

DEPARTMENT 22 – DOGS & CATS

SECTION A - DOGS

General rules for this project are as follows:

1. The dog need not be of purebred stock and can be any type or size.
2. All dogs must be fed, trained and otherwise cared for by the youth Exhibitor. Exhibitor must own animal and must have possession of it by May 15th.
3. Project animals must be healthy and up to date on all vaccinations, including D.H.L.P.P. and rabies. Although Bordatella (Kennel Cough) vaccinations is not required, it is recommended. Proof of vaccinations & dog license must be turned in with your project sheet by May 15th.
4. Dogs must have an attendant and be on a leash or in a crate at all times except during judging.
5. Females in season will be allowed to show but at the very end of a class. *They should be kept away from the rings until they are called.* Please notify the Superintendent that you have a female in season so you can be scheduled at the end of the class.
6. Each exhibitor may compete in one showmanship, one obedience, one agility and one promotion class.
7. Two exhibitors may show the same dog if both helped care for and train the animal. Both exhibitors will receive an A, B or C award and the corresponding premium. Both exhibitors will be scored, however in the interest of fairness to other competitors, only the **first run** of the dog in any given class will be competitive. This means only the first exhibitor's points from any one class will count toward class champion and overall champion. The exhibitors may decide which of them will go first.
8. Members are asked to avoid correcting or training their dogs in the show ring. Any excessive roughness or correction of dogs at any time will not be tolerated.
9. Appropriate leads and collars will be used in the show ring. This means a buckle collar with no tags for agility, and a buckle or choke collar and six-foot leash for obedience. A show lead is recommended for showmanship.
10. Pre-Novice A obedience class is for 1st year competitive obedience members only. Pre-Novice B is for members in their 2nd competitive year or above.
11. In Agility and Obedience, a dog will compete in the highest-class level in which it has received at least one qualifying score in either a 4-H match or sanctioned trial. In addition, any dog that has shown for three or more years at any one level in obedience or agility at the fair and received a champion or reserve champion award in its event *with* a qualifying score in any of those three years must be shown at a more advanced level. In obedience, a qualifying score is 170 or above with at least 50 percent in each exercise. If a dog is already showing at the most advanced level it may still compete at the fair.
12. All obedience and agility classes will be judged on the standard 4-H scorecard. (Scorecards are available at the 4-H office).
13. On the day of the show, any dog which bites, attacks, or attempts to attack another person or animal outside the show ring may be brought before the superintendent for consideration of dismissal. Any dog, which exhibits aggression while inside the show ring, may be dismissed at the judge's discretion.
14. Promotion Class: Exhibitor must submit no more than one (1) written page and/or poster promoting Dog a specified breed of dog, their own pet dog or a combination of the above three.

SECTION A - DOGS

OBEDIENCE

	A	B	C
	5.00	3.50	2.00
CLASS			
2200 - Pre-Novice A- (on leash/1st year only)			
2201 - Pre-Novice B- (on leash)			
2202 - Novice - (off leash)			
Champion Obedience	Reserve Champion Obedience		Award

AGILITY

CLASS			
2203 - Beginning – (on leash)			
2204 - Intermediate – (off leash)			
Champion Agility	Reserve Champion Agility		Award

All Eligible exhibitors will compete for Grand Champion Dog based on points accumulated in Obedience and Agility.

1st place in each class will receive a medallion			
Grand Champion Dog	Reserve Champion Dog		Award

PROMOTION

CLASS			
2205 - Competitive			
Champion Promotion	Reserve Champion Promotion		Ribbon

SECTION B - DOG SHOWMANSHIP

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH - 10TH
	7.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
CLASS				
2206 - Novice				
2207 - Pre-Junior – ages 6-8				
2208 - Junior– ages 9-12				
Champion Dog Showman	Reserve Champion Dog Showman			Award

1st place in each class will receive a medallion

In Dog Showmanship classes, only the handler will be judged. First place winner in each class will show together to determine Champion Dog Showman.

SECTION C - DOG RECORD KEEPING

ALL RECORD KEEPING NEEDS TO BE TURNED INTO THE SMALL ANIMAL CHECK IN TABLE BY 4PM SUNDAY FOR FAIR.

Pre-junior (ages 6 – 8)	Ribbon
Junior (ages 9 – 12)	Ribbon
Intermediate (ages 13-15)	Ribbon
Senior (ages 16 – 19)	Ribbon
Developmentally Disabled	Ribbon

SECTION D - CATS

REGULATIONS:

No female that is in season, obviously pregnant or cats with litter are to be exhibited. Mixed breed and purebred cats will show together unless the number in classes warrant separation. No adult, whole male over 9 months of age will be shown. A spay is a former female and a neuter is a former male. Long hair is a coat one inch in length. Short hair is a coat less than one inch in length.

Cat General Rules:

1. Exhibitors should train, feed and care for only their own cat or family cat(s).
2. Exhibitors cat may be purebred, household pet or kitten 4 - 9 months of age.
3. Rabies and distemper inoculations are required for all cats shown at the fair. A certificate from a veterinarian is to be available day of the show. For the welfare and general health of your cat, the recommended distemper and pneumonitis inoculations would be administered along with the rabies inoculation.
4. Proof of vaccination needs to be turned in with project sheet by May 15th.
5. Cat project exhibitors must own the animal in their name and/or their family name and have possession of the cat by May 15th.
6. Cat project exhibitors may exhibit two animals as their fair exhibit. One adult cat and/or kitten. Cats are to be brought to the fair on the day of judging in a carrier suitable for the size of the cat. Cats are to be exhibited and taken home the same day.
7. Animals must be able to be handled by owner.
8. Decision of the judge is final. Any complaints, improvements or suggestions are to be in writing and presented to the extension office.
9. All cats must have their nails clipped. This is a safety factor for the member and the judge.
10. A cat will be disqualified if the judge finds any of the following.
 - a. Knots in the hair
 - b. Unhealthy or unworthy general appearance
11. Judging will include:
 - a. General appearance and condition
 - b. Temperament and proper handling
 - c. Hair - coat - paws - nails
 - d. Body build
12. Suggested to take project animal to veterinarian about 2 weeks prior to the fair for inoculations and clipping of nails.
13. Cats may be declawed.

AGE CLASSIFICATIONS:

Kittens born November 1, previous year to April current year.

Adults born prior to November 1, previous year

SECTION D - CATS

KITTENS 4 - 9 MONTHS OF AGE

CLASS	A	B	C
	2.50	2.00	1.00
2220 - Long Hair Male			
2221 - Short Hair Male			
2222 - Long Hair Female			
2223 - Short Hair Female			

CATS - OVER 9 MONTHS OF AGE

CLASS		
2224 - Long Hair Female		
2225 - Short Hair Female		
2226 - Long Hair Neuter		
2227 - Short Hair Neuter		
2228 - Long Hair Spay		
2229 - Short Hair Spay		
Champion Cat	Reserve Champion Cat	Award

SECTION E - CAT SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH - 10TH
	7.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
2230 - Novice				
2231 - Pre-Junior – ages 6-8				
2232 - Junior – ages 9-12				
2233 - Intermediate – ages 13-15				
2234 - Senior – ages 16 -19				
2235 - Developmentally Disabled				
Champion Cat Showman	Reserve Champion Cat Showman			Award
1st place winners in each division will receive a medallion				

SECTION F - CAT RECORD KEEPING

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CLASS			Ribbon
Pre-junior (ages 6 – 8)	Senior (ages 16 – 19)		
Junior (ages 9 – 12)	Developmentally Disabled		
Intermediate (ages 13-15)			

SECTION G – PROMOTION

CLASS	A	B	C
2236 - Competitive	5.00	3.50	2.00
Champion Promotion	Reserve Champion Promotion	Ribbons	