2026 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Poster Entry Form

Posters and Completed Entry Form Must be Received by June 29 at 4:00pm

Date_____ County_____ Exhibitor's Age (as of Jan. 1)_____

Name_____ Email Address_____

Mailing Address_____

City_____ Zip_____ Phone_____

Dog Project(s) Enrolled In (Circle All That Apply):

You and Your Dog 201D
Performance 201P
All About Dogs 200
Showmanship 201S
Working Dog 201W
Dog Achievement Program 202
Obedience 201O
4-H PetPALS 230

Poster Age Division (Circle One): Junior (8-11 as of 1/1) Intermediate (12-14 as of 1/1) Senior (15-18 as of 1/1)

Title of Poster_____

(1) As parent/guardian, I verify this entry made in the Ohio State Fair Dog Show Poster Contest meets the rules under which my child will exhibit, that all of the information on the entry is truthful, complete and accurate, and that my child has made their own poster. (2) As exhibitor, I verify I have read the State Fair Dog Show Poster Contest rules and agree to abide by these rules and have made my own poster. (3) As 4-H advisor, I verify the 4-H member is in good standing in the club and is enrolled in a 4-H Dog Project. (4) As Extension Educator/Professional, I verify the exhibitor is a 4-H member in good standing in the county and is enrolled in a 4-H Dog Project. Any photographs taken of me or of anyone over whom I am legal guardian become the sole property of the Ohio Expositions Commission. Such photographs may be used at the Commission's discretion without compensation to or prior approval from me.

(1) Parent_____ Date_____ (3) 4-H Advisor_____ Date_____

(3) Exhibitor_____ Date_____ (4) Co. Educator_____ Date_____

All Poster Entry Forms and Posters must be mailed or delivered to OSF Dog Poster Contest, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH 43210, and be received by June 29. In person deliveries must be taken to the 3rd floor.

See Reverse Side for Rules

Entry Information and Deadline

1. Youth must be enrolled in a 4-H dog project or with a dog in 4-H PetPALS to participate in the Poster Contest but need not own or show a dog.
2. Each youth must complete a *2026 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Poster Entry Form* and send (or bring) the completed entry form along with poster to the OSF Dog Poster Contest, Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210. In person deliveries must be taken to the 3rd floor, attn. Sara Deakin.
3. **Posters must be Received by Monday, June 29, 2026 at 4:00 pm.**
4. Posters arriving after the June 29 deadline and or those not meeting rule requirements WILL NOT BE JUDGED; however, will be displayed if there is space.
5. There are no entry fees for the poster contest.

Rules

1. Age divisions will be as follows: Junior (ages 8-11), Intermediate (ages 12-14), and Senior (ages 15-18). All ages are as of January 1, 2026.
2. First place winners in each age division may exhibit every year provided the age requirements are met.
3. Each poster must be made by the 4-H member.
4. **Posters must be made using size *22" x 28"* *regular* *poster board*.** Do not use foam core poster board or science fair display boards.
5. **Posters MUST be constructed and displayed *horizontally*.**
6. Do not mount poster boards on any type of stiff backing.
7. Shadow boxes, overlays, peek-through or lift-up windows or three-dimensional posters are not permitted. Items hanging off the sides of the poster are not permitted.
8. Stick-on letters and stickers are permitted.
9. It is not a requirement for posters to be laminated; however, lamination may help preserve the poster. Please know that **posters will be hung with duct tape.** We will make every effort to protect your poster but can't guarantee they won't be damaged. If you are worried, please laminate.
10. Each poster must be ***clearly labeled in the front lower right hand corner with the exhibitor's name, county, and age as of January 1, 2026.***
11. Refer to the Poster Contest Rules in the *2026 Poster Contest,* rule information. Posters will be judged on Educational Content (50 pts.), Neatness/Appearance (30 pts.), and Originality (20 pts.). A score sheet can be found at www.osu.edu/osfdogs.
12. Poster score sheets are used for judging only and will not be returned to the exhibitor.
13. Posters will be displayed in the Voinovich Trade Center during the State Fair Dog Show. All posters that place will be displayed throughout the Dog Show. Depending on the number of other posters received, a certain percentage of posters will be displayed each day.
14. Posters will be released after the awards presentation on Wednesday, July 21 or after they have had their turn at being displayed. Exhibitors who are not present on July 21 should have a representative take their posters to them following the Ohio State Fair Dog Show.

Refer to www.go.osu.edu/resourcesdogs or www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs for complete information about the Poster Contest.