

# PUEBLO COUNTY FAIR DOG TRIALS – 2024

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**Tuesday, July 16, 2024 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 uploaded in 4Honline and due **May 1, 2024.**

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

## GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

The Dog Trials will be held Tuesday, **July 16, 2024.** 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 4-H 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 **May 1, 2024.**

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, 2024.**
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. If any youth will need additional assistance during the live show or the showmanship tests an email must be sent to the 4-H Agent within two days of the Pueblo County Fair Dog Show. Day of accommodations will be adjusted as needed with the understanding there will be limitations.

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: by Ragan Adams, MAJ DVM Veterinary Extension Specialist, CSU; Dr. Michael Lappin DVM, PhD, DACVIM \*

- 1) Bordetella is strongly encouraged but not required.
  - 2) Show proof of vaccination for canine distemper virus and parvovirus within 3 years or serum titers indicating proof of effective immunity.
  - 3) Current Rabies vaccination certificate. Titers are **not** accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS.
  - 4) 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.
  - 5) While at the show, keep our dog(s) to themselves, do not share equipment between dogs from different households or kennels.
  - 6) Wash hands after handling other dogs and before handling your own dog.
  - 7) Question about which reference to use on titers: See AAHA guidance <https://www.aaha.org/aaha-guidelines/vaccination-canine-configuration/antibody-testing-versus-vaccination/>
  - 8) 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.
- \*Dr. Mike Lappin is the Kenneth W. Smith professor in Small Animal Clinical Veterinary Medicine in the Department of Clinical Sciences at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. He is also director of the Center for Companion Animal Studies.
5. Pueblo County Fair 4-H Dog Show officials and/or Fairboard members 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," Superintendents, 4-H staff, Fairboard members and/or Pueblo County Fair 4-H Dog Show officials will meet to decide appropriate action in each case.
  6. 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.

7. Parents/Guardians and 4-H members are responsible for the safety, supervision, and behavior of their animals at all times.
8. 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 and Pueblo County Fairboard.
9. A dog that bites, nips, or makes contact in an aggressive manner which results in abrasions or bodily injury to a person or other animal will be immediately removed from the show grounds for the duration of the dog contest.
10. **Protests – See Rule 9, General Fair Rules.**
11. 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.
12. 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).
13. **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 Pueblo County Fair sponsored events including but not limited to the Pueblo 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.*

14. 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, 2023.
15. No dogs are allowed in the Livestock Barns.
16. No participants or their family members will be allowed to use skateboards, rollerblades, or run in the Ag Palace. Outside of the Ag Palace, Pueblo County Fair rules regarding these issues are posted by Pueblo County Fair authorities.
17. Dogs must be on a leash at all times except when performing exercises off leash in the show ring.
18. If dogs need an equipment accommodation due to a health issue, please notify the Superintendents when registering for the event.
19. 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.
20. 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 Grooming and crating areas will be designated and will not be allowed in other areas.
21. 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:**

1. Member must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project.
2. All exhibitors/**members** 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.
3. 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 the Pueblo 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).
4. Any member exhibiting his/her dog at the Pueblo County Fair Dog Trials 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.
  - a. All exhibitors must have at least one qualifying score in each class of exhibition.
  - b. 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.
5. 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:**

1. 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 **"A" level in the same class in which they previously qualified with a different handler** 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.
2. 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.
3. 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:***

- 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 4-H competition.
  - 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 4-H competition.
4. No bitch in heat, obviously pregnant or lactating bitches will be allowed to compete in any classes at the Pueblo County Fair.
  5. For Obedience, Rally and/or Agility, the same dog may not be shown in the same discipline more than once by more than one family member.
  6. 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 Pueblo County Fair approved veterinarian or qualified veterinarian technician's decision on doubtful cases will be accepted as final.
  7. No dog other than the Pueblo County-qualified dog will be eligible to show or compete at State Fair. Should any problem arise with the dog designated as the Pueblo County-qualified dog, the Extension agent must be notified for any course of action.
  8. If the Pueblo County qualified dog in Showmanship is injured or in season, a replacement may be used at the approval of the Pueblo County Fair 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 Pueblo 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.

**Pueblo County Fair Round Robin – Champion Showmanship Classes**

1. All exhibitors are eligible to enter into the Round Robin classes in the appropriate age division for dog at the Pueblo County Fair using the FairEntry system. This is a voluntary class and is not a requirement.
2. Entry deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. The Pueblo County Fair recognizes the top showmanship exhibitors in the Junior, Intermediate

and Senior age groups.

4. Round Robin classes will take place immediately following the showmanship classes.
  - a. Class 600 – Junior Champion Showmanship
  - b. Class 601 – Intermediate Champion Showmanship
  - c. Class 602 – Senior Champion Showmanship

## 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 the day of the Pueblo County fair Dog show. 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. All questions are from the "Dog Resource Handbook" from The Ohio State University.

### JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

#### **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.

### INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> at a previous State Dog Trial Intermediate Open Showmanship must enter Intermediate Advanced Showmanship.

### SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

#### **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

### MASTER SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

#### **Class 508 Master Showman Class:**

- Intermediate and Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showmen from any previous State 4-H 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. If prior experience is determined by the county, the exhibitor must move into open class competition in his/her appropriate age group.
2. Showmanship Classes: Pueblo County is limited to **four entries per class** for any Showmanship class for a total of 32 entries, excluding Master Showman. There is no limit on entries for Master Showman, if eligibility has been met.
3. Each member entered at the State Dog Trial should have earned a qualifying score of 170 or above at a 4-H dog show during the project year.
4. 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.
    - i. 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:
- i. the member placed Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at a County Fair Dog Show in the Intermediate Division.
  - ii. the member has received Best Junior Handler awards from any national dog club.
5. The judge may ask what breed of dog, the AKC group, and the purpose of the breed the exhibitor is showing. Exhibitors should be prepared to answer the breed of dog, the AKC group the breed belongs to, and the purpose of the breed or what the breed is used for. In the case of mixed breeds, the exhibitor must decide the breed the dog they are showing most resembles. (see showmanship tip #4)
  6. The use of bait in the showmanship ring is at the judge's discretion. A brush, comb and a drool rag will be allowed in the ring. No other equipment is permitted.
  7. A written Showmanship Test will take place outside the ring. This test will be proctored by trained volunteers or Superintendents in a separate area. Exhibitors will have an assigned time for Showmanship Test during which they are able to complete their test. If accommodations are needed for the written test, an email must be sent to the 4-H Agent within two days of the entry deadline. Day of accommodations will be adjusted as needed with the understanding there will be limitations.

#### **GENERAL SHOWMANSHIP TIPS:**

1. 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.
2. 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 and may have a helper familiar with the dog, assist lifting a dog onto the table. Judges and exhibitors should refer to the current Table and Ramp list to ensure they have up-to-date information. The Table and Ramp list can be found on the AKC Website at: ([https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/table\\_breeds.pdf](https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/table_breeds.pdf)) It is mandatory that breeds are shown on a table, ramp, or floor as assigned. For more information, please see the dog project manual "Dog Resource Handbook" from The Ohio

State University. A more complete list is available on the American Kennel Club website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

3. 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 (<https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/>) and look at different pictures of the breeds of dog to decide which breed your dog looks most like. See the dog project manual "Dog Resource Handbook" from The Ohio State University.
4. 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. See dog project manual "Dog Resource Handbook" from The Ohio State University.
5. A showmanship score sheet will be used for 2023 Pueblo County fair. Questions may be asked in the showmanship ring by judges. Youth will have until 10:30 A.M. on the day of the Pueblo County fair Dog show to answer the questions. The area will be marked where questions will be asked. The format for showmanship score sheets can be found on the Colorado 4-H website at: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/contest-score-sheets/>.
6. 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. If the judge requests to allow dogs to "rest," stacking is not required at that time.

## **OBEDIENCE**

### **OBEDIENCE CLASS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. 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 4-H youth of this program.
2. In all classes except Puppy Class, up to 15 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.
3. In all Obedience classes, fouling the ring will be a 15-point deduction. The member will be allowed to finish their run.



4. For the safety of all, a dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite will be excused from the ring.
5. Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.
6. 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.
7. The length of your obedience leash should be six feet for all Beginner Novice classes, but may be shorter for all other classes.
8. 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. See dog project manual "Dog Resource Handbook" from The Ohio State University. (Please note the difference between training equipment and show equipment.)
9. If an exhibitor has two dogs in the same class, they must choose one dog for the group exercises. The other dog must be handled by a currently enrolled 4-H member enrolled in the dog project for sits and downs.
10. Each county may enter exhibitors in obedience classes (by a selection procedure most appropriate to its own county program) according to the following quota:
11. Members are responsible for knowing the height of their dog at the withers and the associated Obedience jump heights as well as verifying jump height in the ring.

Please Note: "A" level classes are limited to exhibitors and/or dogs with no experience showing in that class. If a project member and/or dog has ever received a qualifying score in an A level class and decides to show a new dog, the member must enter the "B" level class. Once a dog and handler team has earned a qualifying score in an Obedience Level (A or B class), then they must advance to the next higher Obedience level.

#### **Class 509 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. Puppy Class is **not** available at the State 4-H Dog Trials.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

previous Pueblo County Fair. This class is open to members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Novice A. Handlers with prior Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Novice dog should also enter the B class.

#### **BEGINNER NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION:**

**There is a packet of information on the 4-H Website which describes in detail these classes:**  
<https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/Dog-Obedience-Progression.pdf>

#### **Class 510 Pre-Beginner Novice A – 4 Entries per County**

- This class is only open to members and dogs in their first year of Pre-Beginner Novice training with no prior experience in Pre-Beginner Novice training.

#### **Class 511 Pre-Beginner Novice B – 4 Entries per County**

- This class is open to members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Beginner Novice A. Handlers with prior Pre-Beginner Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experience Pre-Beginner Novice dog should also enter the B class.

#### **Class 512 Beginner Novice A-4 Entries per County**

- This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Beginner novice training with no prior experience in Beginner Novice training.

#### **CLASS 513 Beginner Novice B: 4 Entries per County**

- This class is open to members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Beginner Novice A. Handlers with prior Beginner Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Beginner Novice dog should also enter the B class.

#### **NOVICE DIVISION:**

#### **Class 514 Novice A: 4 Entries per class**

- This class is only open to members and dogs in their **first year** of Novice training with no prior experience in Novice training.

#### **Class 515 Novice B: 4 Entries per class**

- This class is open to members or dogs with previous experience in Novice Obedience training **OR** members and dogs who did **not** earn a qualifying score in Novice A Obedience at a

#### **GRADUATE NOVICE DIVISION:**

#### **Class 516 Pre-Grad-Novice A: 4 Entries per County**

- This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their **first year** of Pre-Graduate Novice training with no prior experience in Pre-Graduate Novice training.

#### **Class 517 Pre-Grad-Novice B: 4 Entries per County**

- This class is open to members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Graduate Novice A. Handlers with prior Pre-Graduate Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Pre-Graduate Novice dog should also enter the B class.

#### **Class 518 Grad Novice A– Unlimited Entries per County**

- This class is only open to members and dogs in their **first year** of Graduate Novice training with no prior experience in Graduate Novice training.

#### **Class 519 Grad Novice B – Unlimited Entries per County**

- This class is open to members or dogs with previous experience in Graduate Novice Obedience training **OR** members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A. This class is open to members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A. Handlers with prior Graduate Novice A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Graduate Novice dog should also enter the B class.

#### **ADVANCED OBEDIENCE DIVISION:**

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

- **CLASS 520 Open A – Unlimited Entries per County**
  - This class is only open to members and dogs in their **first year** of Advanced Open training with no prior experience in Advanced Open training
- **CLASS 521 Open B – Unlimited Entries per County**
  - Handlers with prior Advanced Open A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Advanced Open dog should also enter the B class.

- **CLASS 522 Graduate Open A – Unlimited Entries per County**
  - This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their **first year** of Advanced Graduate training with no prior experience in Advanced Graduate training.
- **CLASS 523 Graduate Open B – Unlimited Entries per County**

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Advanced Graduate Open A. Handlers with prior Advanced Graduate Open A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Advanced Graduate Open dog should also enter the B class.
- **CLASS 524 Utility A – Unlimited Entries per County**
  - This class is only open to members and dogs in their **first year** of Advanced Utility training with no prior experience in Advanced Utility training.
- **CLASS 525 Utility B – Unlimited Entries per County**
  - This class is open to members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Advanced Utility A. Handlers with prior Advanced Utility A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Advanced Utility dog should also enter the B class.

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5. 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
6. 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.

**OBEDIENCE JUMP INFORMATION:**

1. 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:

- i. Four boards are used for 48-72 inches
- ii. Three boards are used for 28-44 inches
- iii. 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 Height Table	
Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
Less than 7 ½"	4"
7 ½" to 9"	8"
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10"
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12"
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14"
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16"
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18"
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20"
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22"
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24"
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26"
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28"
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30"
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32"
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34"
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36"
Greater than 37"	36"

Source: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>

**2. 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](http://www.akc.org)

**VERERANS DIVISION:**

1. Any dog **7 years old or over** may be shown in the Veteran's Division.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
  - A. It is the choice of the member, the member's parent, and the member's trainer and veterinarian as to giving a dog a "Veteran's" designation.
  - B. Veteran dogs will compete at the obedience level the member chooses, from Novice up through Utility.
  - C. A veteran dog may change obedience levels in either direction each year as their health



## **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 – 1 <sup>st</sup> year
CLASS 513	Beginner Novice C – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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**

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 4-H youth of this program.

1. In all classes a 15-point deduction 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.  
Note: For the safety of all, a dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite will be excused from the ring.
2. Classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. All jump heights will conform with current (as of November, 2017 rules and regulations) AKC height and broad jump recommendations. Members are responsible for knowing the height of their dog at the withers and the associated Rally jump heights as well as verifying jump height in the ring.
6. Each member will be allowed only one run in each class with the dog who has qualified for that class.
7. 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.
8. Please refer to the Colorado State 4-H Dog Project Rally Obedience Rules and Regulations for Exhibitors, Judges and Stewards for complete information.
9. Each county may enter exhibitors in Rally classes (by a selection procedure most appropriate to its own county program) according to the following quota:

#### **Class 532 Rally Novice A: 4 Entries per County**

- This class is open to members and dogs in their 1st year of Rally Novice training with no prior experience in Rally Novice Dog training. A member may only compete in Rally A for one year.

#### **Class 533 Rally Novice B: 4 Entries per County**

- This class is open to members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Intermediate A. Handlers and dogs with previous Rally Intermediate experience and not eligible to enter Rally Intermediate A should also enter the B class

#### **Class 534 Rally Intermediate A-4 Entries per County**

- This class is only open to members and dogs in their first year of Rally Intermediate training with no prior experience in Rally Intermediate training. Exhibitors and dogs may only compete in Rally Intermediate A for one year.

#### **Class 535 Rally Intermediate B Class-4 Entries per County**

- This class is open to members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Intermediate A. Handlers and dogs with previous Rally Intermediate experience and not eligible to enter

Rally Intermediate A should also enter the B class.

#### Class 536 Rally Advanced A-4 Entries per County

- This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Rally Advanced training with no prior experience in Rally Advanced training. Exhibitors and dogs may only compete in Rally Advanced A for one year.

#### Class 537 Rally Advanced B-4 Entries per County

This class is open to members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Excellent A. Handlers and dogs with previous Rally Excellent experience and not eligible to enter Rally Excellent A should also enter the B class.

#### Class 538 Rally Excellent A-4 Entries per County

- This class is open to members in their 1st year of Rally Excellent training with no prior experience in Rally Excellent Dog training. Members and dogs may only compete in Rally Excellent A for one year.

#### Class 539 Rally Excellent B-4 Entries per County

- This class is open to members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Excellent A. Handlers and dogs with previous Rally Excellent experience and not eligible to enter Rally Excellent A should also enter the B class.

#### Class 540 Rally Advanced/Excellent A-4 Entries per County

- This class is only open to members and dogs in their first year of Rally Advanced/Excellent training with no prior experience in Rally Advanced/Excellent training. Members and dogs may only compete in Rally Advanced/Excellent A for one year.

#### Class 541 Rally Advanced/Excellent B-4 Entries per County

- This class is open to members and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Advanced/Excellent A. Handlers and dogs with previous Rally Advanced/Excellent experience and not eligible to enter Rally Advanced/Excellent A should also enter B class.

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.

#### Class 542 Rally Masters A-Unlimited entries per County

- This class is open to members in their 1st year of Rally Masters training with no prior experience in Rally Masters Dog training. Members and dogs may only compete in Rally Masters A for one year.

#### Class 543 Rally Masters B- Unlimited entries per county

- This class is open to members or dogs with previous experience in Rally Masters training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Masters A. Members and dog teams 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

Team Rally is for any 4-H exhibitor who is interested in competing in 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 exhibitors will run the course individually, with the team time running continuously. Time will start when the judge gives the first exhibitor 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.

Team Rally is a FUN competition. Costumes and themes are strongly encouraged for team members and dogs!

- 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.

4. Only one dog per youth on a team.
5. Only the novice level course will be used in Regular Team Rally
6. 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.
7. Five dogs may be entered, one to be considered an alternate.
8. 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.
9. 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
10. No dog may be used on more than one team.
11. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the top two winning teams. Other team members will receive placing ribbons from 3-10<sup>th</sup> place.
12. 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.) Team scores will be determined by summing the four exhibitor's individual scores (alternate's score to be counted if they were properly entered as a substitute). The team with the highest total score will be the Champion. The team with the second highest score will be the Reserve Champion
13. The Team Rally course will be comprised of Novice and Intermediate Rally signs. There are no jumps in the Team Rally course.
14. If a county already has the two teams filled, they cannot enter any more youth. in Team Rally

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 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 in August.

Please visit the Colorado State Fair Contest Rules for more information on the State Agility. Full State Fair Dog Agility Trials Rules below at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/score-sheets/Agility-rules.pdf>

### **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 (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **PUEBLO COUNTY DOG PROJECT AWARDS – ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT**

### **Pueblo County Single Dog Handler Award**

**Purpose:** To reward those members who excel at all aspects of dog training and responsible dog ownership. This award will be awarded to the 4-H member who shows a **single dog** in showmanship, obedience and rally.

- ❖ Member's dog must be registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through 4-H online and must be kept in the member's record book for the entire 4-H year.
- ❖ One award will be given for each age group (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) and will **not** include scores from the Veteran's classes or Team Rally.
- ❖ Only Pueblo County scores will be considered.
- ❖ The award will be presented at the Annual 4-H Achievement Night

**Qualifications\*** - This award will be chosen based on the member's highest score in the following areas:

E-Record book score:

- Must score at least 70% on the **first** grading of the record book. Only first grading score will count towards point total.

Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO) Test Score:

- To be considered for the award, the member must take the RDO test during the calendar year of eligibility.
- Member must receive a score of at least a 60% on **first** test to qualify.

Showmanship Score:

- Highest score from all Pueblo County Dog Shows, including the Pueblo County Fair.
- Must have a qualifying score of 170 or above for score to qualify.

Obedience Score:

- Highest score from all Pueblo County Dog Shows, including the Pueblo County Fair.
- Must have a qualifying score of 170 or above for score to qualify.

Rally Score:

- Highest score from all Pueblo County Dog Shows, including the Pueblo County Fair.
- Must have a qualifying score of 70 or above for score to qualify.
- In Rally Advanced/Excellent Classes, exhibitors will be given the highest single class score.

Additional Requirements:

- Only Pueblo County scores will be considered.
- The score used to tabulate this award will be the single highest score received in ANY 4-H Pueblo County Dog Show, including the Pueblo County Fair.
- *In the event of a tie*—a random class will be selected (blind hat-draw, either obedience, showmanship or rally possible) and used to break all ties for overall awards. The highest score received by the member in the tie in the random drawing, will break the tie.

**Pueblo County Multiple Dog Award**

Purpose: To reward those members who excel at all aspects of dog training and responsible dog ownership. This award will be given to the 4-H member who shows **more than one dog** in showmanship, obedience and rally.

- ❖ All member's dogs must be registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through 4-H Online and must be kept in the

member's record book for the entire 4-H year.

- ❖ One award will be given for each age group (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) and will not include scores from the Veteran's Classes or Team Rally.
- ❖ Only Pueblo County scores will be considered.
- ❖ The award will be presented during the annual 4-H Achievement Night.

**Qualifications\*** - This award will be chosen based on the member's highest score in the following areas:

E-Record book score:

- Must score at least 70% on the **first** grading of the record book. Only first grading score will count towards point total.

Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO) Test Score:

- To be considered for the award, the member must take the RDO test during the calendar year of eligibility.
- Member must receive a score of at least a 60% on **first** test to qualify.

Showmanship Score:

- Highest score from all Pueblo County Dog Shows, including the Pueblo County Fair.
- Must have a qualifying score of 170 or above for score to qualify.

Obedience Score:

- Highest score from all Pueblo County Dog Shows, including the Pueblo County Fair.
- Must have a qualifying score of 170 or above for score to qualify.

Rally Score:

- Highest score from all Pueblo County Dog Shows, including the Pueblo County Fair.
- Must have a qualifying score of 70 or above for score to qualify.
- In Rally Advanced/Excellent Classes, exhibitors will be given the highest single class score.

Additional Requirements:

- Only Pueblo County scores will be considered.
- The score used to tabulate this award will be the single highest score received in ANY 4-H Pueblo County Dog Show, including the Pueblo County Fair.
- *In the event of a tie*—a random class will be selected (blind hat-draw, either obedience, showmanship or rally possible) and used to break all ties for overall awards. The highest score received by the member in the tie in the random drawing, will break the tie.

**Pueblo County Top Dog Award**

Purpose: To reward those members who excel at all aspects of dog training and responsible dog ownership.

- ❖ This award will be given to the 4-H member who shows one dog or multiple dogs in all classes entered.
- ❖ No other dog(s) may be substituted in any classes entered by the handler to be eligible.
- ❖ The dog(s) must be registered by **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024** through 4HOnline and must be kept in the member's record book for the entire 4-H year
- ❖ Only Pueblo County scores will be considered.



- ❖ Only **ONE** Top Dog Award will be given and presented at the annual 4-H Achievement Night. Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors are eligible for this award.

**Qualifications\*** - This award will be chosen based on the member's highest score in the following areas:

Showmanship Score:

- Highest score from all Pueblo County Dog Shows, including the Pueblo County Fair.
  - Must have a qualifying score of 170 or above for score to qualify.

Obedience Score:

- Highest score from all Pueblo County Dog Shows, including the Pueblo County Fair.
- Must have a qualifying score of 170 or above for score to qualify.

Rally Score:

- Highest score from all Pueblo County Dog Shows, including the Pueblo County Fair.
- Must have a qualifying score of 70 or above for score to qualify.
- In Rally Advanced/Excellent Classes, exhibitors will be given the highest single class score.

Additional Requirements:

- Only Pueblo County scores will be considered.
- The score used to tabulate this award will be the single highest score received in ANY 4-H Pueblo County Dog Show, including the Pueblo County Fair.
- *In the event of a tie*—a random class will be selected (blind hat-draw, either obedience, showmanship or rally possible) and used to break all ties for overall awards. The highest score received by the member in the tie in the random drawing, will break the tie.
- **The RDO test score The E-Record Book Score and the 4-H Portfolio Score DO NOT COUNT towards the Pueblo County Top Dog Award.**

Advanced/Excellent classes	6 extra points added
<b>E-Record Book &amp; Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO) Test Scores</b>	<b>E-Record Book &amp; RDO Eligible Points</b>
E-Record Score	Points received on first E-Record grading added (example: 81% on E-Record = 81 points added) <b>100 points possible.</b>
<b>RDO Score</b>	<b>Points received on RDO Score added (example: 75% on RDO Test = 75 points added) 100 points possible.</b>
<b>4-H Portfolio Score</b>	<b>Eligible Points (Optional)</b>
4-H Portfolio Score	Points received on 4-H Portfolio added (example: 22 points received on Portfolio = 22 points added) <b>36 points possible.</b>

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 PARTICIPANTS 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.

Pueblo County Dog Project Awards Point Breakdown*	
Showmanship Level	Showmanship Eligible Points
Novice Classes	No extra points awarded
Open Classes	2 points added
Advanced Classes	4 points added
Best in Show Class	6 points added
Obedience Level	Obedience Eligible Points
Beginner Novice Classes	No extra points added
Novice Classes	3 extra points added
Pre-Graduate Novice Classes	6 points added
Graduate Novice Classes	9 points added
Open Classes	12 points added
Graduate Open Classes	15 points added
Utility Classes	18 points added
Rally Level	Rally Eligible Points
Novice classes	No extra points awarded
Advanced classes	2 extra points added
Excellent classes	4 extra points added