

**DIVISION J-9**  
**2009 OHIO STATE FAIR JUNIOR FAIR DOG ACTIVITIES**

**Agility** – Saturday, **August 1**, 10:00 a.m. – **Coliseum**  
**All Other Classes** - Monday, **August 3**, 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, **August 4**, 8:00 a.m.,  
Wednesday, **August 5**, 8:00 a.m., and Thursday, **August 6**, 8:00 a.m.  
**Buckeye Building**

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***2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules***

Refer to the following website for Ohio 4-H Dog Program information:

<http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog> or [www.4hdogs.osu.edu](http://www.4hdogs.osu.edu)

Below are the rules for participating in the 2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show. Individuals who violate any rule and/or exhibit poor sportsmanship during the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show WILL BE DISQUALIFIED from showing and removed from the Fairgrounds. Judges' decisions are FINAL. Individuals are NOT permitted to have any discussion with judges at any time throughout the Dog Show. Individuals with concerns must express them in writing, give them to Show Personnel, and those concerns will be discussed at the fall State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee meeting. Confrontations with Judges and/or Show Personnel will result in removal of those individuals from the Fairgrounds and in disqualification of exhibitors.

**Note: Changes for 2009 are underlined.**

**Project Eligibility**

1. Youth must be enrolled in the correct dog project to show in classes at the State Fair as follows:
  - *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D – to show in You and Your Dog classes;
  - *Obedience*, Project No. 201O – to show in Sub-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, Brace, Team, and Rally classes;
  - *Showmanship*, Project No. 201S – to show in Showmanship classes;
  - *Performance Dog*, Project No. 201P – to show in Agility, Drill Team, or Freestyle;
  - *Working Dog*, Project No. 201W – to show in the Assistance Dog class;
  - 4-H members can be enrolled in any 4-H Dog Project to participate in the Poster Contest; and
  - Any 4-H member, regardless of 4-H project, can participate in the Dog Skillathon.
2. FFA members are eligible to show provided they meet school FFA dog project requirements. FFA members must follow the *2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules* and entry requirements.
3. Any FFA member raising a Pilot Puppy or other type of Assistance Dog may compete in the Assistance Dog class.
4. Only domestic dogs can be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
5. All dogs exhibited must be **six months of age** by the date of the show. **This includes Pilot Dog**

**puppies and other assistance dogs. Dogs exhibited in Agility must be 18 months or older, born on or before February 1, 2009.** Proof of age is the burden of the exhibitor or exhibitor's immediate family. Dogs not meeting this age requirement cannot be shown.

## **Ownership**

1. Dogs participating in You and Your Dog, Obedience, Showmanship, Drill Team, Agility, Rally, Brace, Team, and Freestyle activities must either be owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family. Ownership of Assistance Dogs is respective of each applicable organization. Dogs must be in the continual care of the junior fair exhibitor for the duration of the project. *The date of ownership must be no later than April 1, or earlier as the date specified by the exhibitor's county.* Proof of ownership is the burden of the exhibitor and exhibitor's family. Hardship cases will not be considered for state fair participation.

### **Definitions**

- a. *Immediate family* is defined as the junior fair exhibitor's father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather or grandmother, including the corresponding step and half relations, or by a member of the exhibitor's household.
  - b. *Continual care* is defined as the junior fair exhibitor being responsible for and involved in the feeding, cleaning, and caring of the project.
  - c. *Hardship cases* are defined as dogs that replace the original project enrolled by the exhibitor after the county's enrollment deadline, or no later than April 1.
  - d. *Ownership – Registered dogs:* The exhibitor's name, or a member of his/her immediate family's name, must appear on the registration certificate of a dog registered by AKC, UKC, individual breed registries, herding dog registries, etc. Co-ownership of a dog is permitted provided the exhibitor's name, or a member of his/her immediate family's name, is listed on the registration certificate. It is recommended that a copy of the registration certificate be on file in the county Extension office.
  - e. *Ownership – Non-registered purchased dogs:* A non-registered dog purchased from a private owner, pet shop, humane society, dog rescue, etc., must have the exhibitor's name or a member of his/her immediate family's name, on the bill of sale. It is recommended that a copy of this bill of sale be on file in the county Extension office.
  - f. *Ownership – Dogs found/gifts:* If a dog was given to the exhibitor or immediate family, or found by the exhibitor or immediate family, the exhibitor or a member of his/her immediate family receiving or finding the dog, should verify the date received or found by use of veterinary records, dog licenses, and other forms of records, and write a statement as to the definite or approximate date the dog was received as a gift or found. It is recommended that a copy of this statement be on file in the county Extension office.
2. Leasing a dog is not permitted for State Fair dog show participation. If counties have a leasing program, leased dogs are not permitted to exhibit at the State Fair.
3. Sharing a dog at the county level is not permitted for State Fair dog show participation. If two youth share a dog at the county level, neither youth is eligible to show that dog at the State Fair, including Agility competition.

### **Training/Showing/Titles**

1. Lessons, instruction and advice for the exhibitor are encouraged. As long as the exhibitor is present in the learning situation, and handles or trains the dog the majority of the time present, such assistance can include occasional handling or training by another person. Only the exhibitor can train the dog at any type of training class *on or after April 1, 2009.*
2. **No one other than the junior fair exhibitor** is permitted to show the project dog at any type of dog show, including agility, field trials, rally trials, etc., as well as fun matches, *on or after April 1, 2009.*

3. Project eligibility and class or classes entered must be determined at the county level. It is the responsibility at the county level to determine what class or classes the exhibitor is eligible for, and that the exhibitor understands the *2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules*, including the exercises to be performed for the judge.
4. Dogs shown at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show must be the same dogs enrolled at the county level.
5. Junior Fair exhibitors in respective activities and classes are expected to perform in those events and demonstrate those skills which are listed in these *2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules*, in the *Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook*, *Ohio 4-H Dog Project and Record Book*, on the various dog 4-H judging score sheets, and in the USDAA® Official Rules and Regulations. **NOTE:** Score sheets used in judging are in the *Ohio 4-H Dog Project and Record Book*. They are also posted under Resources at [www.4hdogs.osu.edu](http://www.4hdogs.osu.edu). These score sheets must be used for evaluating 4-H dog projects. Any additional information pertinent to the State Fair Dog Show will be sent to the county Extension offices or posted on the OSU South Centers and Ohio 4-H websites.
6. Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match must show their dogs at the same or higher *B level classes* than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Dogs completing their Companion Dog (CD) title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) *prior to, or anytime during, the project year* must show in the Graduate Novice classes at the very minimum. Dogs completing their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) *prior to, or anytime during, the project year* must show in Open, Graduate Open, or Utility classes. *Any dog receiving one or more legs toward a title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the first leg was earned.*  
*Dogs earning a Rally Novice title prior to, or anytime during the project year, must show in the appropriate Rally Advanced class. Dogs earning a Rally Advanced title prior to, or anytime during the project year, must show in the appropriate Rally Excellent class.*  
 For Showmanship classes, dogs with AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences must be shown in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. *Dogs completing a title prior to, or anytime during, the project year must show in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. Any dog receiving points toward a championship title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the points were first earned.*  
*This rule, if applicable, supersedes exhibitor and dog information listed in the class descriptions found later in this document. Fun matches do not apply.*
7. ***ONLY dogs shown by junior fair exhibitors are permitted on the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors, parents/guardians, advisors, show personnel, etc., are NOT permitted to bring their dogs on the Fairgrounds and to the Dog Show unless dogs are being used for demonstration purposes. ALL dogs must comply with the 2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show health and license requirements. Pregnant and lactating bitches, bitches in heat, and puppies less than 6 months of age are NOT permitted on the Fairgrounds.***

### **License and Health Requirements**

1. All dogs must be currently licensed in the exhibitor's county of residence. **The exhibitor must bring a certificate of license to health check. The dog license tag alone is not sufficient.** (Exception: Assistance Dogs. Many Assistance Dog Organizations (i.e. Pilot Dogs, Inc.) provide the appropriate licensing document for exhibitors. If they do not, the exhibitor is responsible for licensing. Guide, hearing, or service dogs are exempt from any fee.)
  - a. The exhibitor must pay a \$15.00 processing fee if he or she does not bring a certificate of license to health check and show officials must call his or her respective county auditor's office for verification. This fee must be paid prior to officials making the phone call.
2. The *2009 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate* completed

*and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian is required for exhibition. THIS IS THE ONLY CERTIFICATE THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT HEALTH CHECK.* This certificate must include **ALL** information requested in the Identification Form section, completed and signed by the exhibitor. The administering veterinarian must complete the information requested in the Vaccination Certificate section. **Other certificates of vaccination, computerized vaccination records, pet record cards, or kennel records will not be accepted. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure that all health requirements for State Fair are met.**

3. The Ohio Department of Agriculture requires dogs to have current Rabies vaccinations. Veterinarians must document on the *2009 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate* whether the exhibitor's dog's rabies vaccination is current for 1 year or 3 years by filling in the "date expires" blank.

4. The Ohio 4-H Dog Program requires that all dogs be vaccinated yearly for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. However, if the veterinarian feels that administering the Leptospirosis vaccination would jeopardize the dog's health, it may be waived, and the administering veterinarian must initial the applicable box under the DHLPP section on the Vaccination Certificate. If the veterinarian follows the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) recommendations or vaccine antibody titer tests, the administering veterinarian must initial the applicable box under the DHLPP section.

5. All vaccinations must be administered by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. If the veterinarian does not administer certain vaccinations to older or other dogs, those vaccinations must be noted by the administering veterinarian, either on the vaccination form or letterhead. **For the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, all vaccinations must be current through August 6, 2009.** (Note: Vaccination deadlines for county fairs may differ.)

6. **The 2009 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate is available from the county Extension office.** It can also be downloaded from the OSU South Centers or Ohio 4-H website. This same form may be used for county fair shows provided the vaccinations are current through August 6, 2009 for State Fair exhibition. *The use of this form/certificate at the county level must be approved by the county 4-H professional and must be consistent throughout the respective county.*

7. Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation as determined by the health check officials will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment. **Decision of the health check officials is final.**

8. ***Bitches showing ANY signs of heat are not permitted on the Fairgrounds. They are not permitted to show!*** Each dog must go through a health check where all females will be checked for signs of heat. If a bitch shows **any** signs of heat, she will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. Any bitch, which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element, will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. **Decision of the health check officials is final.**

9. **Pregnant and/or lactating (nursing) bitches are not permitted on the Fairgrounds, and are not permitted to be shown.**

10. Any male or female dog that is a disturbing element to other dogs will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds.

11. Before going to Registration, exhibitors must bring their dog(s), dog license certificate(s), and 2009

*Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate(s)* to Health Check each day they are showing. Incomplete or falsified information is grounds for dismissal.

- a. The exhibitor must pay a \$15.00 processing fee if information on the health certificates is incomplete and show officials must call his or her veterinarian for verification. This fee must be paid prior to officials making the phone call.

## **Safety and Sportsmanship**

Refer to [www.4hdogs.osu.edu](http://www.4hdogs.osu.edu) for Sportsmanship and Ethics information.

1. Dogs must be kept on leash while on the fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging. Dogs must be kenneled in designated areas. Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are expected to clean up after their dogs. Dogs are not permitted outside the show ring area and kennel area. **Dogs must not be left unattended.**
2. Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior or any exhibitor or other person(s) abusing or neglecting a dog will be removed from the fairgrounds. Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong collar, or electronic collar while on the fairgrounds. **Exhibitors will be disqualified if their dogs are seen wearing muzzles, prong collars, or electronic collars.**
3. Any dog that is not under its handler's control and any handler who willfully interferes with another competitor or that competitor's dog will be excused from competition.
4. **JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.** Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals **ARE NOT PERMITTED** to talk with judges at any time during the Dog Show. Discussion and/or confrontation with judges will result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal of individuals from the Fairgrounds.
5. Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals verbally and/or physically abusive or threatening to show personnel will be removed from the Fairgrounds, and exhibitors will be disqualified.
6. Judges and/or show officials have the right to disqualify any participant exhibiting poor sportsmanship from showing, or from receiving any awards, at anytime during the Dog Show, as well as order the removal from the Fairgrounds of anyone showing unsportsmanlike conduct. This is in addition to participants having points deducted from the Sportsmanship category on their score sheets.
7. The judge or show officials may dismiss from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior or any exhibitor abusing the dog. *This may result in disqualification of exhibitor and/or removal of dog and/or exhibitor from the Fairgrounds.*
8. Only the exhibitor's dog, exhibitor, and show officials are permitted in the show ring area at any time throughout the show.

## **Show Equipment/Handler's & Dog's Appearance**

1. Exhibitors must provide their own collar, leash, water dish, kennel and any equipment needed.
  - a. **Obedience collars** include well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. Fancy collars, harnesses, studded collars, pinch collars, collars with prongs or spikes on inside or outside, electronic collars, or any other special training collars, or collars that are either too tight or so large that they hang down unreasonably in front of the dogs are not permitted. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar. **Obedience leashes** may be of fabric or leather and must be 6 feet in length for sub-novice classes. For other obedience classes, the leash need be only of sufficient length to provide adequate slack in the heel on leash exercise. Chain leashes are not acceptable.
  - b. **Head halters** are permitted in the Assistance Dog and You and Your Dog "Pet" classes only.

They are not permitted in any of the Dog Obedience or Showmanship classes, You & Your Dog “Show” Classes, Drill Team, Rally, Agility, and Freestyle.

- c. **Showmanship collars** include nylon or very small chain link slip collars, or combination lead and collar, such as a martingale. Nothing may be hanging from the dog’s collar. **Showmanship leads** may be of fabric or leather, proportionate to the size of the dog, and long enough to allow for easy handling. Chain leads are not acceptable.
- d. **Dumbbells** must be made of one or more solid pieces of wood, or of a rigid or semi-rigid, firm, nontoxic, non-wooden material similar in size, shape and weight to a wooden dumbbell. Metal dumbbells are not permitted. Dumbbells may not be hollowed out. They may be unfinished, coated with a clear finish, or painted (white or any color). They may not have decorations or attachments but may bear an inconspicuous mark for identification. The size of the dumbbell will be proportionate to the size of the dog.

2. Food, treats, or toys are not permitted in the show ring areas during obedience classes. Youth may take dogs out of holding rings and off show floor to give rewards, bathroom break, etc., and then return immediately when finished.

3. *Handler’s appearance:* Exhibitors should be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog shows. Clothing should not distract, limit or hinder the judge’s view of the dog. (1) **Acceptable clothing** for all *Obedience* classes, including Rally, includes slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, capri or crop pants, colored dress jeans, collared blouses and shirts, polo shirts, or similar attire, closed-toe shoes, rubber-soled shoes, flats, and similar type footwear. (2) **Acceptable clothing** for girls in *Showmanship classes* are dresses, skirts, dress shorts, skorts, dress slacks, dressy Capri or crop pants, collared blouses, or similar attire. Acceptable clothing for boys includes dress shirts, ties, and dress slacks. Sports jackets may be worn, but are not necessary, especially in hot weather. When wearing a tie, secure it with a tie tack. Closed-toe shoes, rubber-soled shoes, flats, and similar type shoes are acceptable footwear. (3) Club shirts, jeans and shorts are acceptable for Agility. **Inappropriate clothing includes clothing that is too tight or too revealing, such as short skirts, short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, low cut blouses or shirts, shorts hanging too low on the waist, clothing with holes or tears in the fabric, blue jeans, faded or torn jeans of any kind, or other similar types of clothing. Do not wear shirts with club names or logos, or clothing with lettering and distracting or offensive wording or designs. Do not wear hats. Do not wear sandals, open-toed shoes, high-heeled shoes, clogs, or similar type footwear. Exhibitors dressed inappropriately will not be allowed in the show ring.**

4. *Dog’s appearance:* Dogs must be clean, well brushed and in good physical condition appropriate for the dog’s age. The coat must be free from mats and loose hair. Ears must be clean and free from hair in the ear canal. The eyes must be free from matter, and teeth should not have any tartar buildup. Some staining on the teeth of older dogs is permissible. Toenails must be of proper length. Hair between the pads should be trimmed to prevent matting and collecting dirt. It is not required that whiskers be trimmed, but if the dog’s face is shaved, the stubble should be removed. Regulation show clip is not required for purebred dogs.

### **Scores/Ties/Score Sheets**

1. Scores will be posted within a reasonable amount of time after each class has been judged. Exhibitors who are tied for the top fifteen places in all Obedience and Showmanship classes, except You and Your Dog, Sub-Novice A and Showmanship Junior A should remain until all classes in the same category are judged, in case of further ties. Failure to stay will mean forfeiture of a possible placing.

2. Youth scoring in the top 25% in Sub-Novice A and Showmanship Junior A will receive awards. Youth scoring 200 points or above in You and Your Dog Classes will receive awards.

3. Ties will be broken as follows:

*Sub-Novice, Novice Obedience:* When two or more exhibitors have the same overall scores, the scores in the first exercise will be compared. The exhibitor with the highest score in the first exercise will receive the highest placing, and so forth. If all exhibitors have the same score in the first exercise, the scores in the second exercise will be compared, and so forth until ties are broken. If the scores are equal throughout all of the exercises, including the Exhibitor's Appearance, Dog's Appearance, and Sportsmanship, ties will be broken by the exhibitors and their dogs performing a heeling pattern specified by the judge.

*Graduate Novice & above Levels of Obedience:* Ties will be broken by the exhibitors and their dogs performing an exercise specified by the judge.

*Showmanship:* When two or more exhibitors have the same overall scores, the scores in the handling exercise will be compared. The exhibitor with the highest score in the handling exercise will receive the highest placing, and so forth. If all exhibitors have the same score in this last exercise, the scores in the grooming section will be compared, and so forth until ties are broken. If the scores are equal throughout all of the exercises, with the interviews being the last section compared, ties will be broken by the exhibitors and their dogs performing a handling exercise as specified by the judge.

4. Score sheets will be returned to the County Extension Office about two weeks following the closing day of the State Fair. Score sheets will not be returned during the State Fair Dog Show.

### **Class Entries**

*With the exception of Assistance Dogs and You & Your Dog "Pet" Class, youth may show one project dog in one level of obedience, other project dogs in different levels of Obedience, the same or different project dog in You & Your Dog "Show" Class, Showmanship, the same or different project dog in Agility, Drill Team, Brace, Team, Rally, and Freestyle depending on the number of project dogs owned and handled by the youth. Youth showing Assistance Dogs may also show that Assistance Dog in You & Your Dog "Show" Class. Youth showing a dog in You & Your Dog "Pet" Class may not show the same or a different dog in any other classes.*

### **Drill Team**

1. Drill Team entries must consist of **one** Drill Team entry per class per county, for a **total of three** Drill Teams:

J-30 Drill Team (4-5 members)

J-31 Drill Team (6-7 members)

J-32 Drill Team (8-9 members)

(Example: There may not be two drill team entries consisting of 4 or 5 members each from the same county.)

2. The same youth may participate on more than one Drill Team in his/her county provided he/she uses a different project dog.

### **Agility (J-20)**

1. Agility is a separate Junior Fair Dog Show Activity from the August 3-6 Dog Show. Youth may enter any number of project dogs in Agility and are permitted to enter more than one dog per Agility class. Youth showing in Agility may show the same or different project dog(s) in other classes provided they meet those classes' eligibility requirements

### **Assistance Dogs (J-19)**

1. Youth taking Assistance Dog projects may also show their Assistance Dogs in the You and Your Dog "Show" Class. They are ineligible to show their Assistance Dogs in any other classes at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. Youth showing Assistance Dogs may show a different project dog(s) in other classes provided they meet those classes' eligibility requirements, as well as participate in the Poster Contest and Skillathon.

### **You and Your Dog "Pet" (J-YDP1-3)**

1. Youth showing in these “Pet” classes may not show the same or a different dog in any other classes at the State Fair Dog Show, including Agility on August 1 or classes offered August 3-6.

### **You and Your Dog “Show” (J-YDS1-3)**

1. Youth showing in these “Show” classes may show the same or a different dog in any other classes at the State Fair Dog Show provided they meet those classes’ eligibility requirements.

### **Obedience (J-1 – J-12)**

1. Youth may show one or more project dogs in Obedience, but each dog must be eligible to be shown at a different level. Exhibitors can repeat any “B” level obedience class with same dog or different dog each year unless the dog is a class winner, provided that dog is not performing at a higher level.

### **Showmanship (J-13 – J- 18)**

1. Youth may show the same or different project dog in that eligible Showmanship class.

### **Rally (J-21 – J-26, and J-36 – J-41)**

1. Youth may show a maximum of two project dogs per Rally class.

### **Brace (J-27)**

1. Both dogs shown by a youth in Brace must be that youth’s dog projects. Brace is for dogs that compete at the novice level or above. Sub-novice dogs are not eligible for this class.

### **Team (J-28, J-29)**

1. Youth may show a Sub-novice project dog in the Sub-novice Team class, and show a Novice level or above project dog in the Advanced Team class if have multiple dogs.

### **Canine Freestyle (J-33-37)**

1. Youth may show one project dog per canine freestyle performance. Youth may show in multiple performances.

2. Two youth and dogs may show as a pair or three youth and dogs may show as a trio in freestyle performance.

3. A Sassy Senior class is for youth whose dogs are ages 9 and older as of show date.

4. A Handi-Dandi class is for youth and/or dog with physical and/or mental challenges.

## **Registration/Entry Deadlines**

### **Agility August 1**

1. Any youth enrolled in *Performance Dog*, Project No. 201P may enter Agility with one or more 4-H dog projects. 4-H and FFA members competing in the Agility class (J-20) **MUST** register by completing the USDAA® Official Entry Form (available online at [www.4hdogs.osu.edu](http://www.4hdogs.osu.edu) or from Extension Office) and return it directly to Julie Strawser, Information Associate, OSU South Centers, 1864 Shyville Rd., Piqueton, Ohio 45661. Exhibitors must follow entry procedures. **Entries must be received by Wednesday, July 15.** Entries received after this deadline will not be accepted.

### **Dog Show August 3-6**

1. Any youth enrolled in a 4-H or FFA dog project may enter the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. All entries must be approved by the youth’s 4-H advisor/FFA instructor and Extension professional.

2. Youth must enter their dogs by completing a *2009 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Entry Form*, available online at [www.4hdogs.osu.edu](http://www.4hdogs.osu.edu) or from the county Extension office. Youth must mail entries directly to the Ohio State Fair Entry Department. Entry fees are \$4.00 per dog per class entered. All entry fees must accompany the official State Fair Dog Show Entry Form. All entries must bear a postage stamp and have a legible cancellation date. Metered entries will NOT be accepted. **The entry deadline is Saturday, July 11. Entries postmarked after July 11 will be charged a \$50.00 late fee.**

3. Drill Teams must enter by teams by completing a *2009 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Drill Team Entry Form*. Deadlines listed above apply. Alternates need to register by the July 11 deadline so they are not charged late fees.
4. Youth may enter any of the classes they are eligible for as outlined in the *2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules*. The handler and dog must be able to perform the exercises required of the class(s) entered.
5. The Ohio State Fair Entry Department will mail an admission ticket and parking permit to each exhibitor by July 29. Admission tickets for additional days showing and dog walk passes will be provided at registration. Exhibitor letters and other pertinent information will be posted online at [www.4hdogs.osu.edu](http://www.4hdogs.osu.edu).

### **Poster Contest**

1. Each youth must complete a *2009 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Poster Entry Form* and send or bring the completed entry form along with poster to Lucinda B. Miller, OSU South Centers, 1864 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661. Posters must be postmarked by Friday, July 11.
2. One admission ticket and one parking permit will be mailed to each exhibitor who receives an award for his/her poster to attend the Poster Contest Award presentation on August 6.

### **Drill Team Competition**

Junior Fair Dog Drill Team competition will be held Tuesday, August 4, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Buckeye Building. Exhibitors must comply with the *2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules* to be eligible to participate. All dogs must meet the age and health requirements of the Junior Fair Dog Show.

### **Rules**

1. Each county may have three drill teams participate: one must be a 4- or 5-member team, one must be a 6- or 7-member team, and one must be an 8- or 9-member team. Counties cannot have two 4- or 5-member teams, for example. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Performance Dog Project, No. 201P, to be eligible to participate.
2. The same youth may participate on more than one Drill Team in his/her county provided he/she uses a different project dog.
3. All youth planning to participate in a Drill Team from their county must make sure each youth puts the correct Drill Team class on his/her State Fair Dog Show Entry Form. Drill Team alternates should register by the July 11 deadline so they are not charged late fees.
4. Refer to back of the Drill Team Score Sheets for an explanation of the judging requirements.
5. Penalties:
  - a. Animal Respect – Judges will watch to see that the dog is a respected partner of the team. If the handler shows lack of respect for his/her teammate, they will incur a **substantial** point deduction.
  - b. Disciplining – The show ring is not the proper place to discipline your dog. The amount of points deducted will depend on the severity of the discipline. Inappropriate discipline will incur point deductions.
  - c. Fouling the Ring – There will be a **25-point** deduction for each instance of a dog fouling in the ring.
  - d. Barking – Points will be deducted for barking unless it is an obvious part of the routine.
  - e. Dog Leaves the Ring – There will be a **10-point** deduction for each instance of a dog leaving the ring.
  - f. Unusual Behavior – Points will be deducted for and not limited to the following: dog aggression,

dog displaying dominance, dog visiting spectators, etc.

g. Inappropriate Music – Points will be deducted for music that is offensive or has inappropriate language.

h. Rule Violations – Deductions will be taken for violating rules found in the Ohio State Fair 4-H Handbook and *2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules*.

i. Time Violations – **Five (5)** points will be deducted for presentations less than 5 minutes and more than 7 minutes.

6. Points will not be deducted for team captain calling exercises.
7. Each team must bring a CD of their music. Teams may also use their own CD player, but are responsible for it functioning correctly.
8. Only the next team to perform will be permitted on the staging ring floor.

## **Dog Poster Contest**

### **Purpose**

1. To visually demonstrate 4-H & FFA dog project knowledge.
2. To stimulate an interest in 4-H & FFA dog projects.
3. To demonstrate to others the diversity of the 4-H & FFA dog projects.

### **Rules**

1. Any youth enrolled in a 4-H dog project may enter a poster.
2. Age divisions will be as follows: Junior (ages 8-11), Intermediate (ages 12-14), and Senior (ages 15-18). All ages are as of January 1, 2009.
3. Each poster must be made by the 4-H or FFA member.
4. **Posters must be made using size 22" x 28" poster board, displayed horizontally.** Poster boards are not to be mounted on any type of stiff backing. Shadow boxes, overlays, or three-dimensional posters are not permitted. Stick on letters and stickers are permitted. Posters need not be laminated or covered with a thin plastic material, however lamination will help preserve the poster.
5. Each poster must be *clearly labeled in the lower right hand corner with the exhibitor's name, county, and age as of January 1, 2009.*
6. Posters will be judged on Educational Content (50 pts.), Neatness/Appearance (30 pts.), and Originality (20 pts.).
7. Posters will be displayed in the Buckeye Building during the State Fair Dog Show. All posters that place will be displayed throughout the Dog Show. Depending on the number of other posters received, a certain percentage of posters will be displayed each day.
8. Rosettes will be presented to all first through fifteenth place winners in each age division on Thursday, August 6, at approximately 12:00 noon in the Buckeye Building.
9. First place winners in each age division can exhibit every year provided the age requirements are met.
10. Each youth must complete an entry form and send or bring the completed entry form along with poster to Lucinda B. Miller, OSU South Centers, 1864 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.
11. Posters must be postmarked by Saturday, July 11. Posters postmarked after this deadline will not be

judged; however will still be displayed.

12. Posters will be released after the awards presentation on Thursday, August 6, or after they have had their turn at being displayed. ***Unclaimed posters will be discarded at the end of the Dog Show on August 6.***

## **Classes and Awards**

### **Saturday, August 1, 10:00 a.m., Coliseum Agility**

**J-20 Agility** (*Class J-20 Agility is a separate Junior Fair Dog Show Activity from the August 4-8 Dog Show. Youth may enter any number of project dogs in J-20 Agility and are permitted to enter more than one dog per Agility class. In addition to this, youth showing in Agility may enter the same or different project dogs shown in Agility in the August 3-6 Dog Show, provided youth and dogs meet eligibility requirements.*)

***Measuring begins at 8:30 a.m.*** Agility awards are based upon USDAA® performance standards in the Junior Handler Program classes as follows: A maroon ribbon will be awarded for all qualifying (zero fault) performances; a Gold medal will be awarded for all scores of five fault points or less; a Silver medal will be awarded for all of scores more than five but no more than fifteen fault points; a Bronze medal will be awarded for all scores greater than fifteen fault points. In addition to the USDAA® recognitions, 4-H recognition will be given. (Refer to USDAA® Agility Information under separate cover.)

### **Monday, August 3, Buckeye Building Showmanship Junior A, Junior B, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, Senior A and Senior B; Assistance Dogs; You and Your Dog ‘Pet’ and ‘Show’**

***Exercises to be performed in all Showmanship classes include:*** (1) *Interview;* (2) *Handler Appearance & Attitude,* (3) *Grooming,* and (4) *Handling.* *For the Interview, age-appropriate questions will come from specific chapters and/or sections of the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook. The chapters/sections from where questions will be asked, along with sample questions, will be posted on the website by June 1.*

**J-13 Showmanship Junior A** This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 8-11 years of age as of January 1, 2009. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2009, or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Junior B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 12 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Showmanship Intermediate B. A dog shown in this class at the Ohio State Fair cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the Showmanship B level of the appropriate age of the exhibitor. All youth placing in the top 25% of the class will receive an Outstanding of the Day rosette. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy. *2008 Winner – Erin Struble, Hardin Co.*

**J-14 Showmanship Junior B** This class is for the 4-H or FFA member or dog who has shown in Showmanship Junior A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2009, or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 8-11 years of age as of January 1, 2009. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class at the Ohio State Fair can return to this class with the same dog every year provided age requirements are met. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Showmanship B level and cannot go back to an A-level class. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Monica Pennewitt, Clinton Co.*

**J-15 Showmanship Intermediate A** This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 12-14 years of age

as of January 1, 2009. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2009, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Intermediate B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 15 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Showmanship Senior B. A dog shown in this class at the Ohio State Fair cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the Showmanship B level of the appropriate age of the exhibitor. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Austin Webb, Medina Co.*

**J-16 Showmanship Intermediate B** This class is for the 4-H or FFA member or dog who has shown in Showmanship Intermediate A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2009, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2009. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class at the Ohio State Fair can return to this class with the same dog every year provided age requirements are met. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Showmanship B level and cannot go back to an A-level class. A first-place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Molly Parker, Clark Co.*

**J-17 Showmanship Senior A** This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 15-18 years of age as of January 1, 2009. Neither the 4-H or FFA member nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2009 or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Senior B. A dog shown in this class at the Ohio State Fair cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the Showmanship B level. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Clara Fox-Ruddell, Clark Co.*

**J-18 Showmanship Senior B** This class is for the 4-H or FFA member or dog who has shown in Showmanship Senior A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2009 or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 15-18 as of January 1, 2009. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class at the Ohio State Fair can return to this class with the same dog every year provided he/she meets the age requirements. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Showmanship B level and cannot go back to an A-level class. A first-place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Sara Haer, Miami Co.*

*Exercises to be performed in the Assistance Dogs class will follow the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test® and include: (1) Accept a Friendly Stranger; (2) Sit Politely for Petting; (3) Appearance and Grooming; (4) Out for a Walk; (5) Walk Through a Crowd; (6) Sit and Down on Command/Staying in Place; (7) Come When Called; (8) Reaction to Another Dog; (9) Reactions to Distractions; (10) Supervised Separation. Information about these 10 exercises can be found at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).*

**J-19 Assistance Dogs** This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the *Working Dog Project No. 201W*. Dogs are owned by Pilot Dogs, Inc. or other Assistance Dog Organizations. FFA members raising a pilot puppy or other assistance dog may also enter this class. Youth may also show their assistance dogs in the appropriate age You and Your Dog – 'Show' class. *All exhibitors with dogs passing all 10 exercises, plus exhibitor's and dog's appearance and sportsmanship, will receive an award.*

## **You and Your Dog Classes**

*Criteria to be evaluated in all You and Your Dog classes include:*

- a. *Member's Interview (60 pts.):* Age-appropriate questions will come from specific chapters and/or sections of the *Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook*. The chapters/sections from where questions will be asked, along with sample questions, will be posted on the website by June 1;
- b. *4-H Dog Project & Record Book (40 pts.):* All sections in the 4-H Dog Project & Record Book that apply to the *You and Your Dog* project must be filled out completely including photographs. The animal records section may **NOT** be photocopied for the *You and Your Dog* project dog.

- c. *Member's Appearance and Attitude (50 pts.):* Exhibitors should be neat and clean in appearance. Appropriate clothing must be worn.
- d. *Dog's Appearance and Manners (40 pts.):* Dogs should be clean and well-groomed. They should show good manners and be able to be controlled by the handlers. Dogs should allow examination without resistance or aggression.
- e. *Creative Achievement of Member and Dog (40 pts.):* The youth and dog must demonstrate some level of achievement gained as a team this project year. Examples are included in the score sheet explanation.

**J-YDP1 Junior You and Your Dog – ‘Pet’** This class is for 4-H members 8-11 years of age as of January 1, 2008 enrolled in *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D who are NOT showing the same or another dog in any classes at the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show. Youth who show a dog in this class are NOT eligible to show the same or different dog in any State Fair Dog Show classes. They are eligible to enter the poster contest and complete the dog skillathon. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class each year. Youth scoring 200 points or above will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy.

**J-YDP2 Intermediate You and Your Dog – ‘Pet’** This class is for 4-H members 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2008 enrolled in *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D who are NOT showing the same or another dog in any classes at the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show. Youth who show a dog in this class are NOT eligible to show the same or different dog in any State Fair Dog Show classes. They are eligible to enter the poster contest and complete the dog skillathon. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class each year. Youth scoring 200 points or above will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy.

**J-YDP3 Senior You and Your Dog – ‘Pet’** This class is for 4-H members 15-18 years of age as of January 1, 2008 enrolled in *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D who are NOT showing the same or another dog in any classes at the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show. Youth who show a dog in this class are NOT eligible to show the same or different dog in any State Fair Dog Show classes. They are eligible to enter the poster contest and complete the dog skillathon. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class each year. Youth scoring 200 points or above will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy.

**J-YDS1 Junior You and Your Dog – ‘Show’** This class is for 4-H members 8-11 years of age as of January 1, 2008 enrolled in *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D. Youth who show a dog in this class are eligible to show the same or different dog in all other eligible classes. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class each year. Youth scoring 200 points or above will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy.

**J-YDS2 Intermediate You and Your Dog – ‘Show’** This class is for 4-H members 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2008 enrolled in *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D. Youth who show a dog in this class are eligible to show the same or different dog in all other eligible classes. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class each year. Youth scoring 200 points or above will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy.

**J-YDS3 Senior You and Your Dog – ‘Show’** This class is for 4-H members 15-18 years of age as of January 1, 2008 enrolled in *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D. Youth who show a dog in this class are eligible to show the same or different dog in all other eligible classes. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class each year. Youth scoring 200 points or above will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy.

**Tuesday, August 4, Buckeye Building**  
**Sub-Novice & B; Novice A & B; Rally Novice A & B; Rally Advanced A & B,**  
**Rally Excellent A & B; Drill Team**

All **Sub-Novice** class exercises are performed on leash: *Heel on Leash, Figure 8, Stand for Exam, Recall, Long Sit (1 min.), Long Down (3 min.)*

**J-1 Sub-Novice A** This class is for the beginning exhibitor and beginning dog. Neither exhibitor nor dog has had any prior obedience experience before April 1, 2009, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. *This means that the exhibitor and/or dog cannot have any kind of formalized training. If they have had any training, they must enter the Sub-Novice B class. This includes counties who have "pre-sub-novice" or similar classes. Those exhibitors/dogs must enter Sub-Novice B classes at the state fair level.* Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Sub-Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Sub-Novice B level at the very minimum. All youth receiving a score of 200 points or above will receive an Outstanding of the Day rosette. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy. *2008 Winner – Jennifer Sword, Wayne Co.*

**J-2 Sub-Novice B** This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Sub-Novice A or has had experience at the Sub-Novice level *before* April 1, 2009, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to Novice level or higher. The first place winner must move to Novice A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Sub-Novice B class must then be shown at the Novice A level at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Sub-Novice B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the state level provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Novice level or higher. Dogs shown in this class cannot show at the Sub-Novice A level. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Ally Bonnette, Allen Co.*

*The Novice class exercises are performed as follows: Performed on leash: Heel on Leash & Figure 8; Performed off leash: Stand for Exam, Heel Free, Recall, Long Sit (1 min.), Long Down (3 min.)*

**J-3 Novice A** In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Novice level before April 1, 2009, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Novice B level at the very minimum. Exercises performed are the same as J-4. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Corryn Davis, Muskingum Co.*

**J-4 Novice B** This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Novice A or has had experience at the Novice level before April 1, 2009, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to Graduate Novice A level or higher. The first place winner must move to Graduate Novice A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Novice B class must then be shown at the Graduate Novice A level at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Novice B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the state level provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Graduate Novice level of higher. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience at the Ohio State Fair. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Mattea Benz, Clinton Co.*

**J-30; J-31; J-32 Drill Teams** *Registration begins at 4:00 p.m.* Medallions will be awarded to the first place 4- or 5-member team, the first place 6- or 7-member team, and the first place 8- or 9-member team. Rosettes will be awarded to each 4- or 5-member team participant placing first through tenth, each 6- or 7-member team participant placing first through tenth, and each 8- or 9-member team participant placing first through tenth. (Refer to Dog Drill Team Competition Rules listed elsewhere in this information.) *2008 4-5 Member Drill Team Winner – Clermont Co.; 2008 6-7 Member Drill Team Winner – Hancock Co.; 2008 8-9 Member Drill Team Winner – Hardin Co.*

## Rally Classes

Each Rally exercise is described on an 8 ½" x 11" instructional sign via words, directional arrows, colors, and geometric shapes. There are 10-20 signs per course depending on the level. Rally Novice A and B classes are performed entirely on leash. Sub-Novice level dogs must be shown in either Rally Novice A or B, depending on their experience in Rally. Rally Advanced A & B classes are performed off leash. Rally Excellent A & B classes are performed off leash except the Honor exercise. Novice or above level dogs must show in either Rally Advanced A or B, depending on their experience in Rally. Rally class signs can be viewed and downloaded at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

J-21, 36 **Rally Novice A** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog with no prior experience showing at any Rally level before April 1, 2009, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

J-22, 37 **Rally Novice B** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Novice level before April 1, 2009, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to the Rally Advanced A level or higher. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

J-23, 38 **Rally Advanced A** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has not had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before April 1, 2009, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

J-24, 39 **Rally Advanced B** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before April 1, 2009, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

J-25, 40 **Rally Excellent A** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has not had prior experience showing at the Rally Excellent level before April 1, 2009, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

J-26, 41 **Rally Excellent B** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Excellent level before April 1, 2009, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

### Wednesday, August 5, Buckeye Building

**Graduate Novice A & B; Open A & B; Graduate Open A & B; Utility A & B; Brace; Team; Freestyle**

*The Graduate Novice class exercises are performed as follows: Heel on Leash & Figure 8, (the Heel is performed on leash and the Figure 8 is performed off leash); Performed off leash: Drop on Recall, Dumbbell Recall, Recall over High Jump, Recall over Broad Jump, Long Down (3 min.-handler out of sight)*

J-5 **Graduate Novice A** In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Graduate Novice level before April 1, 2009, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduate Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Graduate Novice B

level at the very minimum. Exercises performed are the same as J-6. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2008 Winner – Rachel Kolb, Warren Co.*

**J-6 Graduate Novice B** This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Graduate Novice A or has had experience at the Graduate Novice level before April 1, 2009, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to Open A level or higher. The first place winner must move to Open A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Graduate Novice B class must then be shown at the Open A level at the very minimum. The dog of a first place winner in the Graduate Novice B class must then be shown at the Open A level. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Graduate Novice B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the state level provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Open level or higher. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience at the Ohio State Fair. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2008 Winner – Kylie Gibson, Carroll Co.*

*All Open class exercises are performed off leash: Heel Free & Figure 8, Drop on Recall, retrieve on Flat, Retrieve over high Jump, Broad Jump, Long Sit (3 min.- handler out of sight); Long Down (5 min.- handler out of sight)*

**J-7 Open A** In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Open level before April 1, 2009 or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Open B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Open B level at the very minimum. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. Exercises performed are the same as J-8. *2008 Winner – Kylie Gibson, Carroll Co.*

**J-8 Open B** This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Open A or has had experience at the Open level before April 1, 2009, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to the Graduate Open level or higher. The first place winner must move to Graduate Open A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Open B class must then be shown at the Graduate Open A level at the very minimum. The dog of a first place winner in the Open B class must then be shown at the Graduate Open A level at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Open B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the state level provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Graduate Open level or higher. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience at the Ohio State Fair. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Serra Marshall, Stark Co.*

*All Graduate Open class exercises are performed off leash: Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Exam, Go Out, Directed Jumping*

**J-9 Graduate Open A** In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Graduate Open level, or a higher level of dog obedience, before April 1, 2009 or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduate Open B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must then be shown at the Graduate Open B level. Exercises performed are the same as J-10. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Codie Gibson, Carroll Co.*

**J-10 Graduate Open B** This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Graduate Open A or has had prior experience at the Graduate Open level, or a higher level of dog obedience before April 1, 2009 or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to the Utility A level or higher. If an exhibitor and/or dog wins *first place or places* in Graduate Open B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the state level provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Utility level. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any

lower levels of dog obedience at the Ohio State Fair. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Anna Vandegrift, Clermont Co.*

*All Utility class exercises are performed off leash: Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination Article #1, Scent Discrimination Article #2, Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Exam, Directed Jumping*

**J-11 Utility A** In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Utility level before April 1, 2009 or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Utility B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class the dog must then be shown at the Utility B level. Exercises performed are the same as J-12. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Juquita Monteith, Brown Co.*

**J-12 Utility B** This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Utility A or has had prior experience at the Utility level before April 1, 2009 or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. If an exhibitor and/or dog wins *first place or places* in Utility B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the state level provided the county requirements have been met. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience at the Ohio State Fair. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded.

*Brace class exercises are performed the same as those specified in the Novice class.*

**J-27 Brace** This class is for the exhibitor with two dogs (any breed or breeds) that are capable of performing the Novice exercises. The exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the *2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show*. Exercises, performances and judging will be as in the Novice class. *Sub-novice dogs cannot participate in this class.* A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Kylie Gibson, Carroll Co.*

*Sub-Novice Team class exercises are performed the same as those specified in the Sub-Novice class.*

**J-28 Sub-Novice Team** This class will be for teams of four exhibitors and their dogs that meet the eligibility requirements of the *2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show*. The same four dogs will perform all exercises. The handlers and dogs on a team will perform the exercises simultaneously and will be judged as specified for the Sub-novice class. All exercises will be done on leash. This class is for Sub-Novice dogs only. Dogs showing in a higher class (Novice or above) are ineligible to compete in the Sub-Novice Team class. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Highland Co.*

*Advanced Team class exercises are performed the same as those specified in the Novice class, EXCEPT that a Drop on Recall will be used in place of the Recall exercise.*

**J-29 Advanced Team** This class will be for teams of four exhibitors and their dogs that meet the eligibility requirements of the *2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show*. The same four dogs will perform all exercises. The handlers and dogs on a team will perform the exercises simultaneously. Novice dogs and handlers are permitted to work on and perform the Drop on Recall while retaining their Novice status. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded. *2008 Winner – Fayette Co.*

**J-33 Canine Freestyle (Beginners)** This level is for youth with little or no experience in canine freestyle. The Beginner should move to the beat of the music. The routine may be on or off leash. They will be judged on: how many moves the dog and handler successfully complete; the variety of moves; how the dog and handler are interacting; and control of the dog by the handler. The routine should cover 50% of the ring space. The handler and dog should appear to be having an enjoyable experience. Judges must look to see if the handler has control of their dog. The routine length must be within 1:30 and 2:15 minutes (plus or minus 15 seconds, allowed for recording and playback device speeds). \*Note: Youth with dogs age 9 or older as of date of show may enter the Sassy Senior class instead of Youth Beginner,

but cannot show in both classes with the same dog. Exhibitors must bring a CD of their music. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

**J-34 Canine Freestyle (Sassy Seniors)** This entry is for any youth with a **dog nine years old or older**. The youth should move to the beat of the music. The routine may be on or off leash. They will be judged on: how many moves the dog and handler successfully complete; the variety of moves; how the dog and handler are interacting; and control of the dog by the handler. The routine should cover 50% of the ring space. The handler and dog should appear to be having an enjoyable experience. Judges must look to see if the handler has control of their dog. The routine length must be within 1:30 and 2:15 minutes (plus or minus 15 seconds, allowed for recording and playback device speeds). \*Note: Youth who enter this class with their “senior” dogs, may not enter the Youth Beginner class with the same dog. Exhibitors must bring a CD of their music. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

**J-35 Canine Freestyle (Pairs)** This entry is for two handlers and their dogs. The youth should move to the beat of the music and may be on or off leash. They will be judged on: how many moves the dogs and handler successfully complete; the variety of moves; how the dogs and handler are interacting; and control of the dogs by the handler. The routine should cover 50% of the ring space. The handler and dog should appear to be having an enjoyable experience. Judges must look to see if the handler has control of their dog. The routine length must be within 1:30 and 2:15 minutes (plus or minus 15 seconds, allowed for recording and playback device speeds). Exhibitors must bring a CD of their music. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

**J-36 Canine Freestyle (Team-Trios)** This entry is for three handlers and their dogs. The youth should move to the beat of the music and may be on or off leash. They will be judged on: how many moves the dogs and handler successfully complete; the variety of moves; how the dogs and handler are interacting; and control of the dogs by the handler. The routine should cover 50% of the ring space. The handler and dog should appear to be having an enjoyable experience. Judges must look to see if the handler has control of their dog. The routine length must be within 1:30 and 2:15 minutes (plus or minus 15 seconds, allowed for recording and playback device speeds). Exhibitors must bring a CD of their music. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

**J-37 Canine Freestyle (Handi-Dandi)** This entry is for either youth, dog, or both with physical and/or mental challenges. The youth should move to the beat of the music. The routine may be on or off leash. They will be judged on: how many moves the dog and handler successfully complete; the variety of moves; how the dog and handler are interacting; and control of the dog by the handler. The routine should cover 50% of the ring space. The handler and dog should appear to be having an enjoyable experience. Judges must look to see if the handler has control of their dog. The routine length must be within 1:30 and 2:15 minutes (plus or minus 15 seconds, allowed for recording and playback device speeds). Exhibitors must bring a CD of their music. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

### **Thursday, August 6**

#### **Rally Novice A & B; Rally Advanced A & B; Rally Excellent A & B; Poster Awards**

**Rally Classes – Refer to information about Rally Classes and Awards under Tuesday, August 4.**

### **Dog Skillathon**

A Dog Skillathon will be held on Monday, August 3 (12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.), Tuesday, August 4 (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) during the Ohio State Fair Dog Activities in the Buckeye Building. This contest is open to any 4-H or FFA member. There are ten age divisions (9 through 18 years). Ages are determined as of 1/1/08. Skillathon lines will be divided into Junior (8-11 yrs.), Intermediate (12-14 yrs.) and Senior (15-18 yrs.) levels. Awards will be presented to the first place winner in each age division. Junior (8-11 yrs.), Intermediate (12-14 yrs.), and Senior (15-18 yrs.) age division winner awards will be presented. Other awards include participation tokens and outstanding awards. Awards will be presented

at the end of the day on Tuesday, August 5.

### 2008 Dog Skillathon Winners

Age 8/9:	Kalie Scott, Highland Co.*	Age 14:	Anna Vandegrift, Clermont Co.**
Age 10:	Caleb Lender, Clark Co.	Age 15:	Kelli Stahl, Williams Co.
Age 11:	Ashley Wittibslager, Marion Co.*	Age 16:	Mattea Benz, Clinton Co.***
Age 12:	Austin Webb, Medina Co.	Age 17:	Marie Severyn, Montgomery Co.
Age 13:	Hannah Turpin, Warren Co.	Age 18:	Rebecca Heighton, Clark Co.

\* - Overall Junior Winner, \*\* - Overall Intermediate Winner, \*\*\*- Overall Senior Winner

### State Fair Championship Title

4-H and FFA members showing their dogs at the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show may apply for titling by recording State Fair achievements during their 4-H or FFA careers. The junior fair participant, his or her parent/guardian, and 4-H advisor or FFA instructor must document achievements. The Ohio State Fair Championship Title is for the handler, regardless of the number of dogs shown.

**Please make copies for your records.**

#### *Requirements*

1. 4-H or FFA member may earn **one Title per year** regardless of the number of dogs shown;
2. 4-H or FFA member must accumulate 25 points to earn a Title;
3. Points will carry over from one year to the next;
4. Subsequent Titles will be awarded for each additional 25 points;
5. Points are recorded for the handler; and
6. All State Fair participation rules apply.

#### *Point System*

One (1) point will be awarded for participation in any of these State Fair events:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Agility                            | 7. Rally                             |
| 2. Assistance Dogs                    | 8. Showmanship                       |
| 3. Brace (Brace unit counts as 1 dog) | 9. Skillathon                        |
| 4. Drill Team                         | 10. Team                             |
| 5. Obedience                          | 11. You and Your Dog "Pet" or "Show" |
| 6. Poster Contest                     | 12. Freestyle                        |

An additional 5 points will be awarded for a 1 through 15 placement in any event, or for receiving a gold medal in Agility or a gold medal in Rally and Freestyle. Five points will be awarded to youth receiving an Outstanding in Sub-Novice A and Showmanship Junior A. Five points will be awarded to youth receiving a passing score in the Assistance Dog class. Five points will be awarded to youth receiving an Outstanding of the Day in You and Your Dog. An exhibitor cannot exceed 6 points per event per dog (exception: Brace unit counts as 1 dog).

**Awards:** A pin and T-shirt will be presented to each exhibitor receiving his/her first Title at the Ohio State Fair at posted times during the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. Exhibitors receiving second or third titles will receive a pin and an additional award.

### **4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award**

The purpose of the 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award is to: (1) encourage youth to participate in several classes (including skillathon and poster) at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, and (2) award youth for achieving excellence in the classes in which they are showing or participating. To earn a 4-H EVA, exhibitors must place in three (3) classes as follows: (1) receive a gold medal in Agility; (2) receive a gold medal in Rally; (4) receive a gold medal in Freestyle; (4) place in the top five in all classes receiving placings, including the skillathon and poster; (5) finish in the top 20% of those receiving Outstanding of

the Day rosettes in Sub-Novice A and Showmanship Junior A; or (6) pass all test items in the Assistance Dog class. Youth violating any of the *2009 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show* or with points taken off for poor sportsmanship will not be eligible for this award.

An exhibitor must show in three classes and earn one placing as described above per class, with one dog in each of those classes. The 4-H EVA is based on the number of classes, not number of dogs per class (i.e. for agility and rally). The exhibitor may earn one 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award a year.

### **Ohio State Fair Scholarship Program**

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to eligible Junior Fair Dog Exhibitors at the Ohio State Fair. The winner is expected to attend the Sale of Champions to receive his/her scholarship.

#### ***Rules***

1. The applicant must be a high school senior (by fall of 2008), or who is a high school graduate continuing their education at an accredited institution. They must reside in the State of Ohio, and must have been an active participant in the Ohio State Fair Junior Division and their local County Fair.
2. Applicant must be eligible to be a participant in Junior Fair (not older than 19 years of age as of January 1, 2009) and still be eligible to show at their County Fair and the State Fair this year.
3. All questions on the application form **MUST** be answered to be considered for an award. High School and/or college transcript **MUST** be attached, along with copies of ACT and/or SAT scores.
4. Applications may be obtained by writing to: Scholarship Award Committee, Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211-2698. Completed applications must be returned by July 1, 2009.
5. Applications will be judged on the following basis:
  - a. Scholastic Standing 25%
  - b. Citizenship & Leadership 25%
  - c. Ohio State Fair Participation 25%
  - d. County Fair Participation 20%
  - e. Financial Need 5%

The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to NOT issue a scholarship if no applicant fulfills the requirements.

6. Applicants may be required to be interviewed at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.
7. Applicants may apply for only one (1) Division.
8. Previous winners are not eligible to compete. An exhibitor may win a scholarship only one time.
9. Scholarship recipients will be notified by August 1, 2009. Scholarships will be awarded during the Sale of Champions at the Ohio State Fair, Sunday, August 9, 2009.

For more information about the 2009 Ohio State Fair Scholarship Program refer to the following website: [http://www.ohioexpocenter.com/osf/down\\_booksforms.htm](http://www.ohioexpocenter.com/osf/down_booksforms.htm)

### **Summary of Progression of Obedience Classes at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show**

- (J-1) Sub-Novice A** - 1 year, then move to Sub-Novice B
- (J-2) Sub-Novice B** - can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner, then move to Novice A
- (J-3) Novice A** - 1 year, then move to Novice B
- (J-4) Novice B** - can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner, then move to Grad Novice A

- (J-5) Graduate Novice A-** 1 year, then move to Grad Novice B
- (J-6) Graduate Novice B-** can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner, then move to Open A
- (J-7) Open A** - 1 year, then move to Open B
- (J-8) Open B** - can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner, then move to Grad Open A
- (J-9) Graduate Open A** - 1 year, then move to Grad Open B
- (J-10) Graduate Open B** - *can repeat this class with same dog regardless of winning if not moving up to Utility*
- (J-11) Utility A** - 1 year, then move to Utility B
- (J-12) Utility B** - *can repeat this class with same dog regardless of winning*

a. Refer to the J-1 through J-12 class descriptions for more details. Exhibitors must continually progress to a higher level of obedience training with the same dog. At the Ohio State Fair any previous participants (youth and dogs) in classes Sub-Novice A, Novice A, Graduate Novice A, Open A, Graduate Open A and Utility A may not enter the same class ever again. First place winners (youth and dogs) of Sub-Novice B, Novice B, Graduate Novice B, and Open B, are not permitted to repeat the same class with the same dog. First place winners (youth and dogs) of Graduate Open B and Utility B may repeat this class each year.

b. Participants in Sub-Novice B, Novice B, Graduate Novice B, and Open B can show in these classes every year with the same dog, unless winning first place. Participants in Graduate Open B and Utility B can show in these classes every year with the same dog, regardless of winning.

c. Dogs of first place winners in obedience classes are not permitted to be shown in the same or lower level obedience classes again, except they may be shown in Graduate Open B or Utility B every year.

d. Dogs that have placed in obedience classes may repeat the same classes provided they are not performing at a higher level. They may never show in a lower level obedience class again.

e. Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match must show their dogs at the same or higher *level B classes* than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Dogs completing their Companion Dog (CD) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) *prior to, or anytime during, the project year* must show in Graduate Novice classes. Dogs completing their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) *prior to, or anytime during, the project year* must show in Open, Graduate Open, or Utility classes. *Any dog receiving one or more legs toward a title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the first leg was earned. This rule, if applicable, supersedes exhibitor and dog information listed in the class descriptions found elsewhere in this document.* Fun matches do not apply.

### **Summary of Progression of Showmanship Classes at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show**

**(J-13) Showmanship Junior A** (8-11 yrs. as of 1/1/09) - 1 year, then move to Showmanship Junior B if still meeting the age requirements or move to Showmanship Intermediate B if 12 as of January 1. Neither the youth nor the dog can return to an A class.

**(J-14) Showmanship Junior B** (8-11 yrs. as of 1/1/09) - until reach Intermediate age division; *class winner can repeat Showmanship Junior B every year with same dog*; must progress from Showmanship Junior B to Showmanship Intermediate B.

**(J-15) Showmanship Intermediate A** (12-14 yrs. as of 1/1/09) - 1 year, then move to Showmanship Intermediate B if still meeting the age requirements or move to Showmanship Senior B if 15 as of January 1. Neither the youth nor the dog can return to an A class.

**(J-16) Showmanship Intermediate B** (12-14 yrs. as of 1/1/09) - until reach Senior age division; *class*

*winner can repeat Intermediate Showmanship B every year with same dog; must progress from Showmanship Intermediate B to Showmanship Senior B.*

**(J-17) Showmanship Senior A** (15-18 yrs. as of 1/1/09) - 1 year, then move to Showmanship Senior B. Neither the youth nor dog can return to an A class.

**(J-18) Showmanship Senior B** (15-18 yrs. as of 1/1/09) - until ineligible to join 4-H or be in FFA; *class winner can repeat Showmanship Senior B every year with same dog.*

a. Refer to the J-13 through J-18 class descriptions for more details. At the Ohio State Fair any previous participants or dogs in Showmanship Junior A, Showmanship Intermediate A, and Showmanship Senior A may not enter the same class. First place winners of the Showmanship B classes can repeat Showmanship B every year with same dog provided youth meet age eligibility.

b. For Showmanship classes, dogs with AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences must be shown in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. *Dogs completing a title prior to, or anytime during, the project year must show in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. Any dog receiving points toward a championship title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the points were first earned.*

*This rule, if applicable, supersedes exhibitor and dog information listed in the class descriptions found elsewhere in this document. Fun matches do not apply.*

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