

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

4-H DOG PROGRAM

RULE BOOK

2009-2010

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GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

The ultimate goal of the 4-H Dog Program is not the training of dogs but rather the life skill development of young people to reach their full potential and become responsible citizens. The dog is used as a medium for this development. In the process of working with their dog, youth will face challenges, responsibilities, successes, and failures which will help him/her grow and mature as a person.

The 4-H Dog Program is open to any youth 5 – 19 years of age:

Cloverbuds are youth ages 5-8. 5 year olds must turn 5 by January 1 of the current year **AND** must have been enrolled in Kindergarden at the beginning of the school year. Cloverbud exhibitors will participate in a special showmanship class. They will receive positive, reinforcing feedback and a rainbow participation ribbon to recognize their efforts.

4-H Members are at least 8 years of age by January 1 of the current year **AND** in the third grade or higher and have not reached their 19th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year

4-H Dog Program participants do not have to gear their activities towards showing at the county fair or qualifying for state fair. Youth may wish to focus on dog science projects, training without showing, or participating in community service projects. Owning or showing a dog is not a requirement of the program.

Youth may participate in the program as club or independent members.

The 4-H volunteer leader is a very important component of the program. Volunteer leaders have a unique position that allows him/her to assist in the development of youth. Youth will look to you for your instruction, evaluation, and positive reinforcement.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. It is the responsibility of each volunteer, parent, and exhibitor to ensure that each dog is trained exclusively by the 4-H'er exhibiting that dog.
2. Any dog (family owned or not) who has had training by another person cannot compete at that level of training with a 4-H exhibitor. The dog should be trained and shown by the 4-H'er at the next highest level of training. (Reminder – in 4-H rules-moving From A to B is not moving up a level, except in Rally). It is the responsibility of the 4-H instructor in the county to verify that the dog entered into competition has been trained at the level being shown by the 4-H exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors are encouraged to enter higher class levels than their qualifications. In no case may an exhibitor enter a lower class level.
4. All exhibitors **MUST** bring their dog's rabies certificate to any 4-H Dog Program event (instructional classes, show, etc.).It is recommended that you have your dogs immunized (as appropriate to their age) against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis and parvovirus yearly. Bordetella and parainfluenza virus vaccines are also recommended annually for show dogs. Exhibitors should consult their veterinarian for further information about these vaccines as well as internal and external parasite control programs.
5. At no time may a dog be left unattended at a 4-H Dog Program event.

6. Exhibitors are responsible for their own dogs and **MUST** immediately clean up after their dogs. Failure to observe these regulations will result in immediate disciplinary actions.
7. Crate positioning must not inhibit pedestrian traffic or pose a safety problem at a 4-H Dog Program event.
8. A bitch in season must not be brought to a 4-H Dog Program event.
9. All dogs should be at least 6 months of age at time of show. Dogs may begin training/socializing as soon as they have had all their puppy shots.
10. Dog leashes for Beginner on lead exercises are to be 6 feet in length.
11. The performance of the 4-H'ers and their dogs will be scored according to standard score sheets. In general, American Kennel Club (AKC) rules will be used for obedience class evaluation. However, mixed parentage dogs are welcome. Scoring sheets, AKC Rules and 4-H Dog Show Dress Code all may be found at http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/dog_scores.html
12. NO FOOD/BAIT is allowed in the ring during obedience, agility or rally classes, whether in a pocket or exposed.
13. The Danish system will be used for awards (blue, red, and white ribbons). Cloverbuds will receive a ribbon of participation.
14. If a dog received a blue ribbon AND qualified for the state fair in obedience at the Fair 4-H Dog Show the dog should move to the next training level in the following 4-H year. Exceptions are possible for unusual circumstances.
15. Limping or injured dogs may be excused, at the judge's or show chairs' discretion.
16. Any dog that has been known to bite another dog/person **MUST NOT** be brought to a 4-H Dog Program event. As per AKC rules, any dog that attacks another dog or appears dangerous to other dogs in the ring (i.e., growling) must be excused.
17. All dogs in the obedience ring must wear an appropriately fitted collar approved by the judge. Special training devices that are used to control and train dogs, including but not limited to collars with prongs, electronic collars used with transmitters, muzzles and head collars may not be used at 4-H events. Martingale collars are allowed in any class that currently allows a chain collar. Slip leads may be used in the Grooming and Handling Ring.

RULES FOR DOG SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

1. Do not allow your dog to sniff or come in contact with another dog.
2. The 4-H'er must have control of his/her dog at all times. You must have or be able to get and redirect your dog's attention especially if there is danger of confrontation with another dog. This is very important to avoid any seriously aggressive confrontations between dogs.

3. Any dog showing aggression toward any person including his/her handler will be asked to leave. In order for the dog to return to instructional class it must be evaluated by the instructor to determine if the problem can be corrected with training.
4. Dogs displaying uncontrollable aggression toward another dog(s) will be evaluated by the instructor at the time of the incident.

First Offense : The handler will be given a warning and suggestions on how to correct the behavior.

Second Offense: The dog and handler will be asked to leave the premises.

Rule #4 relies on the instructor's evaluation as to why the dog is behaving in an aggressive manner. The instructor should have the ability through observation and investigation to determine whether the dog's display of aggression is due to lack of socialization, being provoked by another dog's behavior, lack of handling skills, or some more severe problem caused by environmental factors.

5. Any handler who is giving harsh or unnecessary corrections (as determined by the instructor) to their dog will be given 2 warnings. After the second warning the handler will be asked to leave the premises. The handler can return only after review by the instructor. His/her return will be on a trial basis.

DOG CLASS SUPPLY LIST

1. Your Dog
2. A six foot leash
3. Dog collar
4. Crate & Cover
5. Training treats (hot dogs, cheese, bits of left over meat, etc.) Treats should be small and easy for the dog to chew and swallow.
6. Toys that your dog really enjoys. Ones that squeak are good; tennis balls and Frisbees are very popular too.
7. Water for you and your dog and a dish for the dog to drink from!!!
8. Clean up bags
9. A positive attitude

A great idea is to use an old backpack or some other kind of canvas bag. Keep it with your crate, packed with everything you need for class. You should always have your dog's license and rabies certificate with you also. You could keep a copy in your bag.

COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

1. All dogs showing at the county fair **MUST** have a completed 4-H Dog Certificate (found at the back of this rule book) and copy of current rabies certificate on file in the 4-H Office by **JUNE 1st**
2. All dog/handler combinations showing at the county fair **MUST** attend 1 of 2 Fair 4-H Dog Show Prep Evenings in July. 4-H'ers will be able to practice for the fair show with leader instruction. Dog/handler combinations will be evaluated for safety and correct training levels. These evenings will be announced in the *4-H Livewire*. If you are not able to attend one of these evenings it is your responsibility to set up an evaluation through the 4-H office prior to the fair.
3. Each dog/handler combination should have a minimal of 6 hours of instruction time during the 4-H year.
4. Exhibitors are not to walk their dogs anywhere on the Hemlock Fairgrounds, other than necessary transit to and from the dog show.
5. Each club and independent member's parent/guardian participating in the show is expected to provide help for stewarding. A steward is expected to finish an entire class.
6. The Hemlock Fair 4-H Dog Show is the county qualifier show for state fair. Exhibitors qualifying for state fair will receive entry information at this show.

INDIVIDUAL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Special Classes

Hound Dog Class - For any member who has completed the Hound Project under the direction of a 4-H leader. Class is limited to purebred hounds (American Foxhound, Coonhound, Beagle, etc.). This class will only be offered at the county level.

Service Dog Class – This class is only for those dogs currently being raised by 4-H members for an organization that provides dogs to aid the handicapped (e.g., Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Hearing Dogs, etc.). It is intended as a way to inform the public of this important aspect of the 4-H Dog Program. Dogs will be evaluated on their appearance (grooming) and simple obedience appropriate to their age and service. Entry **MUST** include the name of the organization for which the dog is being used. Service Dogs are allowed to wear identification (blanket, collar, etc.) appropriate to their sponsoring organization. Any dog that is released from a service dog program is no longer eligible for this class. Dogs entered in this class may participate in no other class except Drill Team.

Costume Class - Dogs and 4-H member may be dressed in a costume to indicate a theme. No acts or skits allowed. Pairs may show as a single unit. Please describe costume on a 3x5 card.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

NOTE: No dog may compete in more than one regular class (Beginner A – Graduate Novice). An individual can compete at one level only with each dog

Regular Classes

Beginner A – For 4-H'ers who have not previously trained a dog. The dogs in this class must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. All exercises (Heel on Leash and Figure 8; Stand for Examination; Recall; Long Sit, 1 minute; Long Down, 3 minutes) will be performed with the dog on lead. The maximum possible score is 160 points. Dogs receiving a blue in this class **MUST** move to Graduate Beginner. Dogs entered in this class can not also participate in Agility, Brace or 4-Person Team.

Beginner B – For 4-H'ers who have previously trained a dog in Beginner or more advanced levels of obedience. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in Beginner A. Dogs receiving a blue in this class **MUST** move to Graduate Beginner. Dogs entered in this class can not also participate in Agility, Brace or 4-Person Team.

Graduate Beginner A – For 4-H'ers who have not previously trained a dog beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in the Beginner A and B classes EXCEPT that the Stand for Examination, Recall, Long Sit and Long Down exercises are done with the dog OFF LEASH. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon in this class **MUST** move to Novice.

Graduate Beginner B – For 4-H'ers who have previously trained a dog in graduate beginner or more advanced levels of obedience. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in Graduate Beginner A. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon in this class **MUST** move to Novice.

Novice A – For 4-H'ers and dogs who have completed a Novice course of instruction but have not graduated beyond this level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Companion Dog (CD) title (or the equivalent – UKC U-CD, All-American CD, Club CD, CKC CD, etc.) unless the CD was earned within 60 days of the show. Other than the Heel On Leash and Figure 8, all exercises will be performed with the dog off lead (Stand for Examination; Heel Off Leash; Recall; Long Sit, 1 minute; Long Down, 3 minutes). Maximum possible score will be 200 points.

Novice B – Exercises will be the same as Novice A. Exhibitors can participate in this class more than once. Open to any handler and dog at the Novice Level but not ready for Advanced Novice.

Advanced Novice – For 4-H'ers and dogs who have not graduated beyond the Advanced Novice level of obedience. Dogs may have earned a CD title but not a Companion Dog Excellence (CDX) title (or the equivalent). Other than the Heel On Leash, all exercises will be performed with the dog off leash (Stand for Examination; Heel Free and Figure 8; Drop on Recall; Long Sit, Handlers Out of Sight, 3 minutes; Long Down, Handlers Out of Sight, 5 minutes). Maximum possible score will be 200 points. Open to any handler and dog beyond the Novice Level but not ready for Graduate Novice.

Graduate Novice – Dogs may not have earned a CDX or equivalent title, unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. The exercises are: Heel Free and Figure 8; Drop on Recall; Dumbbell Recall; Recall over High Jump; Recall over Broad Jump and Long Down. The maximum possible score is 200 points. Open to any handler and dog beyond the Novice level but not ready for open class (due to training and/or physical ability of dog).

Open A – For 4-H'ers and dogs who have not graduated beyond the Open level of obedience. Dogs may have earned a CD degree but not a CDX, unless the CDX was earned within 60 days of the show. ALL

exercises will be performed with the dog off leash (Heel Free and Figure 8; Drop on Recall; Retrieve on Flat; Retrieve Over High Jump; Broad Jump; Long Sit, Handlers Out of Sight, 3 minutes; Long Down, Handlers Out of Sight, 5 minutes). Maximum possible score will be 200 points.

Open B – Dogs who have received their CDX but are not ready to enter Utility may participate in Open B. All exercises are the same as the class Open A. With special permission from the 4-H Dog Show Superintendent, dogs may repeat in this class regardless of point score or ribbon placing in the Open class at previous shows.

Utility – For 4-H'ers and dogs who have not earned a Utility Dog (UD) title or the equivalent, unless this title has been completed within 60 days of the show. ALL exercises will be performed with the dog off leash (Signal Exercise; Scent Discrimination, one metal article, one leather article; Directed Retrieve; Moving Stand and Examination; Directed Jumping). Maximum possible score will be 200 points. Dogs may repeat in this class regardless of point score or ribbon placing in the Utility class at previous State Fair shows. With special permission from the 4-H Dog Show Superintendent, 4-H'ers with dogs that have earned a UD may participate in the Utility class FOR EXHIBITION ONLY (FEO).

Non-Regular Classes

Brace – For ONE 4-H'er with TWO dogs, at least one of the dogs being owned by the 4-H'er handling the Brace. The two dogs may be different breeds. Exercises will be performed as in Graduate Beginner (with 160 points maximum for the Heel On Leash and Figure 8, and 60 points each maximum for the Stand for Examination, Recall, Long Sit and Long Down). Maximum possible score will be 400 points. 4-H'ers and dogs who have participated in this class in previous years may repeat as long as they qualify at the county level. Beginner A and B Obedience dogs are not eligible for Brace; dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner Level. The same two dogs, as a brace, may not be shown twice.

Four-Person Team – Teams will consist of four 4-H'ers with their four dogs simultaneously performing Graduate Beginner exercises (with 240 points maximum for the Heel On Leash, 80 points maximum for the Figure 8 and 120 points each maximum for the Stand for Examination, Recall, Long Sit and Long Down). The Figure 8 will require the use of 5 stewards as "posts". Once lined up for the Recall, the judge will instruct the 4-H'ers to leave their dogs (all four handlers leave as a group). Each 4-H'er will call their dog individually. Once all four dogs have been called, the judge will instruct the handlers to finish their dogs (as a group). Maximum possible score will be 800 points. 4-H'ers and dogs who have participated in this class in previous years may repeat as long as they qualify at the county level. Only one entry per handler/dog combination. Beginner A and B obedience dogs not eligible for 4-Person Team. Dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner Level.

Drill Team – Each team will consist of 8 or more dogs and their trainers (4-H'ers) who will perform a detailed drill of their own design. If a county does not have at least 8 dogs, they may join with another county to make a team. Trainers may wish to dress alike and perform to music. Live music is permitted. Counties using pre-recorded music should bring their own CDs for playing over the Coliseum sound system. No adult may enter the arena with the Drill Team. Vocal or whistle commands are permitted, but they must be given by a member of the Drill Team.

To avoid congestion at the in gate, drill team coordinators should plan to enter the Coliseum (under the clock) and exit from the opposite end of the Coliseum. Dogs may be dressed to add further color. The drill should be at least five but not exceed eight minutes in length. Points will be deducted if these limits are not met (Loss of 1 point for each 15 seconds over or under these limits, an additional 5 points off for an over 60 second deviation). The team will be scored according to the "Drill Team Score Sheet".

Dogs may be dressed to add further color. The drill should be at least five but not exceed eight minutes in length. Points will be deducted if these limits are not met (Loss of one point for each 15 seconds over or under these limits, an additional five points off for an over 60 second deviation). The team will be scored according to the “Drill Team Score Sheet”.

If a dog defecates or eliminates in the ring during the Drill Team, they will lose 15 points per occurrence.

DRILL TEAM SCORE CARD

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Appearance-uniformity, neatness, appropriateness	10
Appropriateness of musical accompaniment	5
Difficulty of the routine	15
Handling	15
Obedience – attentiveness to the aims of dog obedience	20
Originality	15
Precision	20
TOTAL	100

GROOMING AND HANDLING CLASSES

Grooming and Handling A – For 4-H’ers who are competing for the first time in Grooming and Handling at fair, unless the handler has qualified for the Open Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC Show. Handlers who receive a red or white ribbon rating at fair may compete at this level the second year.

Grooming and Handling B – For 4-H’ers who have previously competed in Grooming and Handling at fair.

Grooming and Handling C – For 4-H’ers who have previously been a Grooming and Handling B Champion and/or have qualified for the Open Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC show (or the equivalent), even if it is their first year.

General Guidelines for Grooming and Handling Classes:

1. The Appearance of the Animal (Grooming) will account for 45 points and the Showing (Handling) of the Animal will account for 45 points. Knowledge of handler (appropriate to class level) will account for 10 points. Maximum possible score will be 100 points.
2. Ties are broken based upon knowledge of handler.
3. If a dog defecates or eliminates in the ring during Grooming and Handling, they will lose 15 points per occurrence.
4. If a 4-H’er is also entered in one or more obedience classes, he/she should notify one of the stewards in the obedience class(es) that he/she is also entered in Grooming and Handling and note which ring. Where possible, 4-H’ers should participate in their Grooming and Handling class as scheduled. The individual exercises of the obedience classes require only one 4-H’er and his/her dog at a time so it is easier to pick up an obedience class later than it is to group 8 or more handlers together for a Grooming and Handling class. *Discriminating* use of bait (food, toy, etc.) will be allowed in Grooming and Handling classes but is not mandatory. Inappropriate baiting will be severely penalized.
5. Dogs must be shown by the 4-H member who did the grooming. The same dog may not be shown twice .
6. Gaiting Patterns: Dogs should be moved at a trot. How smoothly a pattern is performed is more important than the actual mechanics of it (i.e., which hand switched where). 4-H’ers should strive

to keep their dogs between themselves and the judge where possible. 4-H'ers in all divisions (A,B,C) will be expected to be able to gait their dog in a circle, a triangle and in a straight line. The straight line may be on a diagonal of the ring or parallel to a side of the ring (e.g., judge may ask handler to gait their dog "straight up and back"). 4-H'ers in Grooming and Handling divisions B and C will additionally be expected to be able to gait their dogs in an L pattern and also in a straight line paired with another 4-H'er and his/her dog. In any division (A,B,C), the judge will ask the 4-H'ers questions about their dogs. In the A division, basic questions such as "How old is your dog?", "What breed/breeds is your dog?", etc. may be asked to familiarize the 4-H'er with being asked a question and responding. In the B division, more difficult questions may be asked (e.g., parts of the dog, breed specific questions, etc.).

RALLY OBEDIENCE

A. RULES:

1. In general, American Kennel Club (AKC) rules will be used for Rally Obedience Class evaluation. Mixed parentage dogs are welcome.
2. The Obedience Regulations & Rules applying to dog shows, where applicable, shall apply to all persons and dogs, except as otherwise provided.
3. All dogs shall be shown in a flat buckle, snap collar or plain harness.
4. Food will **NOT** be permitted in the ring.
5. A copy of the course will be posted at the announcers stand and a copy will be provided to each competitor.
6. Competitors shall be provided with a 15-minute period to walk the course (without dogs) and ask the judge questions.
7. There will be a maximum time of three (3) minutes per handler/dog team. Anyone with special needs should notify the Superintendent at time of entry.
8. Dogs may be shown in only one level of Rally Obedience.
9. If a dog defecates or eliminates in the ring during Rally, they will lose 15 points per occurrence.
10. Times will be used only to break a tie for Grand or Reserve.
11. Rally Jump Heights – Dog measured to the withers: under 10" – jump 4"; 10" and under 15" – jump 8"; 15" to less than 20" = jump 12" & 20" and above – jump 16".

B. SCORING: Shall generally follow AKC Guidelines.

Rally Novice A – Course shall consist of 10-15 stations plus a START & FINISH sign. This course is open to dogs at all levels of Obedience. Rally Novice will be performed on a leash. Dogs receiving Blue Ribbons must move up to the next level or to Rally B. Dogs who have received a Rally Novice (RN) Title (or the equivalent R1, etc.) unless earned within 60 days of the show must move to Rally Advanced.

Rally Novice B – For dogs who are not yet ready for Rally Advanced but who received a blue ribbon in the previous year. Class description is the same as Rally Novice A. This class is available only once. If the dog received a blue, the dog must move to Rally Advanced in the next year.

Rally Advanced – Course shall consist of 12 – 17 exercise stations plus a START & FINISH sign. Rally Advanced course shall be performed with the dog off leash. All dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner level to be training/working/showing in this class. Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off leash exercise to show that they belong in Rally Advanced. Beginner A & B Obedience dogs are not eligible. Dogs who have received a Blue Ribbon or a Rally Advanced (RA) Title (or the equivalent) unless earned within 60 days of the show must move to Rally Excellent.

Rally Excellent – Course shall consist of 15 – 20 stations plus a START & FINISH sign with no more than 7 stationary exercises. All dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner level to be training/working/showing in this class. Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off leash exercise to show that they belong in Rally Excellent. Beginner A & B obedience dogs are not eligible. All exercises shall be performed off leash except the Honor Exercise. Dogs who have received a Blue Ribbon or Rally Excellent (RE) Title (or the equivalent) unless earned within 60 days of the show may participate FEO with permission from the 4-H Dog Show Superintendent.

AGILITY

A. RULES:

1. In general, American Kennel Club (AKC) rules will be used for Agility class evaluation. However, mixed parentage dogs are welcome.
2. All dogs **MUST** be working at the Graduate Beginner level to be training/working/showing in Agility. Beginner A & B obedience dogs are not eligible. Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off lead recall to show that they belong in Agility.
3. Dogs must be at least 15 months old.
4. Either no collar or flat buckle collars but no hanging tags or attachments.
5. Handlers shall be allowed to bring their dog to the start line on leash. Handlers shall comply with the judges' instructions for being ready to start their run, having their dog off leash and under control in a timely manner.
6. Food and toys are not permitted in course area or in the ring and handlers are not permitted to use whistles or other instruments or devices.
7. Handlers will be excused by the judge/superintendent for inappropriate actions including training devices.
8. Handlers in all classes will be allowed one ten minute walk through the course, without a dog, prior to the start of the class.
9. A handler may be asked to leave the ring at any time at the judges/superintendents discretion.
10. All dogs must be measured prior to judging. A measuring steward will be available throughout registration and opportunities will be provided throughout the 4-H year to obtain a 4-H height card for your agility dog. The dog's height to be measured at the withers. If you have a permanent height card from another agility organization, that may be used in place of a 4-H card. If you have a height card, please attach a copy to the entry you are sending to the Superintendent.
11. If a dog defecates or eliminates in the ring during Agility, they will lose 15 points per occurrence.
12. If a dog is trained by someone before the 4-H handler takes over, that dog must be shown at the next highest level of competition.
13. Dogs who have reached age 7 or above will be allowed to jump 4" lower than their required jump height. 4-H member will enter the height division of their dog measured at the withers and will note "veteran" on their entry form in the space provided. The notation of "veteran" will also be made on your jump card. Veteran's class does not apply to Pre-Novice). Dogs will receive awards within their actual height division. For example, a 16" dog will jump 12" but be awarded their ribbons with the 16" class.

B. SCORING:

1. Course Time Deductions will be made as follows:

Pre-Novice & Novice:

- A. One point deduction for every second over course time rounding down to whole numbers.

Open:

- A. Two point deduction for every second over course time rounding down to whole numbers.

- B. A handler will be asked to leave the course if their time exceeds two times the standard course time. A whistle will not be used.
2. Wrong Course: as defined by AKC, will result in a 5-point deduction for each occurrence.
 3. Pause Table Faults: as defined by AKC, will result in a 5-point deduction for each occurrence.
 4. Outside Assistance: as defined by AKC, will result in a 2-point deduction to elimination at the judges' discretion.
 5. Mandatory Elimination: as defined by AKC, will result in a 15-point deduction for each occurrence.
 6. Mandatory Excusals: as defined by AKC, will result in a score of zero. (i.e. a dog that leaves the course area and discontinues working.)
 7. If a dog scores below 70, they will receive a white ribbon and their scoresheet will indicate NQ rather than a number score.
 8. Ribbons and Awards to be given at the end of each division.

Agility (Pre-Novice) – A ten obstacle course that is straight forward using non-winged jumps, pipe tunnel, A-frame, tire jump, table and dog walk. Any dog that received a Blue placing must move to the next level.

Agility (Novice) – Any dog that received a Blue placing must move to the next level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Novice Standard Agility title (or the equivalent – NADAC, USDAA, etc.) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. At least 12 – 13 obstacles must be used in the Novice classes: (There will be **no weaves** in Novice.)

Agility (Open) – For dogs who have received a blue award in the Novice Level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Open standard title (or the equivalent – NADAC, USDAA, etc.) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. Additional obstacles will be added.

Agility (Excellent) – For dogs who have received a blue award in the Open Level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Excellent Title (or the equivalent – NADAC, USDAA, etc.) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. Dogs who have titled or received a blue ribbon in this class may compete FEO.

SCORING & RIBBONS

Ribbons will be awarded based on the Danish System

Beginners and Graduate Beginners:

Excellent (Blue) 145-160	Very Good (Red) 120-144	Worthy (White) 0-119
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Novice, Advance Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, and Utility:

Excellent (Blue) 170-200	Very Good (Red) 150-169	Worthy (White) 0-149
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Brace:

Excellent (Blue) 340-400	Very Good (Red) 300-339	Worthy (White) 0-299
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4-Person Team:

Excellent (Blue) 680-800	Very Good (Red) 600-679	Worthy (White) 0-599
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Grooming and Handling:

Excellent (Blue) 86-100	Very Good (Red) 71-85	Worthy (White) 0-70
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Agility (Pre-Novice & Novice):

Excellent (Blue) 86-100 Very Good (Red) 70 – 85.5 Worthy (White) Under 70

Agility (Open, Excellent):

Excellent (Blue) 91-100 Very Good (Red) 70-90.5 Worthy (White) Under 70

Rally Novice A, B, Advanced & Excellent:

Excellent (Blue) 86 – 100 Very Good (Red) 71 – 85.5 Worthy (White) Under 70

To break a tied score in obedience classes, the heel-on-leash exercise will be used (without Figure 8).

Date _____ 20 _____



____ Personally Owned
____ Family Owned
____ Non-owned

DEADLINE: JUNE 1

NYS 4-H DOG CERTIFICATE

Name of Animal _____

Date Animal Born Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Sex: Male Female

Registry/Breed _____ Reg No. _____

License Number _____

Identification Markings (Please include a SIDE VIEW photo of the dog)

Size: (circle one)

Large Medium

Small Minature

Hair: (circle one)

Short Long

Medium

Color: _____

Weight: _____

Owner Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature of Owner

Signatures below of youth, parent and leader verify youth exhibitor has been and is responsible for care, feeding, grooming and training of project animal designed as the 4-H project animal of the 4H'er as of June 1 of the current project year.

Name of 4-H'er _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Member's Signature

4-H Leader Name _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Leader's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

CCE Educator Signature

*Proof of rabies vaccination required - must be current, given more than 14 days prior to arrival at fairgrounds, and remain current for duration of the Fair. Please include copy of current rabies.