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County-Use of Ohio 4-H/OSF Dog Rules and Regulations

County usage of all Ohio 4-H/Ohio State Fair Dog Show Rules and Regulations is recommended for consistency and continuity in the 4-H dog programs throughout the state. However, counties may adapt The Ohio 4-H/Ohio State Fair Dog Show Rules and Regulations for county level evaluations to allow for a more positive experience for youth.

Some examples include:

- *Adding, deleting or modifying classes offered to accommodate entry numbers or experience, such as dividing Pre-Novice into Pre-Novice A and Pre-Novice B classes*
- *Adding "C" classes when needed.* At the Ohio State Fair, except for certain advanced obedience classes, youth are required to move to a higher level if winning. However, depending on the size of classes at the county level, it may not be feasible for a youth to move to a higher level after winning. They may be the only youth in the class or may not be ready as a team to move to the higher level. Therefore, either permitting youth winning first place to repeat a class or creating a "C" class for certain obedience classes, allows that youth to continue training at the same level to become successful and not get discouraged, dropping out of the dog project.
- *Adapting age divisions for participation.* For example, Showmanship and You and Your Dog are divided into Junior, Intermediate, and Senior classes at the State Fair. Counties may offer Junior and Senior classes, or even just one Showmanship class, depending on numbers.
- *Combining A and B classes.* Counties may combine an A and B class into one class provided the class exercise requirements are the same. However, record-keeping is required to ensure that youth/dog teams who are inexperienced "A" teams, are recognized as such so that they are not excluded from participating at the "A" level at the Ohio State Fair in the same 4-H year, if applicable.

2023 General Dog Show Rules for Ohio 4-H/Ohio State Fair Participation

Note: Changes and/or additions for 2023 are underlined.

Preface

Below are the rules for participating in the 2023 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow these rules. Please refer to the *County-Use of Ohio/OSF Dog Rules and Regulations* at the beginning of this section to find examples of how these rules can be modified for county use.

1. Prior to participating in 4-H dog activities with a dog (which includes the Ohio State Fair Dog Show), a *2023 Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims* form **MUST** be signed by the 4-H member and a parent or guardian for this year's 4-H dog projects. **This form for the current year must be on file in the county Extension office for each youth before they can participate in the Ohio 4-H Dog Program activities with a dog.**
2. Individuals who violate any rule and/or exhibit poor sportsmanship during the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show will be disqualified from showing.
3. 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.
4. A dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite while in the ring must be immediately excused from the ring and then removed from the Fairgrounds for the remainder of the Dog Show.
5. 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.)
6. Determinations of the Show Committee and/or Judges are FINAL.
7. Judges' judging and scoring decisions are FINAL.
8. 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 may result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal of individuals from the Fairgrounds.
9. Ohio State Fair Dog Show information can be found at <http://go.osu.edu/osfdogs>.

Project Eligibility

1. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H, and ages 8 and in the third grade, or 9 years old and older regardless of grade level, as of January 1, 2023, with the last year of eligibility, or participation, in 4-H being the year in which the individual turns 19.
2. Youth must be enrolled in the correct dog project to show in classes at the State Fair as follows:
 - *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D – to show in You and Your Dog classes;
 - *Obedience*, Project No. 201O – to show in Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, Brace, Team, and Rally classes;
 - *Showmanship*, Project No. 201S – to show in Showmanship classes;
 - *Performance Dog*, Project No. 201P – to show in Agility, Drill Team, and Freestyle;
 - *Working Dog*, Project No. 201W – to show in the Assistance Dog classes;
 - *4-H PetPALS*, Project No. 230 - to show in the 4-H PetPALS class (Youth do not need to enroll in the Working Dog project to participate in 4-H PetPALS at the State Fair.)
 - 4-H members can be enrolled in any 4-H Dog Project to participate in the Poster Contest; and
 - Any 4-H member, regardless of 4-H project, as well as FFA members, can participate in the Dog Skillathon.

3. FFA members are eligible to show provided they meet school FFA dog project requirements, as well as the *2023 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules* and entry requirements. This includes ownership requirements.
4. Project eligibility and class or classes entered must be determined at the county level, based on the experience and ability of the handler/dog team. Extension 4-H educators must verify the youth is a member in good standing in their county to be able to participate at the Ohio State Fair.
5. Prior to showing at the Ohio State Fair, the exhibitor is expected to understand and agree to follow the *2023 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules*, including the exercises to be performed for the judge, and to be able to perform those exercises prior to the Ohio State Fair Dog Show.

Dog Eligibility

1. Only domestic dogs can be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
2. All dogs exhibited must be **six months of age** by the date of the show. **This includes Pilot Dog puppies and other assistance dogs. Dogs exhibited in Agility must be 18 months or older on or before the first day of the agility trial.** Proof of age is the burden of the exhibitor or exhibitor's immediate family. Dogs not meeting this age requirement cannot be shown.
3. Dogs shown at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show must be the same project dogs taken by 4-H members at the county level.

Ownership Requirements

1. Dogs participating in the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show must either be owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family.
2. Ownership of Assistance Dogs is respective of each applicable organization.
3. Dogs must be in the continual care of the junior fair exhibitor for the duration of the project.
4. *The date of ownership must be no later than April 1*, or earlier as the date specified by the exhibitor's county. Proof of ownership is the burden of the exhibitor and exhibitor's family.
5. Hardship cases will not be considered for State Fair participation.
6. Leasing a dog is not permitted for State Fair Dog Show participation. If counties have a leasing program, leased dogs are not permitted to exhibit at the State Fair.
7. Sharing a dog at the county level is not permitted for State Fair Dog Show participation. If two youth share a dog at the county level, neither youth is eligible to show that dog at the State Fair, including 4-H Agility competition and 4-H PetPALS.

Definitions of Ownership

1. *Immediate family* is defined as the junior fair exhibitor's father, mother, legal guardian, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, or grandmother, including the corresponding step and half relations, or by a member of the exhibitor's household.
2. *Continual care* is defined as the junior fair exhibitor being responsible for and involved in the feeding, cleaning, and caring of the project.
3. *Hardship cases* are defined as dogs that replace the original project enrolled by the exhibitor after the county's enrollment deadline, or no later than April 1.
4. *Ownership – Registered dogs:* The exhibitor's name, or a member of his/her immediate family's name, must appear on the registration certificate of a dog registered by AKC, UKC, individual breed registries, herding dog registries, etc. Co-ownership of a dog is permitted provided the exhibitor's name, or a member of his/her immediate family's name, is listed on the registration certificate. It is recommended that a copy of the registration certificate be on file in the county Extension office.
5. *Ownership – Non-registered purchased dogs:* A non-registered dog purchased from a private owner, pet shop, humane society, dog rescue, etc., must have the exhibitor's name or a member of his/her

immediate family's name, on the bill of sale. It is recommended that a copy of this bill of sale be on file in the county Extension office.

6. **Ownership – Dogs found/gifts:** If a dog was given to the exhibitor or immediate family, or found by the exhibitor or immediate family, the exhibitor or a member of his/her immediate family receiving or finding the dog should verify the date received or found by use of veterinary records, dog licenses, and other forms of records, and write a statement as to the definite or approximate date the dog was received as a gift or found. It is recommended that a copy of this statement be on file in the county Extension office.

Training

1. Lessons, instruction, and advice for the exhibitor are encouraged. As long as the exhibitor is present in the learning situation and handles or trains the dog the majority of the time present, such assistance can include occasional handling or training by another person. Only the exhibitor can train the dog at any type of training class *on or after April 1, 2023*.
2. The judge will not permit an exhibitor to train or practice any exercise in the show ring at any time.

Showing

1. **No one other than the junior fair exhibitor** is permitted to show the project dog(s) at any type of dog show, including agility, field trials, rally trials, etc., as well as fun matches, *on or after April 1, 2023*.
2. **No one other than the junior fair exhibitor** is permitted to take the project dog(s) on animal-assisted activities (pet therapy) visits, *on or after April 1, 2023*. Any exceptions must be approved by the State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee.
3. Eligibility for showing in an "A" class is defined as "no training or showing experience for the handler and/or dog prior to the county's current project year." (A new "project year" typically begins following the exhibitor's county fair, or State Fair if after the OSF exhibitor's county fair, or county's 4-H awards program. Check with your county Extension office for your county's policy.) Handlers and/or dogs not meeting this requirement **MUST** show in a "B" class. Refer to "A" class information in the rules for each show discipline.
4. Junior Fair exhibitors in respective activities and classes are expected to perform in those events and demonstrate those skills which are listed in these *2023 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules*, in the *Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook*, *Ohio 4-H Dog Project and Record Book*, and on the various 2023 dog 4-H judging score sheets.
 - a. Score sheets used in judging are posted under Resources at: go.osu.edu/dog. **Counties MUST use these score sheets for evaluating 4-H dog projects.** *Note:* All applicable score sheets will have 2023 at the bottom of the score sheet.
 - b. Any additional information pertinent to the State Fair Dog Show will be posted on the website at www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs.
5. **ONLY** dogs shown by junior fair exhibitors are permitted on the Fairgrounds. Exceptions can be made for Ohio State Fair show personnel, judges, and volunteers, if requests are made to the State Fair Dog Show Director prior to the first day of the show. **ALL** dogs must comply with the 2023 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show health requirements.

Safety and Sportsmanship

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 *2023 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 *2023 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.

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.
8. *Exhibitors must check in at their show ring within 15 minutes after being called to their ring. Exhibitors who do not check in at their show ring within 15 minutes after being called will have sportsmanship points deducted on their score sheets.*

Other

1. An exhibitor disciplining a dog in the show ring will be excused from further competition in that class.

2. The judge will not permit any handler to use excessive verbal commands or to move toward the dog to correct it.
3. Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the Fairgrounds.
 - a. Dogs must be kept on leash while on the Fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging.
 - b. Dogs must be kenneled in designated areas.
 - c. Exhibitors must clean up after their dogs.
 - d. Dogs are not permitted outside agility show venue and the Buckeye Sports Center except to load, unload, and use the marked Exercise Areas.
 - e. Dogs must not be left unattended.
4. Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong/pinch collar, or electronic collar while on the fairgrounds.
 - a. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their dogs are seen wearing muzzles, prong/pinch collars, or electronic collars.
5. Only the exhibitor's dog, exhibitor, and show officials are permitted in the show ring area at any time throughout the show.
6. **Judges' decisions are final.** Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals **are not permitted** to talk with judges at any time during the Dog Show, except during Agility or Rally briefings and walkthroughs.
 - a. Discussion and/or confrontation with judges may result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal of individuals from the Fairgrounds.
7. Judges, show staff and 4-H Dog Committee reserve the right to withhold class placements.
8. Dogs are not permitted to be dyed or colored in any way. If coat or nails show any evidence of dye or coloring, the score sheet will reflect a major point deduction.

License Requirements

1. Junior Fair exhibitors must list their dogs' license tag numbers on the *2023 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate*. Exception: Assistance Dogs licensed through their respective organizations.

Health Requirements

1. The ***2023 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate*** completed and signed by a licensed veterinarian ***is required for exhibition***. The ***2023 County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate*** is also permitted for use at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show and Ohio State Fair Agility Trial provided the vaccinations are current through the last day of the 2023 OSF Dog competition. **THESE ARE THE ONLY CERTIFICATES THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT HEALTH CHECK. HEALTH CHECK CERTIFICATE MUST BE IN PAPER FORM. ELECTRONIC COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** 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 *2023 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 *2023 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate* or *2023 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 and Ohio State Fair Agility Trial, all vaccinations must be current through the last day of the dog competition 2023.* (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 *2023 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 *2023 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate* or *2023 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.

Scores and Score Sheets for Ohio State Fair Dog Show

1. Scores will be posted within a reasonable amount of time after each class has been judged. Exhibitors who are tied for the top fifteen places in their respective classes should remain until all classes in the same category are judged, in case of further ties. Failure to stay could mean forfeiture of a possible placing.
2. No one other than show management and judges may view exhibitors' score sheets during the State Fair Dog Show.
3. Score sheets will be returned to the county Extension office about two weeks following the closing day of the State Fair. Score sheets will not be returned during the State Fair Dog Show.

State Fair Championship Title

Exhibitors showing their dogs at the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show may apply for titling by recording State Fair achievements during their 4-H careers. The junior fair participant, their parent/guardian, and 4-H advisor must document achievements. The Ohio State Fair Championship Title is for the handler, regardless of the number of dogs shown.

Requirements

1. 4-H member may earn one Title per year regardless of the number of dogs shown;
2. 4-H member must accumulate 25 points to earn a Title;
3. Points will carry over from one year to the next;
4. Subsequent Titles will be awarded for each additional 25 points;
5. Points are recorded for the handler; and
6. All State Fair Dog Show participation rules apply.

Point System – Regular Classes

A 4-H member may use multiple dogs the same year to earn points toward an OSF Championship Title provided the dogs are shown in different events. However, in one given year at the Ohio State Fair Dog Shows (2023), youth can receive no more than the following points per event, regardless of the number of dogs exhibited or classes entered in that event:

One (1) point will be awarded for participation in any of these State Fair events:

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| 1. Agility | 9. Showmanship |
| 2. Assistance Dogs | 10. Freestyle |
| 3. 4-H PetPALS | 11. Team |
| 4. Brace | 12. Poster Contest |
| 5. Drill Team | 13. Skillathon |
| 6. Obedience | 14. AKC Trick Dog* |
| 7. You and Your Dog | 15. AKC CGC* |
| 8. Rally | |

An additional 5 points for earning a gold medal or placing 1st through 15th will be awarded per event, per year, regardless of the number of dogs entered in that event. For example: placement in ONE obedience class, regardless of the number of obedience classes exhibited = 5 points; placement in ONE rally class, regardless of the number of rally classes exhibited = 5 points; placement in ONE agility class, regardless of the number of agility classes exhibited = 5 points. Exhibitors must meet all of the criteria according to the score sheet to receive 5 points for the 4-H PetPALS class. Exhibitors must meet all of the expectations according to the score sheet to receive 5 points for the Assistance Dog class.

* For Trick Dog and CGC classes, exhibitors may earn points for participation only. An exhibitor may earn 1 point for participation in ONE Trick Dog class and 1 point for participation in ONE CGC class.

Awards: A pin and T-shirt will be presented to each exhibitor receiving his/her first Title at the Ohio State Fair during the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. Exhibitors receiving second titles, third titles, etc. will receive an award depending on sponsorship.

4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award

The purpose of the 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award (EVA) is to: (1) encourage youth to participate in several classes (including Skillathon and Poster) at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, and (2) award youth for achieving excellence in the classes in which they are showing or participating. To earn a 4-H Exhibitor

Versatility Award, exhibitors must place in FIVE (5) classes as follows: (1) receive a gold medal in Agility; (2) meet all of the expectations according to the score sheet in the Assistance Dog class; (3) meet all of the criteria according to the score sheet in the 4-H PetPALS dog class; (4) place in the top five in all classes receiving placings, including the Skillathon and Poster Contest. Youth violating any of the *2023 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules* or with points taken off for poor sportsmanship will not be eligible for this award. An exhibitor must show in five (5) classes and earn one placing as described above per class, with one dog in each of those classes. The 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award is based on the number of classes, not number of dogs per class (i.e. for agility and rally). An exhibitor may earn one 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award a year.

4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award Forms: Exhibitors must request an EVA form from the registration table. The exhibitor must keep track of their points toward earning the 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award on this form. Once enough points have been earned to receive this award the completed form must be turned in at the registration table for verification. After verification that points earned are adequate to receive this award, the award will be presented.

Ohio State Fair Entry Information

Entry Terminology

1. **Discipline** – refers to a show category. Each of the following is a Discipline: Showmanship, Obedience (including Team and Brace), Rally, Agility, You and Your Dog, Drill Team, Canine Freestyle, 4-H PetPALS, Assistance Dogs, Tricks, and Canine Good Citizen.
2. **Level** – refers to sub-categories within certain disciplines. For example, Novice is a level in the Obedience discipline; Rally Excellent is a level in the Rally discipline.
3. **Class** – refers to the two classes within certain disciplines and/or discipline levels. The letters “A” and “B” refer to the experience of the youth **and** dog.
 - a. “A” classes are for handlers or dogs with **NO** training or showing experience prior to the county’s current project year. “A” classes can never be repeated by the same youth, regardless of what dog is shown. “A” classes can never be repeated by the same dog, regardless of what youth shows that dog. Refer to “A” class information in the rules for each show discipline.
 - b. “B” classes can be repeated by the same youth regardless of what dog is shown, and by the same dog, regardless of who shows that dog, provided the youth and/or dog are not the class winners (exception: Showmanship and You & Your Dog). If/when a youth and/or dog wins first place in a “B” class, the youth and dog must move to the next level (exception: Showmanship, You & Your Dog, and specified advanced obedience classes). A dog must move to a higher level within a discipline, once that dog begins performing at that higher level. (Refer to each of the show discipline’s rules for rules specific to that discipline.)

Eligibility

Youth may enter any of the disciplines, levels, and classes they are eligible for as outlined in the *2023 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules*. The handler and dog must be able to perform the exercises required of the disciplines/levels/class(s) entered. *Youth may not enter classes without both youth and dogs being prepared prior to the State Fair to perform the required exercises. A zero (0) will be given to any handler/dog team not attempting an exercise, except as provided otherwise specifically in the rules.*

A zero (0) on the exhibitor's score sheet will result in an incomplete for that class, and therefore the exhibitor will not be eligible for an award, except as provided otherwise specifically in the rules.

Exhibitors may show one or more project dogs, provided the exhibitors and dogs meet the eligibility requirements of each respective class, as follows (refer to each respective show discipline rulebook for more detailed and complete information).

Show Disciplines

1. Agility

Youth may enter any number of project dogs in Agility and are permitted to enter more than one dog per Agility class. Youth showing in Agility may show the same or different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

2. Obedience

Beginner Novice A

Beginner Novice A is for the first-year member and first-year dog with no prior show experience.

Beginner Novice A youth are not permitted to show the same or different dog in any other obedience class. This is like any other "A" class and can never be repeated by youth or dog. Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice A.

Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice

Youth may show two or more project dogs in Beginner Novice B and/or Pre-Novice, provided the youth and dog meet eligibility requirements. A dog cannot be shown in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year. Youth may show the same dog in other non-obedience classes and/or a different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

Preferred Novice

Youth may show two or more project dogs at the Preferred Novice Level, provided the youth and dog meet class eligibility requirements. Youth may show the same dog in other non-obedience classes. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

Novice

Youth may show one project dog at the Novice A level, provided the youth and dog meet class eligibility requirements. Youth may show two or more project dogs at the Novice B level, provided the youth and dog meet class eligibility requirements. Youth may show the same dog in other non-obedience classes and/or a different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

Advanced Obedience

Youth may show two project dogs in each of the following Obedience classes: Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, and Utility provided youth and dogs meet eligibility requirements. Level "A" and "B" in Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open and Utility will be combined into single classes, without designation of experience. Classes provided at these levels will be listed as Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open and Utility. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other non-obedience disciplines and/or a different dog in other obedience levels provided they meet those

eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

3. **Brace**

Youth must show two project dogs that are capable of performing the Novice exercises. Youth may show the same dogs or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth showing in Beginner Novice or Pre-Novice classes cannot show in Brace.

4. **Teams**

Pre-Novice Team: Youth may enter two or more project dogs in Beginner Novice B and/or Pre-Novice and may enter more than one dog in Pre-Novice team provided the project dogs entered are for different teams.

Advanced Team: Youth may show a Novice level or above project dog in the Advanced Team class if having multiple dogs. Youth may participate in a second Advanced Team class provided they use a different project dog. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

Team alternates must enter online for their respective Team class to be eligible to replace another team member.

5. **Rally**

Youth may show a maximum of two project dogs per Rally level. A level is Rally Novice, Rally Intermediate, Rally Advanced, or Rally Excellent. Therefore, youth may show two dogs in Rally Novice B, two dogs in Rally Intermediate B, two dogs in Rally Advanced, and two dogs in Rally Excellent. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

6. **Showmanship**

Showmanship classes are based on age of youth and show experience of the youth and dog. Therefore, an exhibitor and dog can show in **ONE** Showmanship class only. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

7. **You and Your Dog**

You and Your Dog classes are based on the age of youth. Therefore, an exhibitor and dog can show in **ONE** You and Your Dog class only. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Refer to *You and Your Dog* rules for completion requirements of the *Dog Project and Record Book* for judging.

8. **4-H PetPALS**

Youth **MUST** be enrolled in the 4-H PetPALS Project No. 230 to be eligible to enter this class. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. [Note: Youth who have more than one 4-H PetPALS species [i.e. a dog and a rabbit, or dog and cat, etc.] can enter the rabbit or cat, etc. in 4-H PetPALS Day held (Date TBD) in the Youth Center.)

9. Assistance Dogs

- a. Assistance Dogs must be 6 months of age by show date. Youth taking Assistance Dog projects may show their Assistance Dogs in You and Your Dog classes. Youth must show in the appropriate age You and Your Dog level.
- b. Youth taking Assistance Dogs may show their Assistance Dogs in one Beginning Obedience level/class (Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, or Pre-Novice) that meets the exhibitor's experience eligibility. Youth showing Assistance Dogs may show a different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.
- c. Youth taking Assistance Dogs may enter the Canine Good Citizen class.
- d. Youth taking Assistance Dogs may also participate in the Poster Contest and Skillathon.

10. Canine Freestyle

Youth may show one project dog in a maximum of two Canine Freestyle classes, with the following exception: Youth showing in the Sassy Seniors class may NOT show this senior dog in another Freestyle class. ** To show in a Canine Freestyle class at the Ohio State Fair, youth and their dogs must have practiced a routine and be prepared to perform the routine to the best of their abilities, as a result of training and practice.*

Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

11. Drill Team

Drill Team entries must consist of no more than two Drill Team entries per county. The same youth may participate on more than one Drill Team in their county provided they use a different project dog. Refer to the Drill Team rules for cross-county Drill Team eligibility. Refer to the Drill Team rules for the number/size of Drill Teams per county permitted to show. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

- Drill Team entries must be made online. Drill Team alternates must enter online for their respective Drill Team class to be eligible to replace another team member.

12. AKC Trick Dog

Youth may enter AKC Trick Dog classes with the same or different project dog(s) and are permitted to enter more than one dog per Trick Dog class. Youth showing in AKC Trick Dog may show the same or different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. AKC Trick Dog classes offered include Novice Trick Dog, Intermediate Trick Dog, and Advanced Trick Dog.

- *To show in an AKC Trick Dog class at the Ohio State Fair, youth and their dogs must have practiced the tricks performed and be prepared to perform to the best of their abilities, as a result of training and practice.*

13. AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Youth may enter AKC CGC classes with the same or different project dog(s) and are permitted to enter any number of project dogs in AKC CGC. Youth showing in AKC CGC may show the same or different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

- *To show in an AKC CGC class at the Ohio State Fair, youth and their dogs must have practiced the test exercises and be prepared to perform to the best of their abilities, as a result of training and practice.*

AKC Trick Dog and AKC Canine Good Citizen Rules for Ohio 4-H/Ohio State Fair Participation

From the AKC

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is excited to continue to offer 4-H members an opportunity to try AKC events. They have developed a special form (see link below) that allows 4-H members to 1) obtain an AKC junior handler number and 2) (if necessary) obtain an AKC participation number for their dog, at **no charge**. (While the junior number is always free, there is normally a \$35 fee to get a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) or Canine Partner (CP) (All-American Dog) number for a dog). Once the 4-H member has a junior handler number and a participation number for their dog, they can begin participating in AKC events, earning AKC titles on their dogs, as well as get points in the new Junior Recognition Program.

There are several events that may be held independently of an AKC club, where AKC titles may be earned by 4-H members. These include the Agility Course Test, the Canine Good Citizen Test, Trick Dog Testing, as well as the Farm Dog Certification.

Also, special for 4-H dog clubs, AKC will process the CGC and Trick Dog title applications at no charge (normally \$20.00 for each title), following instructions on the letter from AKC at the following link, which includes the Canine Partners/PAL/Junior Number application: [AKC Letter and CP/PAL/Jr. Number Application](#). Dogs must be spayed or neutered, and if purebred, a photograph must be attached to the application. Youth with dogs with AKC registration numbers must complete a [Junior Handler Number Application](#), but do not need to complete the CP/PAL/Junior Number special form.

The Ohio State Fair Dog Show Committee will submit completed applications to AKC for youth passing the Trick Dog and CGC tests at the Ohio State Fair to earn those respective titles, provided youth have received a Junior Handler Number and CP/PAL number.

Handler's Appearance

Exhibitors should be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog shows. Clothing should not distract, limit or hinder the judge's view of the dog. Youth with long hair should tie it back to keep it from interfering with handling or the judge's view.

- **Acceptable clothing** includes club shirts (including t-shirts), jeans, and shorts. Slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, capri or crop pants, colored jeans, collared blouses and shirts, polo shirts, or similar attire are also acceptable. Acceptable footwear includes closed-toe shoes, rubber-soled shoes, flats, and similar type footwear.
- **Inappropriate clothing** includes clothing that is too tight or too revealing, such as short skirts, short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, low cut blouses or shirts, shorts hanging too low on the waist, clothing with holes or tears in the fabric, torn jeans of any kind, or other similar types of clothing. Do not wear clothing with lettering and distracting or offensive wording or designs. Do not wear hats. Do not wear sandals, open-toed shoes, high-heeled shoes, clogs, or similar type footwear. *Exhibitors dressed inappropriately will have points deducted or may be excused from the show ring.*

Dog's Appearance

Dogs must be clean, well-brushed and in good physical condition appropriate for the dog's age. The coat must be free from mats and loose hair.

Dogs are not permitted to be dyed or colored in any way. If coat or nails show any evidence of dye or coloring, the score sheet will reflect a major point deduction.

Collars

- ***Acceptable collars include:*** Well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, martingales, or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. Flat securely attached tags are permitted on these collars. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar. Dogs may also wear body harnesses for the CGC test. Body harnesses should not restrict the movement of the dog. Note: If CGC testing for 4-H PetPALS, collars, martingales or harnesses may not contain any chain material.
- ***Acceptable collars while outside the show ring:*** Head halters, fancy collars, harnesses, and studded collars are permitted on dogs.
- ***Unacceptable collars anywhere on the Fairgrounds:*** Pinch collars, collars with prongs or spikes on inside or outside, electronic collars, or any other special training collars, or muzzles. Youth are subject to disqualification from showing and removal from the Fairgrounds if their dogs are seen wearing these collars or devices.

Leashes

Leashes may be of fabric or leather. Chain leashes and retractable leashes are not acceptable.

All dogs must be kept on leash except when in the judging or exercise areas and must be brought into and taken out of the ring on leash. Dogs must be kept on leash in the ring when brought in to receive awards.

Unless designated otherwise, the handler will leave the leash on the judge's table during all exercises performed off leash.

Fouling the Ring

A dog that fouls the ring during AKC Trick Dog and AKC Canine Good Citizen testing will not be permitted to continue testing that day.

Fouling includes urine, feces or vomit. In exceptionally poor ring conditions, judges must confer with the show committee and other judges to determine penalties if fouling should occur.

AKC TRICK DOG

General Rules

Refer to www.akc.org/trick-dog/ for information about AKC Trick Dog Testing and Titles.

1. AKC Trick Dog titling classes offered include Novice Trick Dog, Intermediate Trick Dog, and Advanced Trick Dog. Trick Dog Performer and Trick Dog Elite Performer, will not be offered.
2. Youth must be enrolled in an Ohio 4-H Dog project to be eligible to enter one or more Trick Dog classes. (Exception: Youth enrolled in the 200 *All About Dogs* project, since this project is for beginning youth who do not have a dog as a 4-H project, are not eligible.)
3. Youth may enter any number of project dogs in AKC Trick Dog and are permitted to enter more than one dog per Trick Dog class.

- *To show in an AKC Trick Dog class at the Ohio State Fair, youth and their dogs must have practiced the tricks performed and be prepared to perform to the best of their abilities, as a result of training and practice.*
4. Youth may enter AKC Trick Dog classes on both Wednesday, August 4 and Thursday, August 5 with the same or different project dog(s). Youth may enter no more than one (1) Trick Dog class per day with the same dog.
 5. Youth may enter Trick Dog Novice, for example, on August 4 and may also enter Trick Dog Novice on August 5. Should the youth and dog earn a Trick Dog Novice title on August 4, the team may move to Trick Dog Intermediate on August 5, or elect to stay in Trick Dog Novice on August 5, and repeat this class performing the same or different tricks.
 - If electing to move from one Trick Dog level to the next on the second day (August 5) with the same dog, the exhibitor must let the Registration Desk know following their class on the first day (August 4).
 6. Youth with current Trick Dog titles may enter the same Trick Dog class at the Ohio State Fair in which they already have titled, or they may move to the next level, with the same dog with which the title was earned. They may not move to a lower level. For example, if a youth already has the AKC Intermediate Trick Dog title, they may enter the Intermediate Trick Dog class, however may not enter the Novice Trick Dog class with that same dog. Youth who have earned titles in Trick Dog Advanced must remain in that class each day with that same dog.
 7. Items provided at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show for Trick Dog testing include (1) balance beam, (2) extra-large dog crate, (3) jump, (4) tunnel, and (5) weave poles. Youth are responsible for bringing other test items.
 8. Youth must enter the appropriate Trick Dog class using the online entry system and pay a \$4.00 entry fee per dog per class.
 9. Youth showing in AKC Trick Dog may show the same or different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

Trick Dog Classes Offered at the Ohio State Fair

Trick Dog Novice
 Trick Dog Intermediate
 Trick Dog Advanced

Novice Trick Dog Title Guidelines

For the Novice Trick Dog title, the dog must either perform 10 tricks (see appendix) or have the CGC certificate or title on record at AKC and perform 5 tricks. The CGC will count as 5 tricks. Exception: A youth/dog team who passes the CGC at the OSF Dog Show prior to performing in the Novice Trick Dog class will be permitted to perform 5 tricks instead of 10 tricks.

In the Novice Trick Dog test, handlers:

- **May** use food/toys as a lure (unless otherwise indicated for a specific trick). Lures are used to guide the dog into position.
- **May** use lures, hand signals and/or verbal cues unless otherwise indicated for a specific trick.
- **May** use food as a reinforcer and **may also use** clickers to mark behaviors. Reinforcers come after the behavior to tell the dog the behavior was done correctly.

- In the Novice level, the dog will do each trick 2 times for the evaluator unless otherwise specified.

CGC and Trick Dog titles may be earned on the same day; however, handlers should send both CGC and Tricks title application in the same envelope so that AKC can enter the CGC on the record first.

(Note: OSF Dog Show will send in both to AKC following the show.)

Intermediate Trick Dog Title Guidelines

For the Intermediate Trick Dog title, the dog must perform 10 tricks from the Intermediate tricks list (see appendix). Dog must have already earned the Novice Trick Dog title.

In the Intermediate Trick Dog test, handlers:

- **May NOT** use food/toys as a lure (except in tricks where this is specifically permitted – crawl on belly and weaves). (Lures are used to guide the dog into position.)
- **May** use food as a reinforcer and **may also use** clickers to mark behaviors. (Reinforcers come after the behavior to tell the dog the behavior was done correctly.)

In the Intermediate level, the dog will do each trick 2 times for the evaluator unless otherwise specified.

Tricks performed in the test for Novice may not be repeated in Intermediate. A more advanced version of the same trick may be performed.

Handlers are advised to keep a copy of tricks submitted at each level. They can easily take a photo with a cell phone to record their tricks.

Advanced Trick Dog Title Guidelines

For the Advanced Trick Dog title, the dog must perform 10 tricks from the Advanced tricks list (see appendix). Dog must have already earned the Novice and Intermediate Trick Dog titles. Tricks must be advanced and not previously submitted for other titles.

In the Advanced Trick Dog test, handlers:

- **May NOT** use food/toys as a lure. (Lures are used to guide the dog into position.)
- **May** use food as a reinforcer and **may also use** clickers to mark behaviors. (Reinforcers come after the behavior to tell the dog the behavior was done correctly.)

In the Advanced level, the dog will do each trick **1 time** for the evaluator.

Awards

Youth meeting the requirements to earn an AKC Trick Dog Title will receive the appropriate AKC Trick Dog ribbon. All youth will receive participation ribbons for each class in which they exhibit. An exhibitor may earn 1 point toward their OSF Championship Title for participation in ONE Trick Dog class.

AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Introduction

The AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The CGC Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club and earn CGC as a title. Refer to <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/> for information about AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing and Titles.

General Rules

1. The basic AKC Canine Good Citizen test will be the only CGC test offered at the Ohio State Fair. The AKC Urban CGC and the AKC Community Canine tests will not be offered.
2. Youth must be enrolled in an Ohio 4-H Dog project to be eligible to enter a Canine Good Citizen class. (Exception: Youth enrolled in the 200 *All About Dogs* project, since this project is for beginning youth who do not have a dog as a 4-H project, are not eligible.)
3. Youth may enter any number of project dogs in the Canine Good Citizen class each day.
 - *To show in the AKC CGC class at the Ohio State Fair, youth and their dogs must have practiced the test items performed and be prepared to perform to the best of their abilities, as a result of training and practice.*
4. Youth may enter the CGC class on both Wednesday, August 4 and Thursday, August 5 with the same or different project dog(s).
5. Youth may enter dogs that already have their CGC certificate, including title, to compete in this class. If passing all 10 test items, the youth will receive a CCG ribbon and copy of the test results. Note: For 4-H PetPALS, youth must retest their 4-H PetPALS dogs every TWO years, for them to continue visiting as 4-H PetPALS. Passing this CGC test will count.
6. A sample AKC Canine Good Citizen Program CGC Test/Registration Form can be found in the Appendix. However, youth must fill in the requested information on the actual Test/Registration Form, and if under 18 years of age must have a parent/guardian signature. The actual form is a 3-part carbonless form used by the evaluator for testing. Forms will be available at the OSF Dog Show Registration desk for those entered in the CGC class on August 4 and/or August 5.
7. Dogs must wear the appropriate collars/harnesses as listed on page 19. If testing for 4-H PetPALS, collars cannot contain any type of chain material.
8. Youth must bring their own comb or brush to use for Test Item 3: Appearance and Grooming.
9. Handlers are not permitted to use food as a reward during the CGC test.
10. Handlers are not permitted to pretend to have food to lure the dog during the CGC test. An example is when the dog owner used a closed fist as though it had food in it and move the hand toward the floor to get the dog to "down".
11. Youth must enter the Canine Good Citizen class using the Ohio State Fair online entry system and pay an entry fee per dog per class.
12. Youth showing in the AKC CGC class may show the same or different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

Classes Offered at The Ohio State Fair

AKC Canine Good Citizen Test

Note: Only the beginning Canine Good Citizen test will be offered at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. The AKC Urban CGC and the AKC Community Canine tests will NOT be offered.

Canine Good Citizen Test Items

Test #1: Accepting a Friendly Stranger – This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness.

Test #2: Sitting Politely for Petting – This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise, the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

Test #3: Appearance and Grooming – This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility. The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e. proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot. It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

Test #4: Out for a Walk (Walking on a Loose Lead) – This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops. The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case, there should be a right turn, left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired.

Test #5: Walking Through a Crowd – This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of over-exuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.

Test #6: Sit and Down on Command and Staying in Place – This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). The dog must do sit AND down on command, then the owner chooses the position for leaving the dog in the stay. Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into position but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance. When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.

Test #7: Coming When Called – This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to "stay" or "wait" or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

Test #8: Reaction to Another Dog – This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.

Test #9: Reaction to Distraction – This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane. The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.

Test #10: Supervised Separation – This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness. Evaluators may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, petting, or management attempts (e.g. "there, there, it's alright").

Awards

Youth meeting the requirements to earn an AKC Canine Good Citizen Certificate and Title will receive an AKC CGC ribbon. All youth will receive participation ribbons for each class in which they exhibit. An exhibitor may earn 1 point toward their OSF Championship Title for participation in ONE Canine Good Citizen class.

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