**4-H Premium Book Class Descriptions and Explanations**

The following is a link to the Michigan State 4-H dog project website and contains valuable resources that we will be utilizing throughout the entire project year.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/236/67491/4h1213_4-H_Dog_Project_Members_Record_Web.pdf>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_dog_show_scoresheets>

**Class A – Dog Related Exhibits**

Lot Descriptions

Lot 1 Educational Exhibit: This lot is where you would enter educational themed dioramas, powerpoints, demonstration videos, etc…

* Suggested Ideas for Lots 1 and 2 are:
	+ Famous dogs
	+ Dog care schedule
	+ Traits of a good dog for my family
	+ Dog breeds
	+ Mixed breed dogs
	+ Plan to prevent a lost dog
	+ Dog body parts
	+ Dog food nutrients
	+ Dog vaccinations and parasite control
	+ Demonstration on how to housetrain a dog
	+ Dog body language and behavior
	+ Emotional aspects of losing a dog
	+ Demonstration on how to groom a dog
	+ Basic dog obedience commands
	+ Or think of your own

Lot 2 Any other dog related article: Please enter dog related non-educational items in this lot. Examples could be photography, drawings, paintings, sculptures, etc…

**Class B Obedience**

Lot 1 Cloverbud Obedience

* Enroll in this class if you are a Cloverbud.
* Heel On Leash, Recall On Leash (no finish), Sit (30-45 seconds per judge’s discretion), and answer dog care questions

Lot 2 Pre-Novice

* Enroll in this class when neither member nor dog have participated in organized training (Dogs with less than 10 weeks of organized training are eligible for this class).
* The member may participate in this class only once during his or her 4-H career.
* Heel on leash, Figure 8 on lease, Sit For Exam, Recall On Leash (no finish), 45 Second Sit/Stay On Leash, and Grooming.

Lot 3 Beginner Novice

* Members may enroll in this class if they are:
	+ A 4-H member with previous obedience training experience who is working with a new dog or a dog that is not ready to move to off-leash exercises.
	+ A 4-H member without previous obedience training experience working a dog with more than 10 weeks of organized training.
* Heel On Leash, Figure 8 On Lease, Sit For Exam, Recall, Sit/Stay, and Grooming.

Lot 4 Novice

* Members may enroll in this class if they:
	+ Completed Pre-Novice and/or Beginner Novice and are ready to begin the heel free (off leash) exercises. A member may repeat this class at the discretion of the Superintendent
* Heel and Figure 8 On Leash, Stand For Exam Off Leash, Heel Off Leash, Recall, Sit/Stay Get Your Leash, 1 Minute Long Sit, 1 Minute Long Down, and Grooming

Lot 5 Graduate Novice

* Heel and Figure 8 Off Leash, Drop On Recall, Dumbbell Recall On The Flat, Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump, Recall Over Broad Jump, Stand/Stay Get Your Leash, and Grooming.

Lot 6 Advanced Graduate Novice

* Heel and Figure 8 Off Leash, Moving Stand for Exam, Drop on Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Recall Over Broad Jump, Stand/Stay Get Your Leash, and Grooming

Lot 7 Open

* Heel and Figure 8 Off Leash, Drop on Recall, Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit), Retrieve On Flat, Recall Over High Jump, Broad Jump, Stand/Stay Get Your Leash, and Grooming

Lot 8 Pre-Utility

* Signal Exercise, Directed Retrieve, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump, Stand/Stay Get Your Leash, and Grooming

 Lot 9 Utility

* Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand for Examination, and Directed Jumping

All class level placements are subject to the discretion of the dog project superintendents/trainers.

**Class C – Rally**

Lot 1 Rally Novice**—**This is a 1st level class for those just getting started in competition

* 1. All exercises are performed with the dog on leash.
	2. There is a requirement of 10-15 stations to complete with no more than 5 stationary exercises.
	3. Exhibitors at this level may clap their hands and pat their legs through the course.

Lot 2 Rally Advanced**—**This 2nd level class includes more difficult exercises throughout the course.

1. All exercises are performed off-leash
2. There is a requirement of 12-17 stations with no more than 7 stationary exercises.
3. Exercises include a jump

Lot 3 Rally Excellent**—**This is the 3rd and highest level of Rally and is the most challenging.

1. Exercises are performed off-leash, except for the honor exercise.
2. There is a requirement of 15-20 stations with no more than 7 stationary exercises.
3. Handlers are only allowed to encourage their dog verbally. Physical encouragement is not allowed at this level.

**Showmanship**

1. Exhibitors will be judged on their ability to handle and groom their dog skillfully.
2. The confirmation of the breed of the dog will not be considered in the judging, only the general condition and preparation of the dog.
3. The clothing worn should be appropriate and will be considered in the judging.
4. You are in Open Showmanship if
	* You have won a first blue or three or more blues

OR

* + You show at AKC shows or sanctioned matches
1. You are in Novice Showmanship if:
	* This is your first year in Showmanship

OR

* + You have not won a first blue or three or more blues

OR

* + You do not show in AKC shows or sanctioned matches
1. Exhibitor grade is the grade as of January 1st of the current exhibit year

**All dog waste (both inside and outside the building) MUST be picked up and placed in the provided designated dog waste container.** **Failure to do so is cause for dismissal from training.**