

DEPT. 111 – DOGS

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 2	LOCATION	TIME
Registration	Grubb Arena – West	8:00 am
Dog Judging	Grubb Arena – West	8:30 am

1. Dogs participating in the Hartford Fair Dog Obedience, Showmanship, and You and Your Dog activities must either be owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family. They 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. Proof of ownership is the burden of the exhibitor and the exhibitor's family. Hardship cases will not be considered for the Hartford Fair participation.
 - 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.
2. Leasing or two youths sharing a dog is not permitted for Hartford Fair dog show participation.
3. 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.
4. **No** one other than the Jr. 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 1st.
5. 4-H members must be enrolled in the correct dog project to show in classes at the Hartford Fair as follows: Obedience, Project No. 201-O to show in Beginning Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, and Rally classes. Showmanship, Project No.201-S to show in Showmanship. Working Dog Project No. 201-W to show in the Assistance Dog Class. The interview question for Showmanship will come from the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook 201-R.
6. Only domestic dogs can be shown at the Hartford Fair Junior Fair Dog Show. Wolves and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
7. All dogs exhibited at the Hartford Fair must be six months of age by the date of the show. This includes Pilot Dog puppies and other assistance dogs. Proof of age is the burden of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family. Dogs not meeting this age requirement cannot be shown.
8. Junior Fair exhibitors in respective activities and classes are expected to perform in those events and demonstrate those skills which are listed in the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook, Ohio 4-H Dog Project and Record Book, and on various dog 4-H judging score sheets.
9. Youth-taking Assistance Dogs may show their Assistance Dogs in one Beginning Obedience class (Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, or Pre-Novice) that meets the exhibitor's experience eligibility.
10. Misbehavior and Exclusion for Dogs on the Fairgrounds, Show Area, or in the Show Ring
 - a. Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior at any time before, during, or after the exhibition will be removed from the fairgrounds.
 - b. The Judge or show official will dismiss from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior.
 - i. The judge will excuse any dog that appears dangerous to other dogs or exhibitors.
 - ii. Any dog that snaps, attempts to attack, or attacks any person or dog while in the show ring will be excused.
 - iii. If a judge determines that a bitch in the ring is in season or appears to be so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element, the bitch is excused. The judge shall not obtain the opinion of the health check officials.
 - c. Any uncontrolled behavior such as barking, running away from its handler, etc., will be penalized according to the seriousness of the misbehavior, whether it occurs during, or between an exercise, or before or after judging.
 - d. Any dog not under its handler's control may be excused from competition.
11. The 4-H and FFA professionals and show officials in charge will have the right and responsibility to order the removal from the grounds any person verbally or physically abusive to show personnel.
12. Only the exhibitor's dog, exhibitor, and show officials are permitted on the show arena floor at any time throughout the show

13. All dogs participating in the Hartford Fair must be currently licensed in the exhibitor's county of residence. The exhibitor must bring a certificate of license to the health check. The dog license tag alone is not sufficient. This includes Assistance Dogs. The Assistance Dog Organizations (i.e., Pilot Dogs, Inc.) will provide the appropriate document for exhibitors to get a license for their dogs.

14. Health Requirements:

- a. All dogs must be immunized against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvovirus, parainfluenza, and rabies by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. Bordetella vaccination is recommended but not required.
- b. The required vaccinations must be current by the day of the show and have vaccinations (i.e., leptospirosis vaccination not given by a veterinarian or dog's titer tested instead of vaccinations) either on the current year Junior Fair Dog Show Certificate of Vaccination or on a veterinarian's letterhead that accompanies the official health papers.
- d. A current year Licking County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian is required. These certificates must include the name, breed, and age of the dog. Other certificates of vaccination, computerized vaccination records, pet record cards, or kennel records will not be accepted. When getting a current year Licking County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate, be certain the dates of the required vaccinations, including the rabies vaccination, are listed by the veterinarian. Most dogs, unless it is their first time for a rabies vaccination, will receive or have received a three-year vaccine. The veterinarian must circle which vaccination (1 yr. or 3 yr..) was given and record the date it was given. Health certificates must be completed and signed by the veterinarian.
- e. Before going to Registration, exhibitors must bring their dog license certificate, and the current year Licking County Dog Project Identification Form and Certificate of Vaccination to Health Check. Incomplete or falsified information is grounds for dismissal.
- f. These are the vaccination requirements for showing a dog at the Hartford Fair. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure that these vaccination requirements for the Hartford Fair are met.

15. 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. The decision of the show health check officials is final.

16. Dogs must be kept on leash while on the fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging. Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are expected to clean up after their dogs. Dogs must not be left unattended.

17. Bitches showing signs of heat are not permitted to compete and are not permitted on the Fairgrounds. 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. The decision of the health check officials is final. Pregnant or lactating (nursing) bitches may not be shown and are not permitted on the fairgrounds.

18. 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, head halters, studded collars, pinch 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 shall be hanging from the collars. Leashes may be of fabric or leather and must be 6 feet in length for sub-novice classes. For novice and graduate novice classes, the leash needs to be only of sufficient length to provide adequate slack in the heel on leash exercise. Chain leashes are not acceptable.

b. Showmanship collars include a chain or fabric slip collar, or martingale-type show lead. Nothing shall be hanging from the collars. Leashes may be of fabric or leather and long enough to allow for easy handling of the dog. Chain leashes are not acceptable.

c. Head halters and harnesses are permitted in Assistance Dog and You and Your Dog classes only. They are not permitted in any of the Dog Obedience or Showmanship classes. Dumbbells must be made of one or more solid pieces of one of the heavy, hard woods, or 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 shall not be hollowed out. They shall have no decorations or attachments but may bear an inconspicuous mark for identification. The size of the dumbbell shall be proportionate to the size of the dog.

19. Appearance

- a. Handler's appearance: Exhibitor must be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance. Exhibitors should be wearing 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, "You and Your Dog" and Assistant Dog classes includes slacks or colored jeans, collared blouses, or shirts. Blouses and shirts must be closed with one button from the top and tucked in all the way around the waist. Closed-toed shoes must be worn. (2) Acceptable clothing for girls in Showmanship classes is dresses, skirts, dress

slacks, collared blouses, or similar attire. Closed-toed shoes must be worn. (3) Acceptable clothing for boys in Showmanship classes includes Dress shirts, ties, and dress slacks. Sports jackets may be worn, but are not necessary. Inappropriate Clothing for all classes includes clothing with holes or tears in the fabric, blue jeans, faded or torn jeans of any kind, leggings, sleeveless blouses, shirts, T-shirts, or similar attire. Do not wear a shirt with club names or logos, clothing with lettering, or distracting/offensive wording or designs. Do not wear sandals, open-toed shoes, clogs, or a similar type of footwear.

b. Dog's appearance: Dogs should be clean, well-brushed, and in good physical condition appropriate for the dog's age. Regulations show a slip is not required for purebred dogs.

20. Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Obedience Trial or 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 who have completed their Companion Dog (CD) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) before or anytime during the current project year must show in Graduate Novice classes at the very minimum. Dogs completing their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) before or anytime during the current project year must show in Open or Graduate Open classes. Any dog receiving one or more legs towards a title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the first leg was earned. Showmanship classes, dogs with AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences must be shown in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. Dogs completing a title before, or anytime during, the project year must show in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. Any dog receiving points towards a championship title any time during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the points were first earned.

21. Obedience Class and Eligibility

a. Youth may show Beginner Novice A, Novice A, Graduate Novice A, Open A, or Graduate Open A for one (1) year, and then they must move to Beginner Novice B, Pre-Novice, Novice B, Graduate Novice B, Open B, or Graduate Open B. The "A" classes can never be repeated by the handler OR dog. Youth may show in Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice, decided upon according to skill level and preference. Youth may show one or more project dogs in Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year. A dog may not be shown in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year. Youth may move back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice, from year to year, for no more than 3 years or 2 Hartford Fair scores of 200 points or more. Youth may show Novice B, Graduate Novice B, Open B, or Graduate Open B for no more than 3 years or 2 Hartford Fair scores of 200 points or more.

22. Youth may show Rally Novice A, Rally Intermediate A, Rally Advanced A, and Rally Excellent A for one (1) year and then they must move to Rally Novice B, Rally Intermediate B, Rally Advanced B, and Rally Excellent B for no more than three (3) years or two (2) scores of 118 points or more. Youth may show one or more dogs in Rally.

23. Assistant

a. Youth taking assistance dog projects may show their Assistance Dogs in You and Your Dog Classes.

Youth must show at the appropriate age, "You and Your Dog" level.

b. Youth-taking Assistance Dogs may show their Assistance Dogs one Beginning Obedience level/class (Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, or Pre-Novice) that meets the exhibitor's experience eligibility.

24. You & Your Dog

A. Youth must be enrolled in "You and Your Dog," Project No. 201-D, to show in "You and Your Dog" classes at the Hartford Fair.

Youth must present their completed Dog Project and Record Book 201 and their dog for judging. The questions asked during the interview will come from the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook 201-R.

CLASS JA – Dog Grading

All dogs **MUST** have an entry in Class JA for the premium.

LOT	DESCRIPTION	A	B
1	Dog Grading	\$5	\$3

CLASS JB – No Previous Training

(For members and dogs with NO previous training)

LOT	DESCRIPTION
1	Beginner Novice A
2	Novice A
3	Graduate Novice A
4	Open A
5	Graduate Open A
6	Junior Showmanship A
7	Intermediate Showmanship A
8	Senior Showmanship A

CLASS JC – With Previous Training

(For members and dogs with previous training)

LOT	DESCRIPTION
1	Beginning Novice B
2	Pre-Novice
3	Novice B
4	Graduate Novice B
5	Open B
6	Graduate Open B
7	Junior Showmanship B
8	Intermediate Showmanship B
9	Senior Showmanship B

CLASS JD – You and Your Dog

LOT	DESCRIPTION
	No Previous Experience
1	Junior A – You and Your Dog (ages 8-11)
2	Intermediate A – You and Your Dog (ages 12-14)
3	Senior A – You and Your Dog (ages 15-18)
	With Previous Experience
4	Junior B – You and Your Dog (ages 8-11)
5	Intermediate B – You and Your Dog (ages 12-14)
6	Senior B – You and Your Dog (ages 15-18)

CLASS JE – Assistance Dog & Non-Regular Classes

LOT	DESCRIPTION
1	Assistance Dog

CLASS JF – Rally

(For members and dogs with no previous training)

LOT	DESCRIPTION
1	Rally Novice A
2	Rally Intermediate A
3	Rally Advanced A
4	Rally Excellent A

CLASS JG – Rally

(For members and dogs with previous training)

LOT	DESCRIPTION
1	Rally Novice B
2	Rally Intermediate B
3	Rally Advanced B
4	Rally Excellent B

JUNIOR FAIR DOG SPONSORS

Obedience Rosettes
Showmanship Rosettes
Class Trophies

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Johnstown Sportsman's Club