

PUEBLO COUNTY FAIR DOG TRIALS –

2021

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Tuesday, **July 20, 2021** Registration – 9:00 AM
Show – 9:30 AM **SHOWMANSHIP TESTS**
MUST BE COMPLETED BY 10:30 AM

All 4-H Dog Health Certificates are to be in
4honline and due May 1.

**The County Fair Dog Show is a 4-H
show. As such, 4-H youth development
principles are of primary importance.**

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE BASED ON WHAT THE STATE 4-H
DOG COMMITTEE APPROVES. COUNTY FAIR
RULES ARE BASED ON STATE RULES AND
STATE RULES WILL NEED TO BE
INCORPORATED BEFORE THE DOG COUNCIL
DISCUSSES THEM**

The Dog Trials will be held Tuesday, **July 20,
2021**. They will be held at the Colorado State Fair
Ag Palace, starting with check-in from 9:00 AM
and show at 9:30 AM The Showmanship Test will
be held before showmanship classes start. No
tests will be given after 10:30 AM

Dates of approved current and effective
vaccination of the dog for rabies and canine
distemper must be provided on the State 4H Dog
Health Certificate. Each entrant is required to
complete the *State Dog Identification on 4honline*
and have it on file in their Extension Office by
May1.

The following information on vaccinations and
titers have been provided by veterinarians at
Colorado State University:

Recommendations to minimize the chance of
infectious disease spread at the County Fair 4-
H Dog Show: Ragan Adams, MAJ DVM
Veterinary Extension Specialist, CSU; Dr.
Michael Lappin DVM, PhD, DACVIM *

- (1) Show proof of vaccination for canine
distemper virus and parvovirus within 3
years or serum titers indicating proof of
effective immunity.
- (2) Current Rabies vaccination certificate.
Titers are not accepted.

- (3) Do not bring dogs who have shown
signs of respiratory (sneeze, nasal
discharge, or cough), gastrointestinal
(vomiting or diarrhea), or skin
disease (open sores, crusty skin
patches, or increased scratching
within 7 days of the show.
- (4) While at the show, keep our dog(s) to
themselves, do not share equipment
between dogs from different
households or kennels.
- (5) Wash hands after handling other dogs
and before handling your own dog.

Question about which reference to use on titers:
See AAHA guidance

https://www.aaha.org/guidelines/canine_vaccination_guidelines/antibody_testing.aspx

CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
guidance for titer explanation: from Christie
Mayo. Canine distemper virus (COY) antibody
SN Canine distemper titers of less than 1:2
(<1:2) indicate lack of immunity and
susceptibility to infection with the field virus.
Titers of 1:2-1:16 indicate limited protection
against the field virus.
Titers of 1:32 and higher indicate probable
protective immunity; higher titers indicate better
protection.

Canine parvovirus (CPV2) antibody HI Canine
parvovirus titers of less than 1:8 (<1:8) indicate
lack of immunity and susceptibility to infection
with the field virus. Titers of 1:16-1:32 indicate
limited protection against the field virus.
Titers of 1:64 and higher indicate probable
protective immunity; higher titers indicate better
protection.

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Studies.

**1. Any Pueblo County 4-H dog project
member is required to attend a
minimum of one Pueblo County dog
training event to be able to participate
in the Pueblo County 4-H Dog Show at
the County Fair.**

2. If a member's dog does not receive
Rabies immunizations as required by
the State of Colorado for all 4-H Dog
Project participants, a certificate from
the member's veterinarian stating the
reason must be downloaded to 4-H
online by May 1.

3. Proof of Rabies vaccination must come from a licensed veterinarian or the dog is not legally considered vaccinated. If the member's dog receives Rabies immunizations which are given by anyone who is not a Colorado State licensed veterinarian, these immunizations will not be recognized by law should the dog bite someone. Proof of Parvovirus and distemper immunization must be provided in order to show at the Pueblo County Fair.
4. County Fair 4-H Dog Show officials and/or staff can and will dismiss any entrant or his/her family from the show for any mistreatment of dogs entered in this show. If a question should arise as to what constitutes "mistreatment," State 4-H staff and/or officials will meet to decide appropriate action in each case.
5. Any negative behavior on the part of the exhibitor, family members or leaders directed toward any official will result in disqualification and awards forfeited. If there is a question as to the rules or the judging of a class, adult family members or leaders must approach the Superintendent of that division and **not the judge**. The Superintendents will then take the question to the judge if warranted.
6. Dogs which are deemed to be a danger to people or other dogs can and will be removed from the show grounds and all classes forfeited. This will be determined by a consensus of the Superintendents.
7. **Protests – See Rule 9, General Fair Rules.**
8. All entrants will be responsible for clean-up after their dogs. Failure to do so can be a basis for dismissal from the County Fair 4-H Dog Show and/or forfeiture of any placing.
9. Show management will have final decision authority. If needed, show management may request assistance with arbitration from a committee comprised of the show superintendents, the judge (if willing), and the leader and/or agent from county involved (if present).
10. **Colorado State 4-H Dress Code**
This dress code is to be followed by all Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H members, as well as adult leaders, advisors, and chaperones at all Colorado State 4-H sponsored events including but not limited to the Colorado County Fair 4-H Dog Trials. Deviations from the dress code will result in a request to change. This dress code is not

subject to personal interpretation. A state officer, adult leader, advisor, or chaperone may deem clothing inappropriate. In addition, some activities or events will have specific dress requirements that will need to be followed.

Appropriate dress consists of:

- **Clothes are clean and in good repair, free of holes, tears, or slashes.**
 - **Clothes are free from violent or drug related material, or anything that alludes to violations of the 4-H Code of Conduct.**
 - **Shorts must be mid-thigh length. No cut-off shorts allowed.**
 - **All items designated as underwear are kept under cover.**
 - **No halter-tops, tube tops, or top that expose undergarments.**
 - **No pants or shorts that expose undergarments.**
 - **No spaghetti straps on shirts or dresses, with the exception of formal attire, or when under suit jackets. If the suit jacket is removed, the shirt must be covered by another means.**
 - **No see-through garments or muscle shirts.**
 - **Shoes must be worn at all times. Proper foot attire for dog showing are shoes which are closed-toed. No flipflops, sandals, or other open-toed shoes will be allowed in the show ring for any class.**
 - **No pajamas unless you are immediately leaving the grounds.**
- 10.A. Appropriate clothing must be worn in all dog show classes, including Obedience and Rally.*
- 10.B. The member will be given 5 minutes to change into an appropriate outfit if the judge or Superintendent deems their clothing inappropriate.*
- 10.C. If the clothing has been deemed inappropriate by a judge or Superintendent, the member can be denied the opportunity to show their dog until the clothing has been changed.*
- 10.D. It is always a good idea to have another person observe you before you go into the ring making sure that the clothing you are wearing is appropriate when bending, stooping or kneeling while showing your dog. If it is not, it is advisable to change clothes*

Youth need to stay in their dress clothes for showmanship until runoffs are announced.

11. The general age groups for Dog Project are:
Junior 8-10 years

Intermediate 11-13 years
Senior 14-18 years
Age is determined by the member's age
as of December 31, 2017.

12. No dogs are allowed in the Livestock Barns.

13. No participants or their family members will be allowed to use skateboards, rollerblades, or run in the Ag Palace. Outside of the Ag Palace, County Fair rules regarding these issues are posted by County Fair authorities.
14. Dogs must be on a leash at all times except when performing exercises off leash in the show ring.
15. Entrants will be assigned armband numbers and can be picked up the day of the show. Armband numbers will be the same for all **Pueblo County Shows**. Armband numbers will be the same for all dogs entered.
16. No set-up will be allowed anywhere near the rings. Allowable set-up areas will be designated and no one will be allowed to set up in any other areas. Spectators must stay at least ten feet from the ring.
17. If a dog has failed an exercise, it will not ordinarily be re-judged unless the judge feels the dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual conditions. In such a case, the judge may wish to re-judge the dog only on the portion of the exercise in which the unusual condition occurred.

ALL CLASSES, RUN OFFS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THREE TIMES IN FIVE MINUTES. If the youth is not present after this time, his/her run off chances are will be forfeited

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY RULES:

- A. Member must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project.
- B. All exhibitors must have complied with Pueblo County's eligibility rules for State Fair participation. Exhibitors must enter State Fair in the same class in which they qualified at the county level.
- C. The member must own his/her project dog individually or in partnership with immediate family members or guardians during the complete duration of the project year. No leased dogs will be allowed to show at County Fair. If requested, the member must have proof of ownership of the dog at the time of entry and provide that to the superintendents. The member must provide the majority of care for the dog(s).
- D. Any member exhibiting his/her dog at the County Fair 4-H Dog Trial must be an

official representative of Pueblo County at State Fair. Pueblo County Extension personnel will be responsible for entering participants in the State Fair Show. No member will be allowed to substitute for another exhibitor on the day of the show if not properly entered by Pueblo County.

- E. All exhibitors must have at least one qualifying score in each class of exhibition. Qualifying scores are 170 and above in obedience, 170 and above in showmanship and 70 and above in rally. An up-to-date record book must be done and meet all guidelines required by their Pueblo County for State Fair qualification.
- F. Each exhibitor may exhibit a different dog in obedience, showmanship and rally provided they meet qualifications (refer to rule C). A member may be entered in multiple Obedience or Rally classes with different dogs, but each member may only enter Showmanship one time.

DOG ELIGIBILITY RULES:

- A. After once earning a qualifying score in competition as a 4-H project dog in Obedience or Rally at the State Fair, that same dog is no longer eligible for exhibition in that same division at any following County Fair except Obedience: Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open and Utility classes; Rally Advanced-Excellent and **Rally Masters**.
- B. If a dog has received a qualifying score in Obedience - Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open, Utility, or Rally -Advanced/Excellent at a previous State Fair, they may stay in that same class as a "B" level competitor for as long as they need to complete the training required for them to move up to the next class.
- C. A dog with any other rally or obedience title from any national dog association (AKC, UKC, CKC, ASCA, etc.) is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded, or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the County Fair. If the title was won less than four months before the County Fair Dog Trial, the dog is eligible for entry in the same class. If the dog receives a title more than four months before the County Fair Dog Trial, they must move up to the next class. The exceptions to this titling rule are Obedience – Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open, and Utility; and Rally Advanced/Excellent and **Rally Masters**.
Rule C Examples:
 - 1) Dog is awarded a Rally Novice title at the Terry All Kennel Club show on April 12. County Fair Rally

competition is August 25. That is more than 4 months away. The team must move up to Intermediate Rally A in 4H competition.

- 2) Dog is awarded a Rally Novice title at the Greeley Kennel Club show on August 14. County Fair Rally competition is August 25. That is less than 4 months. The dog may compete in Rally Novice at 4H competition.
- D. No bitch in heat, obviously pregnant or lactating bitches will be allowed to compete in any classes at the County Fair.
- E. Dogs in obvious pain from a previous illness or injury shall not be shown. If a dog is injured at a show, that dog will be excused from the ring. Consideration of a dog's physical disability needs to be addressed between the handler and project leader before starting the project. A County Fair approved veterinarian or qualified veterinarian technician's decision on doubtful cases will be accepted as final.
- F. No dog other than the county-qualified dog will be eligible to show or compete at State Fair. Should any problem arise with the dog designated as the county-qualified dog, the Extension agent must be notified for any course of action.
- G. If the County qualified dog in Showmanship is injured or in season, a replacement may be used at the approval of the County Superintendent. The replacement dog must fulfill all of the "dog eligibility requirements", must be carried in the member's record book, and must have a health certificate on file with the county office. If requested, the health certificate must accompany the dog to the County Dog Trial and be presented to the General Superintendent. If the member chooses to show a dog who has not been carried as a project animal for the current project year, the member must show as exhibition only.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship Class Eligibility Requirements: A test will be given to each contestant entered in Showmanship. The exhibitor is responsible for taking this test before 10:30 AM Tuesday. No tests will be given after 10:30 AM. If an exhibitor does not take the test by 10:30 AM, then that portion of the showmanship score sheet will result in a score of zero.

CLASS 500 Junior Novice Showmanship : This class is for members who are 8 – 10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no

prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

CLASS 501 Junior Open Showmanship

This class is for members who are 8-10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.

CLASS 502 Intermediate Novice Showmanship

This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

CLASS 503 Intermediate Open Showmanship

This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.

CLASS 504 Intermediate Advanced Showmanship

This class is for members who are 11-13 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year. Any member who has placed 1st through 10th at a previous State Dog Trial Intermediate Open Showmanship must enter Intermediate Advanced Showmanship

CLASS 505 Senior Novice Showmanship

This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

CLASS 506 Senior Open Showmanship

This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship

CLASS 507 Senior Advanced Showmanship This class is for members who are 14-18 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year. Any member who has placed 1st through 10th at a previous State Dog Trial in Senior Open Showmanship must enter Senior Advanced Showmanship

Class 508 Master Showman Class

- Intermediate and Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showmen from any previous State 4H Dog Trial are required to enter the Master Showman class.
- If the youth is in the Intermediate age group, when they become a Senior (at age 14) they can either stay in the Master Showman class or move to the Senior Advanced class only.
- If the youth who has shown in Master Showman in past years should get a new dog, they may choose to either stay in the Master Showman class or to enter the Advanced class in whichever age division they belong in (Intermediate or Senior).
- Once a youth has won Grand Champion Master Showman they are required to show

in Master Showman for their remaining years as a 4-H member with the same dog they won Grand Champion.

1. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice classes are for those members who are in their first year of showmanship training and have no prior outside showmanship experience as determined by the county.
2. .If prior experience is determined by the county, the exhibitor must move into open class competition in his/her appropriate age group.
3. Showmanship Classes: Pueblo County is limited to **four entries per class** for any Showmanship class for a total of 32 entries. There is no limit on entries for Master Showman, as long as eligibility has been met
4. Each member entered at the State Dog Trial should have earned a qualifying score of 170 or above
5. at a 4-H dog show during the project year.
6. Rules governing Intermediate and Senior Advanced Showmanship:
 - a. any member who has placed in the top 10 in the Intermediate or Senior Open classes at any previous State Fair must show in Intermediate or Senior Advanced classes for their remaining years in that age group. If a member who has shown in the Intermediate or Senior Advanced classes gets a new dog, they have the choice to either continue showing advanced classes or move back to Open Class in their respective age groups. If the member chooses to move back to Open Class in their respective age group with a new dog, they must then qualify the new dog to move to the Advanced classes by placing in the top ten at State Fair.
 - b. A Senior member who has moved up by age from either the Intermediate Open or Advanced class may choose to show in Senior Advanced by advice of their leader and taking into consideration the caliber of the member. Some reasons for choosing this move are:
 - the member placed Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at a County Fair Dog Show in the Intermediate Division.
 - The member has received Best Junior Handler awards from any national dog club.

General Tips for Showmanship:

- A brush, comb and a drool rag will be allowed in the ring. No other equipment is permitted.
- Depending on what you are wearing in the showmanship ring, use proper kneeling etiquette. If you are in a skirt, it is best to kneel on both knees. If you are wearing pants, it would be appropriate to kneel on

only one knee. See 10D in the dress code.

- Members with smaller breeds will be expected to show their dogs on a table. Judges will take into consideration the size and physical abilities of the handler. A list of most of the table breeds can be found in the project manual. A more complete list is available on the American Kennel Club website at www.akc.org.
- If the member is showing a mixed-breed dog; they should determine what breed their dog most resembles, and show in the manner of that breed. If you have a mixed breed dog, you can go to AKC website and look at different pictures of the breeds of dog to decide which breed your dog looks most like or refer to the 4-H Dog Manual.
- No dog tags should be on the dog when showing in the ring. Only the correct equipment for a showmanship class should be used. It is very important that your dog wear tags at all times, except when in the show ring.
- A showmanship score sheet will be used for 2019. Questions will not be asked in the showmanship ring by judges, but rather by trained volunteers or superintendents in a separate area. Youth will have the choice of either answering these questions verbally or on paper. Youth will have until **10:30 am on Tuesday** to answer the questions. The area will be marked where questions will be asked.
- The format for showmanship score sheet can be found on the Colorado 4-H website [at:http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/state_fair/score_sheets/DogShow_manshipScoreSheet.pdf](http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/state_fair/score_sheets/DogShow_manshipScoreSheet.pdf)

A Qualifying Score will be 170 points out of the possible 200 points. Please note: During the Showmanship class each area of judging will be judged throughout the entire class. The score will reflect the member's ability to perform these items throughout the class, and not just one time. For example: the dog should be stacked (either hand stacked or free stacked) upon entering the ring, during the exam, after the pattern, and any time they are in the line-up. The "set-up" score will reflect all of these times when the dog is stacked.

OBEDIENCE

Obedience Class Eligibility Requirements

- A. All 4-H obedience classes will be patterned after the latest AKC obedience guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Some exercises and rules may have been adapted from

AKC to better serve the youth of this program.

- B. In all classes except Puppy Class, ten points will be deducted in the obedience classes for the following: strong correcting, disciplining, fouling the ring, excessive barking, leaving the ring, rules violation or showing fear.
- C. Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.
- D. Allowed collars in Obedience classes include: Flat or rolled leather with buckle or snap closure. Flat or rolled nylon collars with buckle or snap closure. Metal choke chain. No halties, gentle leaders, harnesses, or pinch collars will be allowed in the show ring. Collars and leads must be 2 separate pieces. Slip leads are not allowed.
- E. The length of your obedience leash should be six feet for all Beginner Novice classes, but may be shorter for all other classes.
- F. No dog tags can be on the dog when showing in the ring. This includes name tags, rabies tags, or anything else that hangs from the dog's collar. It is very important that your dog wear tags at all times, except when in the show ring.
- G. If an exhibitor has two dogs in the same class, they must choose one dog for sits and downs. The other dog must be handled by a currently enrolled 4-H member enrolled in the dog project for sits and downs.
- H. Each county may enter exhibitors in obedience classes (by a selection procedure most appropriate to its own county program) according to the following quota:

PUPPY CLASS: unlimited entries per county based on trainer's recommendations. Puppy classes will be for puppies which are not ready for regular obedience classes. The purpose of this class will be to introduce obedience commands to a puppy without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will introduce the puppy to dog shows in a positive manner, thus setting the puppy up for a life time of enjoyment in the show ring.

- 1. Handlers will be encouraged to use a reward system of food treats or toys in the ring to reward the puppy during and after each exercise. Double commands (or more) will be allowed. This class will be evaluated more on the handler's skill in training a young dog and dealing with the animal's mistakes than on the skill of the animal when performing the exercises. This will be a NO SCORE CLASS. The score sheet will consist of *Excellent*, *Good* or *Needs Improvement* in each of the following areas: Loose Lead Walking; Sit for

Exam; Recall; and Down Stay and Serpentine Walking.

- 2. Loose Lead Walking – This exercise is used to encourage the puppy to feel comfortable and happy on lead while maintaining a distance of no more than two feet from the handler's left side. This does not need to be heel position. Handlers may use bait and toys to keep the puppy in the correct position, and may tell the puppy to sit after a "Halt." Things to be considered in judging include the enjoyment of the puppy, the bond between the puppy and the handler, and the handler's ability to get the puppy's attention back after a distraction.
- 3. Sit for Exam – In this exercise the puppy is commanded to a sit position. The judge will approach the puppy and examine it. The judge is required to handle the puppy's ears, mouth, and one front foot during the exam, although petting and scratching are encouraged. The purpose of this exercise is to teach the puppy to accept handling from a friendly stranger.
- 4. Recall – The handler will command the puppy to stay in a sit position and will step just in front of the puppy with his or her toes no more than six inches from the puppy's front feet. When the judge says "Call your dog," the handler will proceed to walk backward no more than six feet while calling the puppy. The puppy should get up and follow the handler in a happy manner. After the six feet has been reached, the handler will command the puppy to sit.
- 5. Down Stay – The handler will put the puppy in a down. When the judge says "Leave your puppy," the handler will tell the puppy to stay. The handler will walk to the end of the lead, pause, and then immediately walk behind the puppy and back to heel position.
- 6. Serpentine Walking – The puppy and handler will walk on a loose lead through a serpentine positioned in a straight line. The expectations are the same as for Loose Lead Walking, with the addition of the distraction of the three "posts."
- 7. After one year of showing in the Puppy Obedience Class: If the member was in their 1st year of obedience training, the team moves into Beginner Novice A Obedience, if the member was in their 2nd year or higher of obedience training, the team moves to Beginner Novice C 1st year.
- 8. This class can be judged with 4-H members (scribes) assisting the judge. These scribes must be recommended by their trainers and/or Extension Agent. Scribes are teen leader positions, and the teen scribe must fill out the *4-H Volunteer*

Information Sheet in order to be eligible to judge.

BEGINNER NOVICE DIVISION:

There is a packet of information on the 4-H Website which describes in detail these classes.

- A. Beginner Novice A: four exhibitors per county (this is a first-year class for the handlers and their dogs). This class is open only to handlers and their dogs in their first year of dog obedience training work.
- B. Beginner Novice B: four exhibitors per county. This class is open only to second year dog obedience training members and must be the same youth and dog team that showed in 2018 in Beginner Novice A.
- C. Beginner Novice C – 1st year: four exhibitors per county. This class includes members with previous obedience training who are working with a new dog **or** a dog with previous experience in an organized training class working with a new 4-H member. All exercises will be performed on leash.
- D. Beginner Novice C – 2nd year: four exhibitors per county. This class is open only to those in the second year of Beginner Novice training and must be the same youth and dog team that showed in 2018 in Beginner Novice C -1st year.

NOVICE DIVISION:

- A. Novice A: four exhibitors per county. This class is open to members with no prior experience in Novice Dog Training.
- B. Novice B: four exhibitors per county. This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above who have never received a qualifying score at a previous County Fair in this class.

GRADUATE NOVICE DIVISION:

- A. Pre-Grad-Novice A: four exhibitors per county. This class is open to members with no prior experience in Pre-Grad Novice Dog Training. This class was previously called “Grad Novice”.
- B. Pre-Grad-Novice B: four exhibitors per county. This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above of Pre-Grad Novice 4-H Dog Training.
- C. Grad Novice A: Unlimited number of entries per county. This class was previously called “Pre-Open”. The name has been changed to more closely follow AKC class names. This class is for members in their 1st year of Grad Novice training.
- D. Grad Novice B: Unlimited number of entries per county. This class was

previously called “Pre-Open”. The name has been changed to more closely follow AKC class names. This class is for members in their 2nd or higher year of Grad Novice training.

ADVANCED DIVISION

Open A&B, Grad Open A&B and Utility A&B: unlimited number of exhibitors per class, per county.

VERERANS DIVISION

- A. Any dog 7 years old or over may be shown in the Veteran’s Division.
- B. Veteran Division dogs will be allowed/required to jump ½ of their regulation jump height. They will be required to perform all exercises in their class; jump height will be the only difference from the regular class.
- C. Once a veteran dog can no longer jump at least ½ their regulation jump height they must be moved to a class that does not require jumping. Members, parents, trainers, and leaders cannot determine a jump height for a dog. They will be judged at ½ their required jump height. Dogs shown as a Veteran are eligible for Champion and Reserve Champion in each class in the Veteran’s Division and a Grand and Reserve Grand overall will be awarded to the highest scoring dogs in the Veteran’s Division.
- D. Dogs shown as a Veteran are eligible for Champion and Reserve Champion in each class in the Veteran’s Division and a Grand and Reserve Grand overall will be awarded to the highest scoring dogs in the Veteran’s Division.
- E. It is the choice of the member, the member’s parent, and the member’s trainer and veterinarian as to giving a dog Veteran’s designation.
- F. Veteran dogs will compete at the obedience level the member chooses, from Novice up through Utility.
- G. A veteran dog may change obedience levels in either direction each year as their health determines.
- H. Scores will be calculated as follows:
 - a. Novice: judge’s score
 - b. Pre-Grad-Novice: judge’s score plus 3 points
 - c. Grad Novice: judge’s score plus 6 points
 - d. Open: judge’s score plus 9 points
 - e. Grad Open: judge’s score plus 12 points
 - f. Utility: judge’s score plus 15 points
- I. If a dog is entered as a Veteran during a project year, they may go back to regular obedience the following year; however, they must go back to the level they would

have been competing at before they moved to veterans.

JUMPS:

- The dog must jump their required height and width for their class. For the broad jump the correct number of broads must be used for the width being jumped. Refer to the chart for proper jump regulations.
- Broad Jump Widths:
 - *Four boards are used for 48-72 inches
 - *Three boards are used for 28-44 inches
 - *Two boards are used for 16-24 inches

When decreasing the number of boards in the broad jump, the highest hurdle is removed first.

STANDARD JUMP HEIGHTS:	
<i>Measured height of dog at withers</i>	<i>Minimum height to be jumped</i>
Less than 7 ½"	4 inches
7-1/2 to 9"	8 inches
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10 inches
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12 inches
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14 inches
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16 inches
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18 inches
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20 inches
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22 inches
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24 inches
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26 inches
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28 inches
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30 inches
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32 inches
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34 inches
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36 inches
Greater than 37"	36 inches

Breed Exceptions – Jumps:

Some breeds, because of their conformation, have exceptions granted for their jump heights. Please check the AKC Website under the obedience rules for the current chart of exceptions of breeds for these jumps. The website for AKC is: www.akc.org

CLASS NUMBERS

BEGINNER NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

- CLASS 509 Puppy Class
- CLASS 510 Beginner Novice A
- CLASS 511 Beginner Novice B
- CLASS 512 Beginner Novice C – 1st year
- CLASS 513 Beginner Novice C – 2nd year

NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

- CLASS 514 Novice A
- CLASS 515 Novice B

GRADUATE NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

- CLASS 516 Pre Graduate Novice A
- CLASS 517 Pre Graduate Novice B
- CLASS 518 Graduate Novice A

CLASS 519 Graduate Novice B

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE DIVISION

- CLASS 520 Open A
- CLASS 521 Open B
- CLASS 522 Graduate Open A
- CLASS 523 Graduate Open B
- CLASS 524 Utility A
- CLASS 525 Utility B

VETERAN'S DIVISION

- Class 526 Novice Veterans
- Class 527 Pre Graduate Novice Veterans
- Class 528 Graduate Novice Veterans
- Class 529 Open Veterans
- Class 530 Graduate Open Veterans
- Class 531 Utility Veterans

Obedience Classes Score Breakdown

The best way to check what is expected in the various classes is to check out the score sheets posted on the State 4-H Website. A guide to what is expected in each class is being written and will be posted on the State website. You may also check on the AKC website for information, but know that 4-H requirements might vary from AKC requirements. The Ohio State Handbook can also be of great help.

RALLY

Changes for 2019: The Colorado State 4-H Dog Trial will be including Rally Masters as an **OPTIONAL** class.

Please Note: The Colorado State 4H Dog Program has adopted changes to the Division as were outlined by the American Kennel Club in November, 2017. Please note: Some signs have been renumbered.

All 4-H Rally classes will be patterned after the latest AKC obedience guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Some exercises and rules may have been adapted from AKC to better serve the youth of this program.

- A. In all classes a non-qualifying (NQ) will be administered for the following: strong correction, disciplining, fouling the ring, excessive barking, Consistent tight lead or a sign not attempted by a handler.
- B. Classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.
- C. Allowed collars in Rally classes include: Flat or rolled leather with buckle or snap closure. Flat or rolled nylon collars with buckle or snap closure. Metal choke chain. No halties, gentle leaders, harnesses, or pinch collars will be allowed in the show ring. Collars and leads must be 2 separate pieces. Slip leads are not allowed.

- D. No dog tags can be on the dog when showing in the ring. This includes name tags, rabies tags, or anything else that hangs from the dog's collar. It is very important that your dog wear tags always except when in the show ring.
- E. All jump heights will conform with current (as of November, 2017 rules and regulations) AKC height and broad jump recommendations.
- F. Each member will be allowed only one run in each class with the dog who has qualified for that class.
- G. Walk-throughs will be announced. Youth will not be allowed to walk through the pattern at any time other than the official walk-through time.
- H. Please refer to the Colorado State 4-H Dog Project Rally Obedience Rules and Regulations for Exhibitors, Judges and Stewards for complete information.
- I. Each county may enter exhibitors in Rally classes (by a selection procedure most appropriate to its own county program) according to the following quota:

1. **Rally Novice A Class** – This class is for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally training who have not received a qualifying score at any State 4-H Dog Trial and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in Rally A for one year.

2. **Rally Novice B Class** – This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally training with the same dog used in the Rally Novice A Class or who is starting a dog that has never competed in Rally. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score at a State 4-H Dog Trial or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association.

3. **Rally Intermediate A Class -**

- a. For the 2019 competition year this class is for members in their first year of Intermediate Rally training.
- b. Members in this class will have achieved a qualifying score of 70 or above in Novice Rally but have never competed in Advanced Rally Division.
- c. Members in this class do not have an equivalent of an Intermediate Rally title from any national dog association that was attained 4 or more months prior to the 2019 State Dog Trial.
- d. If the dog and handler team has received the equivalent of an Intermediate Rally title from any national dog association less than 4 months prior to the 2019 State Dog

Trial, they may still compete in Intermediate Rally. . This class is done on lead and there are no jumps in the pattern.

Rally Intermediate B Class -

- e. For the 2019 competition year this class is for any dog and member team that competed in Advanced Rally during the 2018 competition year, but did not receive a qualifying score of 70 or higher at the 2018 State Dog Trials.
- f. If the dog/handler team has received the equivalent of an Intermediate Rally title from any national dog association 4 or more months prior to the 2019 State Dog Trial, that team must move to the Advanced Rally class. If they have never competed in Advanced Rally before, they will move to the 'A' class. If they have competed in Advanced Rally before they compete in Advanced Rally before they will compete in the 'B' class.
- g. This class will be on lead and no jumps will be used in the pattern

Rally Advanced A Class – Rally Advanced A is for members in their first year of Rally Advanced Training who have not received a qualifying score in Rally Advanced at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in Rally Advanced A class for one year.

Rally Advanced B Class – This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Advanced Obedience. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score at a State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association.

Rally Excellent A Class – Rally Excellent A Class is for members who are in their first year of Rally Excellent training who have received a qualifying score in Rally Excellent at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an equivalent title for any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for one year.

Rally Excellent B Class – This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Excellent training. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score at a State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association.

Rally Advanced/Excellent A – This class is for members who have received a qualifying score in Rally Excellent at a

previous State 4-H State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an Excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their 1st year of Advanced/Excellent training.

Rally Advanced/Excellent B

This class is for members who have received a qualifying score in Rally Excellent at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an Excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their 2nd year or above of Advanced/Excellent training. A member receiving the equivalent National title may continue to compete in this class for their remaining years in the program.

For Rally Masters: it is optional for a member to move up to Masters after Rally Advanced/Excellent. However, once the member and dog team has shown in Rally Masters at the State 4H Dog Trial, that member/dog team is no longer eligible to compete in a lower level class.

Rally Masters A –

This class is optional for any member in their first year of Rally Masters training. The member needs to have earned a qualifying score in Rally Advanced/Excellent at a previous State 4H Dog trial.

Rally Masters B –

This class is optional for any member in their second year or above in Rally Masters training, or have an equivalent title from any national dog organization. A member may continue to compete in this class for their remaining years in the program.

STATE FAIR ENTRIES: Each county may enter the following members as designated by each county's qualification rules:

CLASS 532 Rally Novice A – Four entries

CLASS 533 Rally Novice B – Four entries

CLASS 534 Rally Intermediate A - Four entries

CLASS 535 Rally Intermediate B – Four entries

CLASS 536 Rally Advanced A Class – Four entries

CLASS 537 Rally Advanced B Class – Four entries

CLASS 538 Rally Excellent A Class – Four entries

CLASS 539 Rally Excellent B Class – Four entries

CLASS 540 Rally Advanced/Excellent A – Unlimited entries

CLASS 541 Rally Advanced/Excellent B – Unlimited entries

CLASS 542 Rally Masters A – unlimited entries

CLASS 543 Rally Masters B – unlimited entries

Class 544 Team Rally – **TWO ENTRIES**

- Counties may enter up to **TWO** teams of four members
- Counties may put together teams as they deem fit, but teams must be entered in 4-H Online by the State Fair deadline

- If a county does not have four members and youth still wants to enter, **it will be the responsibility of the county to find extra member(s) and get them entered correctly. State Fair Superintendents will no longer build teams on site.**
- Only one dog per youth on a team.
- Only the novice level course will be used in Regular Team Rally
- **Only youth who have competed at the intermediate level or above may be entered on a Rally Team at State Fair. Members who have only competed as a Rally Novice or who have never competed in Rally before are NOT eligible for a State Fair Rally Team.**
- Five dogs may be entered, one to be considered an alternate.
- Alternate dog is a dog that is a back-up for any one of the four actual performing dogs that, for any reason, cannot perform. Alternate dogs will only be allowed to compete for the team they are assigned as an alternate. Alternates will not be used to create more teams.
- If an alternate dog is to be used, ring stewards and judge must be notified which dog is being switched out for the alternate 15 minutes before the teams start so that the score sheet can reflect the change
- No dog may be used on more than one team.
- **Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the top two winning teams. Other team members will receive placing ribbons from 3-10th place.**
- Total team scores will be determined by the four member's individual scores (allowing one alternate's score to count if he/she properly entered as a substitute.)
- If a county already has the **two teams** filled, they cannot enter any more youth.

Team rally is for any 4-H youth member who is interested in running rally as a team. Teams will compete against each other for the highest score as a whole team. The total possible score in team rally is 400. If there

is a tie, the tie will be broken by the team with the quickest time. All team members will run the course individually, with the team time running continuously. Time will start when the judge gives the first member of the team the forward command from the "Start" sign. The subsequent dog for each team starts when the previous handler for the team passes the "Finish" sign without an additional command of "Forward" by the judge. Timing for each team will begin when the judge commands the first handler in the team to begin with the command "Forward" and will stop when the fourth handler from the team passes the finish line.

DOG AGILITY CONTEST- (this should be green)

This year the State 4-H Dog Agility Contest will be an invitational which means it is open to all 4-H Dog members according to the State Agility Rules.

The invitational will be held at the El Paso County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 20th.

Please visit the Colorado State Fair Contest Rules for more information on the State Agility. Rules

OBEDIENCE, SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY AWARDS:

All participants will receive a ribbon. The American System will be used to rank the 4-H dog trial participants. First through tenth place ribbons will be awarded in Obedience for scores over 170 that have received 50 percent or more of the maximum point value of that exercise; Showmanship scores of 170 or above; and Rally Scores of 70 and above. Participation ribbons will be given to those that do not place in the top 10.

Rosette ribbons will be awarded to the member scoring the highest point total in the following classes:

Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champions

*Junior Novice and Open Showmanship

*Intermediate Novice, Open and Advanced Showmanship

*Senior Novice, Open, and Advanced Showmanship.

Rosette ribbons will be awarded to the member scoring the highest point total in the following classes:

Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champions

Beginner Novice A, B, Beginner Novice C (1st and 2nd year Obedience)

Novice A & B Obedience

Grad Novice Obedience Classes

Advanced Obedience Classes

Veteran's Classes

Rosette ribbons will be awarded to the member scoring the highest point total in the following classes:

Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champions

Rally Novice A & B

Rally Intermediate A & B

Rally Advanced A & B Rally

Excellent A & B

Rally Advanced/Excellent A & B.

Master's A & B

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

A special award will be given to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion in the Master Showman Class.

HIGH IN TRIAL OBEDIENCE:

A special award will be awarded to Obedience High-In-Trial and Reserve High-in-Trial. These awards will be taken from the highest score in the following classes:

- Graduate Novice A & B
- Open A & B
- Graduate Open A & B
- Utility A & B

HIGH IN TRIAL RALLY:

A special award will be awarded to the High In Trial and Rally Reserve High In Trial. These awards will be taken from the highest score in the following classes:

- Excellent A
- Excellent B
- The Excellent Score from Advanced Excellent A & B
- **Master's A & B**

Any tie scores will be broken using the time as recorded on the score sheet for the class in which that score comes from. Lowest time will break the tie.

If you qualify to go to State Fair, the Pueblo County Extension Office will notify you. You will then be required to acknowledge entry and turn in payment by the due date.

Various passes may be ordered through the Extension Office if you qualify for this contest, but due dates must be followed. This information will be posted on 4-H Information.

Day passes for PARTICIPANT'S ONLY will be issued by the Extension Office prior to the contest if other passes are not ordered.

It takes many volunteers to run a dog show. Any help from leaders or parents would be greatly appreciated.