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Entry Information and Deadline

1. Youth must be enrolled in either a 4-H or FFA dog project to participate in the Poster Contest but need not show a dog. 4-H dog projects include *All About Dogs*, Project No. 200; *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D; *Obedience*, Project No. 201O; *Showmanship*, Project No. 201S; *Performance*, Project No. 201P; *Working Dogs*, Project No. 201W; and *Dog Achievement Program*, Project No. 202.
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, Ohio 43210, by the deadline.
3. **All posters must be received by Monday, June 29, 2026.** Posters and entry forms must be mailed, or hand delivered to: OSF Dog Poster Contest, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2203 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH 43210. In person deliveries must be taken to the 3rd floor.
4. Posters received after the June 1 deadline may be displayed but will not be judged.

There are no entry fees for posters entries.

Awards

1. A first-place trophy will be awarded to the winner of each age division. First through 15th place rosettes will be awarded to the top 15 poster winners in each age division.
2. *Ohio State Fair Championship Title* – Participants will receive 1 point toward an OSF Championship Title for exhibiting a poster. Participants will receive an additional 5 points for placing 1st through 15th.
3. *Exhibitor Versatility Award* – Exhibitors must place in the top 5 in their poster age division for points to be counted toward an Exhibitor Versatility Award, provided meeting the other Exhibitor Versatility Award requirements.

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 or FFA 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 note that duct tape will be used to hang posters. If you are concerned about damage to your poster, please consider laminating.
10. Each poster must be ***clearly labeled in the front lower right-hand corner with the*** **(1)** ***exhibitor's name,*** **(2)** ***county, and*** **(3)** ***age as of January 1, 2026***.
11. Posters will be judged on Educational Content (50 pts.), Neatness/Appearance (30 pts.), and Originality (20 pts.). Refer to the Appendix for the Poster Score Sheet.
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 Livestock and 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 noon on the last day of the dog show or after they have had their turn at being displayed. *Exhibitors who are not present to take home their posters should have a representative take their posters to them following the State Fair Dog Show.*