Exhibitors/Parents/Guardians – PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY!

Dear State Fair Dog Agility Participant;

The Ohio State Fair Junior Dog Show Agility Competition will be held on Saturday, August 3, in the Coliseum. THIS IS A NEW DATE AND LOCATION FROM PREVIOUS YEARS! You should receive the following information in the mail by Monday, July 22: (1) agility confirmation letter that verifies your dog(s) information and classes entered; (2) one single day admission ticket per exhibitor; (3) one Gate 10 Complex parking permit per exhibitor, and (4) one map with color-coded unloading information. You will receive a Dog Walk pass at registration.

The 2019 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules for Agility, a map of the Fairgrounds, and other pertinent information can be found online at www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs. It is your responsibility to understand and abide by these rules.

Unloading and 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.

To get to Gate 10:

- Driving South on I-71 exit either 17th Ave (and you will be directed to drive around the north end of the Fairgrounds and down Korbel Ave. to get to Gate 10) OR exit 11th Ave., drive West to N. 4th St. (one way), turn North and then turn right onto 17th and go to Gate 10.
- Driving North on I-71, exit 11th Ave, turn West and go to N. 4th St. (one way), turn North and then turn right onto 17th and go to Gate 10.

When you enter Gate 10 there should be Highway Patrol and Gate people to direct you to the unloading area, which is in front of the Paddock just north of the Coliseum. (The Paddock is where you will be benching.)

To unload: After entering Gate 10, drive BEHIND the Gilligan Complex along the viaduct, proceed between Gilligan and Cooper Arena in front of the Coliseum and quickly unload in front of the Paddock. Then drive north in front of Gilligan and go up the ramp and park on top of Gilligan.

Should you exit Gate 10, the driver and anyone in the car must get their hand stamped or they will be charged to get back into the Fairgrounds.

There will be people to help unload and keep the traffic flowing.
**Dog Walk Passes**

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

**Benching**

ALL benching will be in the Paddock area. Benching is NOT allowed in the Coliseum. Crates CANNOT be brought into the Coliseum. Dogs on lead are permitted to be with their handlers in the Coliseum seating, but must be able to quickly get to the agility rings when called. There will be speakers in the Paddock area to hear when classes are called. There is plenty of room for benching in the Paddock area. Because the flooring is dirt, many exhibitors bring a tarp on which they put their crate, any folding chairs and coolers.

**Age**

Dogs must be a minimum of 18 months old by show date to show in Agility.

**License Requirements**

Exhibitors must list their dog’s license tag number on the 2019 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate. Exception: Assistance Dogs licensed through their respective organizations. We do not need to see a certificate of your license or license tag at Health Check.

**Health Requirements**

1. The 2019 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate completed and signed by a licensed veterinarian is required for exhibition. The 2019 County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate is also permitted for use at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show provided the vaccinations are current through August 1, 2019 for State Fair exhibition. **THESE ARE THE ONLY CERTIFICATES THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT HEALTH CHECK.** These certificates must include ALL information requested in the Identification Form section, completed, signed, and dated by the exhibitor, and signed by the parent/guardian. The administering veterinarian must complete the information requested in the Vaccination Certificate section, and may modify it as per Rule 3 in this 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 all health requirements for State Fair are met.**

   a. These certificates can be downloaded at: go.osu.edu/osfdogs.

   b. The use of the 2019 County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate must be approved by the county 4-H professional and must be used consistently throughout the respective county.

2. **ALL** dogs must have current Rabies vaccinations, administered by licensed veterinarians. Veterinarians must document on the 2019 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate or 2019 County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate whether the exhibitor’s dog’s rabies vaccination is current by filling in the “date expires” blank.

3. **ALL** dogs must be vaccinated for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus by licensed 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. The Ohio State Fair Dog Show officials will accept the veterinarian’s protocol for their client/patient. **For the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, all vaccinations must be current through August 1, 2019.** (Note: Vaccination deadlines for county fairs may differ.)

4. *Bordetella vaccination is recommended, but not required. Consult with your veterinarian.*

5. Dogs **CANNOT** be shown at the Ohio State Fair if vaccinations are given by anyone other than a licensed 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 may not 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.

10. Before going to Registration, exhibitors must bring their dog(s) and **2019 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate(s)** to Health Check each day they are showing.

11. Incomplete or falsified information on the **2019 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate or 2019 County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate** is grounds for dismissal.
   a. Correction tape or other forms of correction used to cover errors on the ID/Vaccination Certificates is NOT permitted.

**Show Schedule**

Below is the schedule for the day’s agility events. **We will once again be running two agility rings.**

The show order is as follows:

(Ring 1: Standard - On Lead, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3; Mad-Shape-Dash On Lead, Level 1)
(Ring 2: Jumpers - Level 2, 3, On Lead, Level 1; Mad-Shape-Dash – Level 2, 3)

**Health Check, Measuring, and Registration Procedures**

You must take your dogs to Health Check first. **All** dogs will be examined at health check. Dogs that are unable to be examined, and dogs that are deemed unsafe, will be sent home. You will go directly from Health Check to Measuring, and then to Registration. Registration times are listed below. **Please note:** If you are showing multiple dogs, please register all dogs at the same time.

7:30 am Health Check opens for all exhibitors entered in Standard - On-Lead and Jumpers - Level 2.
8:00 am Health Check opens for all exhibitors entered in Standard - Level 1, Jumpers - Level 3, and all others.
8:00 am Registration opens for all exhibitors entered in Standard - On-Lead and Jumpers - Level 2.
8:30 am Registration opens for all exhibitors entered in Standard - Level 1, Jumpers - Level 3, and all others.
9:00 am Standard - On-Lead briefing and walk through begins in Ring 1.
9:30 am Jumpers - Level 2 briefing and walk through begins in Ring 2.
9:30 am Standard - Level 1 briefing and walk through will be at the completion of the Standard - On-Lead class in Ring 1.
Jumpers - Level 3 briefing and walk through will be at the completion of the Standard Level 2 class in Ring 2.
*We will make sure that everyone has a chance to make their walk-throughs and runs between the two rings. Everyone will be able to run their dog(s) in all classes entered.

**Safety and Sportsmanship**

**2019 Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims:**
1. ALL youth enrolled in 4-H dog projects are required to sign the 2019 Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims document. A parent or guardian is also required to sign the document.
   a. This document must be signed each year a youth enrolls in a 4-H dog project and a copy MUST be kept on file at the county Extension office.
   b. Exhibitors and parents/guardians verify they have this signed document on file at their county Extension office, and understand and agree to information provided in this document, when signing the 2019 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate.

**Misbehavior and Excusals for Dogs on the Fairgrounds, Show Area, or in the Show Ring**
1. Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior at any time before, during, or after exhibition MUST be removed from the fairgrounds and will not be permitted to return at any time throughout the Dog Show. Determination of the show committee and/or judge will be final.
2. The judge or show officials will immediately excuse from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior.
   a. The judge will immediately excuse any dog that appears dangerous to other dogs or exhibitors.
   b. Any dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite any person or dog while in the show ring will immediately be excused.
   c. 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 immediately excused. The judge shall not obtain the opinion of the health check officials.
3. 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 exercises, or before or after judging.
4. Any dog not under its handler’s control may be excused from competition.

**Dog Bite Incidents**
Any dog bite incidents (dog biting human) must be immediately reported to Lucinda Miller or Renee Clark. The incident will be reported to the Ohio State Fair General Manager, Livestock Department, and Ohio Highway Patrol. Ohio Dog Bite Laws will prevail should a dog bite incident occur.

**Unsportsmanlike Conduct**
1. Any exhibitor or other person(s) abusing a dog will be removed from the fairgrounds.
2. The judge or show officials will dismiss from the ring any exhibitor abusing the dog, which will result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal from the Fairgrounds.
3. Judges and/or show officials have the right to deduct points from the Sportsmanship category on the exhibitor’s score sheet if unsportsmanlike conduct is displayed at any time throughout the 4-H dog show prior to or during judging.
4. Judges and/or show officials have the right to disqualify any participant exhibiting poor sportsmanship at any time throughout the 4-H Dog Show from showing, participating in activities, or from receiving any awards.
5. Any handler who willfully interferes with another competitor or that competitor’s dog will be excused from competition.
6. Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals verbally and/or physically abusive or threatening to show personnel will be removed from the Fairgrounds, and exhibitors will be disqualified.

7. Show officials have the right to order the removal from the Fairgrounds anyone showing unsportsmanlike conduct.

**Agility Awards**

Awards will be presented at the completion of each class. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to exhibitors meeting the requirements and qualifications described below. All youth will receive participation ribbons for each class in which they exhibit.

**Scoring**

- **Gold Medal** – 5-point deduction or fewer (score of 95 or more)
- **Silver Medal** – 6-15 points deducted (score of 85-94)
- **Bronze Medal** – more than 15 points deducted with a medal eligible run (score of 84 and below)

Scores will not be posted. No one other than show management and judges may view exhibitors’ score/scribe sheets. Score/scribe sheets will not be returned.

**State Fair Championship Title**

4-H or FFA members may earn one OSF Championship title per year regardless of the number of dogs shown. State Fair Championship Title information can be found online at: [www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs). We will be presenting OSF Championship Titles during agility as well as the regular dog show.

**Exhibitor Versatility Awards**

You must keep track of your own points toward earning the 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award (EVA) on a form provided at Registration. This form must be turned in at the Registration table once enough points have been earned to receive this award. With agility being on August 3 after the regular dog show, exhibitors can turn in their form at the agility registration table after earning enough points to receive an EVA. After verification that points earned are adequate to receive an EVA, the award will be presented Wednesday, July 31, Thursday, August 1, or Saturday, August 3 during the shows.

**Skillathon**

The Dog Skillathon will be held Tuesday, July 30, 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Buckeye Sports Center. There will be a 4-minute time limit for participants to complete each station. For station topics refer to: [www.go.osu.edu/osfskillathons](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfskillathons).

**Rule Violations**

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 will be 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. *(This does not include discussions or questions during Agility or Rally Briefings or Walkthroughs.)* Individuals with concerns must express them in writing, give them to Show Personnel, and those concerns will be discussed at the fall Ohio 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.

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**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 *(print your name here)* of *(print your city and state here)* has permission to leave the Ohio State Fair with livestock, consisting of *(print number of dogs here)* head of DOGS.

Junior Dogs

Department

[Signature]

Superintendent

**In Summary...**

I realize this is a long letter, but I hope it helps you be better prepared for the Agility Show. Consider it an honor to represent your county at the State Fair. Remember to review the rules and other State Fair Dog information found at [www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs).

Also, “Like” our Ohio 4-H Dog Program Facebook page to stay updated with last minute information and reminders at: [https://www.facebook.com/Ohio4HDogProgram](https://www.facebook.com/Ohio4HDogProgram).

If you have any specific agility rule questions, please contact Renee Clark at clark.471@osu.edu. If you have any questions relating specifically to agility entries, please contact Lucinda Miller at 740.708.0359 (cell) or by email at miller.78@osu.edu.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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