**4-H DOG DEPARTMENT**

Superintendent - Kerri Wenck, Marathon  
Location - Livestock Pavilion  
Amount Offered --- $1,000

**SCHEDULE:**  
Sunday, August 23

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<td>7:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>7:00 - 8:30 a.m.</td>
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**ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 1 through 4hOnline**

**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.

2. Entries are open to dogs identified in 4hOnline as 4-H projects by May 15 of the current year that meet the division and class qualifications.

3. The fee of $2 per class entered must be paid with the entry.

4. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS - Must bring current Rabies Certificate or an official Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection with the rabies certificate number listed and date of vaccination to the Fair. Rabies certificate MUST have an actual veterinarian's signature to be valid. Office letterhead is not acceptable without an actual vet's signature on it.

5. HOUSING cannot be provided on the Fairgrounds for dog entries; thus, exhibitors should plan to arrive Sunday morning and will be released at the completion of their classes.

6. CHECK-IN PROCEDURES will begin at 7:00 a.m. and will continue until 8:30 a.m. This procedure will include checking class entries, veterinarian inspection and checking Rabies Certificate. Exhibitors should report to the Dog Show Office with their dogs for this processing. They will receive exhibitor number and exhibitor t-shirt at check-in.

7. EXHIBITOR CONDUCT - Exhibitors shall not strike dogs nor use any other unnecessarily harsh physical means of disciplining dogs. The exhibitor must be ready when the class is called. No harsh or excessive corrections are to be made on the grounds.

8. EXHIBITOR DRESS - State Fair exhibitor's t-shirt or white blouse or shirt with blue, black or khaki jeans, slacks or dress shorts (no athletic shorts or short shorts). No caps or hats are allowed in the show ring. It is recommended that exhibitors wear tie shoes, no sandals or slip on shoes. Dress clothes may be worn for handling classes only.

9. EQUIPMENT - All dogs must be leashed or crated while waiting for their class to be called. Dog owners will provide their own water pan and food. The use of choke chains and buckle collars in obedience and show leads in handling are to be used while showing. No prong or pinch collars, gentle leaders or harnesses will be used in the show rings at any time.

10. Any bitch in season or nursing may not be shown.

11. Dogs are to be shown by the 4-H member.

12. Exhibitor and dog experience determine class level. Experience includes county fairs and/or State Fair experience combined. Years completed include the current year and all previous years a dog was shown. A qualifying score is achieved when an exhibitor earns 170 points (out of 200 points) or more and achieves 50% of the points or better for each exercise in his/her class. When an exhibitor achieves this standard he/she must advance to the next class with the exception of Preferred Novice B, Graduate Novice B and Open. However, an exhibitor may advance to the next level without a qualifying score (see class description). An exhibitor who does not achieve a qualifying score may remain in the same class for the following year; the only exception to this is for Beginners Novice A exhibitors who must advance to Beginners Novice B the next year.

13. **This is NOT an AKC sanctioned dog show.** AKC rules have been used as much as possible. It is recommended that youth attend an AKC show or obtain a copy of their rules prior to exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair. This will assist exhibitors in knowing and understanding some of the expectations of a dog show. In accordance with AKC guidelines, bating is only allowed in the handling classes. If bait is used in any other class, the exhibitor will be excused from the class and will not receive any placement or premium for that class.

14. All exhibitors should note that dogs belonging to the general public are not allowed on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. If individuals question you about this policy, please inform them that you are a 4-H exhibitor and that you and your dog are here for the 4-H Dog Show. Only service dogs are allowed in buildings (other than the Livestock Pavilion) on the Fairgrounds.

15. If you are to be exhibiting in a handling and an obedience class (including rally) at the same time, the handling class has precedence. Let the ring steward in your obedience/rally ring know where you are. Show times are estimated. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with both ring stewards for actual show times. Judges do not have to hold up classes for a single exhibitor.

16. No practicing will be allowed in the show rings.

17. Premiums - A total of $1000 will be prorated on the ratio of 5, 4, 3 and 2 or purple, blue, red and white award groups in the Obedience Division.

18. Jumps - Jumps will be measured at shoulder height (withers) for those classes requiring jumps. Exhibitors are to know the jump height for their dog before entering the ring.

**OBEEDIENCE - DIVISION 30**

1. Entries in this division are open to purebred or mixed breed dogs which are owned by the exhibitor or in partnership with parent or guardian. In all cases, the dog is to have been trained, cared for and managed by the exhibitor.

2. Any dog that earns an obedience or rally title through a sanctioned show, such as AKC, UKC, etc., before January 1, MUST compete in the next level above the title earned.

3. There are no limits on the number of dogs exhibited. Each exhibitor may only enter one rally class. Even if the dog was identified under more than one 4-H member in 4hOnline by May 15, the dog can only exhibit in a class once.

4. 4-H exhibitors may only have one entry in each obedience class, with the exception of dogs entered in Graduate Novice B may also enter in the Open class with the same exhibitor.

5. Ribbons will be awarded as follows:

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<td>Purple</td>
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6. The top scoring dog in each class will receive a special award.

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

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

### Obedience Classes

#### Intro Class
- **Heel & Figure 8**
  - ON leash
  - 40 pts
- **Sit for examination**
  - ON leash
  - 40 pts
- **Recall (no finish)**
  - ON leash
  - 40 pts
- **Long sit (1 min)**
  - Handler at the end of the leash
  - 40 pts
- **Long down (1 min)**
  - Handler at the end of the leash
  - 40 pts

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

#### Beginners Novice A & B
- **Heel**
  - ON leash
  - 40 pts
- **Figure 8**
  - ON leash
  - 40 pts
- **Sit for Examination**
  - ON leash
  - 40 pts
- **Sit/stay**
  - Handler walks ring
  - Drop leash
  - 40 pts
- **Recall (No finish)**
  - Off leash
  - 40 pts

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

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

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

#### Preferred Novice A & B
- **Heel & Figure 8**
  - ON leash
  - 40 pts
- **Stand for Examination**
  - Off leash
  - 30 pts
- **Heel Free**
  - Off leash
  - 40 pts
- **Recall with Finish**
  - Off leash
  - 30 pts
- **Stay – Sit or Down**
  - Handler walks ring
  - 30 pts
- **Sit Stay Get Your Leash**
  - Off leash
  - 30 pts

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Graduate Novice A & B
- **Heel Free and Figure Eight**
  - Off leash
  - 40 points
- **Drop on Recall**
  - Off leash
  - 40 points
- **Dumbbell Recall**
  - Off leash
  - 30 points
- **Dumbbell Recall over High Jump**
  - Off leash
  - 30 points
- **Recall over Broad Jump**
  - Off leash
  - 30 points
- **Stand Stay – Get Your Leash**
  - Off leash
  - 30 points

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

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

   Dogs must not have received any ‘CDX” level titles.

#### Open
- **Heel Free & Figure Eight**
  - Off leash
  - 40 points
- **Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)**
  - Off leash
  - 30 points
- **Drop on Recall**
  - Off leash
  - 30 points
- **Retrieve on Flat**
  - Off leash
  - 20 points
- **Retrieve over High Jump**
  - Off leash
  - 30 points
• **Rally**
  This class is open to every exhibitor. Exhibitor is allowed one entry in the class
  Rally courses will be posted the day of show.
  *Rally Junior (grades 5-6) - 12-15 stations. All exercises will be on leash. Signs used will be of the AKC Novice level.
  *Rally Intermediate (grades 7-8) - 12-17 stations. All exercises will be on leash. Signs used will be of the AKC Intermediate level.
  *Rally Senior (grades 9-12) - 12-17 stations. All exercises will be OFF leash. Signs used will be of the AKC Advanced level. Jump height will be set for all dogs at 12" unless the exhibitor requests a height change.

**HANDLING (SHOWMANSHIP) - DIVISION 31**

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

**CLASS**

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