

**You and Your Dog Interview Study Questions for Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Day,  
July 28, 2017**

*Source for Answers: Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook 201R, 2016 edition*

Youth in each age division will be asked five (5) questions, each worth 6 points, from the 20 questions listed below for each respective age division. Partial credit may be given for multiple part answers.

For State Fair Judging, there will be 3 envelopes, each containing 3 questions for each respective age division. Exhibitors will choose 1 of the envelopes from which the judge will ask the questions.

**Ages: 8-10**

- Q1. What is a young dog called that is usually under 12 months old?
- Q2. How many total vertebrae do dogs have?
- Q3. Scientists believe that dogs are most closely related to what animal?
- Q4. The American Kennel Club divides breeds of dogs into 7 groups. Name 1 of those groups.
- Q5. Which AKC group of dogs do Shetland Sheepdogs belong to?
- Q6. Describe a drop ear when referring to ear carriage.
- Q7. What does AKC stand for?
- Q8. Why is a dog's coat type important to consider when deciding what breed of dog to get?
- Q9. What length of coat is shiny and sleek and easy to groom?
- Q10. What is the most important nutrient your dog should have?
- Q11. What is a dog's normal body temperature?
- Q12. Name one parasite that might be found on the outside of a dog's body (external parasite)?
- Q13. Why should you never use human toothpaste when brushing your dog's teeth?
- Q14. What body position do dogs display that invites other dogs to play?
- Q15. What was the St. Bernard originally bred to do?
- Q16. What is one type of Assistance Dog, according to Assistance Dogs International?
- Q17. Who are the most common victims of dog bites?
- Q18. Why is it important to exercise your dog before a training session?
- Q19. What is the main way dogs cool themselves?

Q20. What is the purpose of Body Condition Scoring of dogs?

**Ages: 11-13**

Q1. What are 2 categories (not breeds) of dogs that are in the AKC Sporting group?

Q2. The hare foot is designed to help dogs perform better in what 2 ways?

Q3. What are 2 styles of nail clippers?

Q4. What is the definition of a crossbred dog?

Q5. What type of body posture is assumed by fear-biters?

Q6. Name 2 internal parasites found in dogs.

Q7. What are 2 of the 6 categories of nutrients?

Q8. What is the two-part purpose of the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen program?

Q9. Name 5 of the 7 AKC groups of dogs.

Q10. What is the range of the normal body temperature in dogs?

Q11. What is a treat called carried in your hand for your dog to follow?

Q12. Name 2 types of dogs' eye shapes.

Q13. What is the purpose of a mat comb?

Q14. What happens to a dog's coat of hair as the hours of daylight grow shorter?

Q15. Up to how many bones are in a dog's skeleton?

Q16. What is the function of the dog's molars?

Q17. What are the 2 ways dogs sweat?

Q18. What type of tick is the main carrier of the bacteria that causes Lyme Disease?

Q19. What is the range in beats per minute of the normal resting heart rate for most adult dogs?

Q20. What is 1 way in which you can control what and how much food your dog eats?

**Ages: 14-18**

Q1. What is a veterinarian/client/patient relationship?

Q2. What is the part of a dog's eye that allows him to see much better in dimmer light and at night than humans can?

- Q3. How can roundworm eggs be passed from dogs to humans?
- Q4. What are 2 signs that a dog is getting motion sickness?
- Q5. What are 2 advantages of feeding dry dog food?
- Q6. What does the term “animal-assisted activity” mean?
- Q7. What is the function of a dog’s incisors?
- Q8. What kind of hairs are raised when dogs raise their hackles?
- Q9. Name three (3) types of internal parasites found in dogs.
- Q10. What skull shape has a broad skull base and a short muzzle, found in breeds like the Boxer?
- Q11. What is the reason why Poodles, for example, do not shed as much as many other breeds of dogs?
- Q12. What might pale gums and a pale tongue be an indication of?
- Q13. Name 5 of the 7 body postures when a dog communicates visually.
- Q14. What does the term “positive reinforcement” mean in reference to a training technique?
- Q15. What does the term “bridge” mean when referring to training?
- Q16. What is the most common species of flea found on dogs?
- Q17. The American Dog Tick is a three-host tick. What does this mean?
- Q18. What does the term “calming signals” mean?
- Q19. Describe a dog with cow hocks.
- Q20. Describe 2 characteristics of an obese dog using the description from the Body Condition Scoring chart.