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July 20, 2010

Dear State Fair Dog Agility Participant;

The Agility Competition at the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show will be held on **Saturday, July 31** in the Coliseum. Health check, registration and measuring begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Coliseum for Round 1 with the competition beginning at 9:00 a.m. Health check and measuring for Round 2 for any new dogs not showing in Round 1 begins at 12:30pm. Registration for all dogs showing in Round 2 begins at 12:30pm. Round 2 will begin at 1:00pm. You will receive in the mail the following: (1) agility confirmation letter that verifies your dog(s) information and Rounds entered; (2) one single day youth admission ticket; and (2) one Gate 10 Complex parking permit per family. You will receive your Dog Walk pass at registration. The Ohio State Fair Dog Show Preparation Checklist, *2010 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate*, and an Ohio State Fair map are posted online at <http://4hansci.osu.edu/companion/companionResources.php> or <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~prec/4h/dog/>.

Note: According to USDAA rules, with the two shows (rounds) held on the same day, exhibitors are not permitted to move up a level should they earn a title. However, you still have the opportunity to run your dog(s) a second time and receive awards.

Please review all of the State Fair Dog Show rules thoroughly, posted at the websites listed above. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and abide by these rules. This agility competition is limited to 4-H members ages 8 and in the 3rd grade as of January 1, 2010, and not past their 18th birthday. Dogs must meet 4-H ownership eligibility as stated in the *2010 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules*, pages 2 & 3, Ownership, rule 1, definitions a-f, and rule 2.

Parking Information

The Gate 10 Complex parking permit allows you to enter the Fairgrounds via Gate 10 on 17th Avenue. You must pay a \$5.00 parking fee. When you enter Gate 10 you will turn to the right and can park on top of the Gilligan Complex. If there is no room on top of the Gilligan Complex or west of the viaduct, the driver must exit at Gate 9 onto 11th Avenue and park in the General Parking Lot north of 17th Avenue. **When exiting, the driver MUST get his/her hand stamped!** That is the only way he/she can get into the North Lot without paying and back into the Fairgrounds without paying. (This also includes other passengers in the vehicle.)

Dog Walk Passes

A Dog Walk Pass will be issued at registration. Dogs are only permitted in the Coliseum and designated exercise areas.

License, Health, and Age 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.**

2. The **2010 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.** It is enclosed with this letter. 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. **ALL** dogs must have current Rabies vaccinations, administered by licensed, accredited veterinarians. Veterinarians must document on the *2010 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. **ALL** dogs must be vaccinated for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus by licensed, accredited veterinarians. If the veterinarian does not administer certain vaccinations, 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 5, 2010.**
5. Dogs **CANNOT** be shown at the Ohio State Fair if vaccinations are given by anyone other than a licensed, accredited veterinarian.
6. 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.**
7. ***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 each day shown, 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.**
8. Pregnant and/or lactating (nursing) bitches are not permitted on the Fairgrounds, and are not permitted to be shown.
9. 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.

Health Check and Registration Procedures

The Health Check Area will be in the Coliseum (look for the signs) beginning at 8:00 a.m. for Round 1 and at 12:30pm for Round 2. Check-ins and measuring for agility will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Registration Area for Round 1, and 12:30pm for Round 2. Dogs that go through Health Check and are measured for Round 1 do not have to go through Health Check or be

measured for Round 2. Walk-throughs for Seniors will be at 9:00 a.m. for Round 1 and 1:00pm for Round 2. You must check in at the Health Check Area and then register prior to walk-through.

Exhibitor Responsibility for Dogs

Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors are to use the marked exercise areas for their dogs to relieve themselves. Exhibitors **MUST** clean up after their dogs. Only the dog being shown can be brought to State Fair. **Do not** bring any other dogs along.

Dogs must be kept on a leash while on the Fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging. Dogs are only permitted outside in the immediate vicinity of the Coliseum area. Dogs are **NOT** permitted on the Midway or inside any building but the Coliseum.

Benching

Dogs can be benched inside the coliseum in the bleacher area, not on coliseum walkways. Dog sitting will not be offered; therefore, someone must stay with your dog throughout the day.

Agility Awards

Awards will be presented at the completion of each class.

Skillathon

A Dog Skillathon will be held on Monday, August 2 (12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.) and Tuesday, August 3 (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) during the Ohio State Fair Dog Activities in the Buckeye Sports Center. 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 1/1/10. Skillathon lines will be divided into Junior (8-11 yrs.), Intermediate (12-14 yrs.) and Senior (15-18 yrs.) levels. Station Topics include: ***Junior Stations*** - Conformation; Health; Anatomy and Physiology; Grooming; ***Intermediate Stations*** - Quality Assurance; Coats; Anatomy and Physiology; Conformation; ***Senior Stations*** - Anatomy and Physiology; Health 1; Health 2; Equipment Identification. 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 approximately 4:30pm on Tuesday, August 3. **Note: A parent/guardian, or responsible adult, MUST sign the youth's skillathon score sheet at the skillathon registration table verifying the youth is in the correct age division BEFORE the youth can participate in the skillathon.**

State Fair Championship Title

State Fair Championship Title awards will be presented each day during the awards presentations. 4-H or FFA members may earn one title per year regardless of the number of dogs shown. State Fair Championship Title information can be found online at: <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~prec/4h/> or <http://4hansci.osu.edu/companion>.

Exhibitor Versatility Awards

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 **FIVE (5)** 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) receive a gold medal in the Assistance Dog class; (5) receive a gold medal in the 4-H PetPALS dog class; (6) place in the top five in all classes receiving placings, including the skillathon and poster; (7) finish in the top 20% of those receiving Outstanding of the Day rosettes

in Sub-Novice A, Showmanship Junior A, or You & Your Dog Show classes. Youth violating any of the *2010 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 five (5) 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.

Rule Violations and Poor Sportsmanship

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.

Release Forms

You must pick up a release form to be able to get your dog(s) off the Fairgrounds. We will have them for you at registration. Below is an example of how to complete that form.

TO: GATE SUPERINTENDENT	Columbus, Ohio
This is to certify that <u>(print your name here)</u> of <u>(print your city and state here)</u>	

has permission to leave the Ohio State Fair with livestock, consisting of <u>(print number of dogs here)</u> head of <u>(print species – i.e. dog – here).</u>	
Dogs _____	<u>Lucinda Miller</u>
Department _____	Superintendent

I hope this final letter helps you be better prepared for the Dog Show. An *Ohio State Fair Dog Show Preparation Checklist* for exhibitors can be found at <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~prec/4h/dog/> or <http://4hansci.osu.edu/companion/companionResources.php>. If you have any questions, I can be reached on my cell phone at 740.708.0359 or by e-mail at miller.78@cfaes.osu.edu.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent, Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show

