Show Committees and Judges: Please use these questions when interviewing youth for Senior A & B Showmanship and Senior You and Your Dog Judging during the 2021 4-H project year. Judges may also select any of the questions posted for Juniors and Intermediates for Senior B Showmanship exhibitors.

Recommended use: Judges can select 2 or 3 sets of 6 questions and put each set in an envelope, allowing exhibitors to choose 1 of the envelopes, or use the same 6 questions for all seniors at a show. Select less difficult questions for Senior A Showmanship handlers. For State Fair Showmanship and You and Your Dog interviews youth will select 1 of 3 envelopes.

Recommended scoring: Where answers require explanations, exhibitors may answer using their own wording provided they convey the same meaning as the correct answer. As a judge, do not give hints or define a word in the question or statement. Youth are expected to know the meaning of the words. Each question is worth 10 points. If one question asks for multiple answers, then give partial credit for each correct answer.

Questions asked during the 2021 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Senior Showmanship and You and Your Dog classes will come from this bank of questions. For Senior B Showmanship exhibitors, questions can also come from Junior and Intermediate question banks. Youth can find the answers to all these questions in the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook ©2018.

Q1. What ancestor of the dog inhabited earth 54-38 million years ago during the Eocene epoch?

Q2. How is the rickettsia organism that causes Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever transmitted?

Q3. Give the common name for 3 species of mites that infect dogs.

Q4. Describe a button ear.

Q5. Describe an overshot bite.

Q6. Describe an almond eye.

Q7. Describe an otter tail.

Q8. Describe the Fiddle Front conformation referring to a dog’s front legs.

Q9. Regarding conformation, name the 3 types of forequarters.

Q10. Define hindquarter angulation.

Q11. Regarding conformation, name the 4 types of rear legs.

Q12. Why are curly coats common in breeds of water dogs?

Q13. What 3 kinds of stimulation occur during socialization of puppies?

Q14. What are 3 reasons dogs howl?

Q15. Describe a dog’s body and tail posture when in a play bow.
Q16. What is the psychological term for calming signals?

Q17. What are 3 reasons dogs use calming signals?

Q18. When housebreaking your puppy you hear him whine and fuss in the middle of the night after he has been asleep for a while. What should you do?

Q19. What 4 terms are used in describing the principles of operant conditioning?

Q20. What are the 4 principles of operant conditioning?

Q21. According to Leslie Nelson, what 4 traits do good trainers possess?

Q22. What is “proofing” your dog, and give 3 examples?

Q23. Describe how to teach your dog the “down” command using a food lure.

Q24. What are the 3 different stays your dog needs to learn for basic obedience work?

Q25. What are the 2 ways a dog might do a Finish exercise at the end of the Recall in obedience?

Q26. When performing a Figure 8 in an obedience class, what are 2 things a judge is looking for?

Q27. Gaining control of your dog’s head is the first step in stacking. What are the 2 ways this can be achieved?

Q28. In showmanship, what is the difference in showing a dog’s bite versus showing a dog’s teeth?

Q29. What is the purpose of Assistance Dogs International, Inc.?

Q30. What 3 parts of a dog’s external anatomy, in order from front to back, make up the backline?

Q31. What are 3 major differences when comparing the human skeleton to the canine skeleton?

Q32. Name 6 internal parasites that can be found in dogs.

Q33. What 2 bones comprise a dog’s forearm?

Q34. In reference to a dog’s hair, what does each compound hair follicle contain?

Q35. What 5 parts comprise a dog’s cardiovascular system?

Q36. In the muscular system, what is the function of smooth muscles?

Q37. Where are the withers located on a dog?

Q38. How can you reduce or prevent roundworm infestations in puppies?

Q39. Where are adult heartworms found in dogs?
Q40. What are 3 signs of a dog infected with *Giardia*?

Q41. The American dog tick is a three-host tick. What does this mean?

Q42. What are the first 3 symptoms of heartworm infestation that typically appear after the adult worms have infested the heart and adjacent blood vessels?

Q43. What are 3 other names for Demodectic mange?

Q44. The most common bite-associated infection transmitted by a dog bite to humans is caused by what type of bacterium?

Q45. What are 5 signs of periodontal disease in dogs?

Q46. What are 3 advantages of feeding a dog dry dog food?

Q47. What are 5 essential amino acids required for dogs?

Q48. In addition to large breed dogs perhaps having special protein needs, protein requirements also vary depending on what 5 other factors?

Q49. What are the 4 stages of a bitch’s estrous cycle?

Q50. What is the definition of zoonosis?