place winners in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions will receive a Top Handler Award.

**CLASS**

- Junior Handling (grades 5-6)
- Intermediate Handling (grades 7-8)
- Senior Handling (grades 9-12)