2026 Ohio 4-H/Ohio State Fair Dog Show Intermediate A & B Showmanship and Intermediate You and Your Dog Question Bank
Youth Ages 12-14 as of January 1, 2026

Show Committees and Judges: These questions **MUST** be used when interviewing youth for Intermediate A & B Showmanship and Intermediate Your and Your Dog Judging during the 2026 4-H project year. *There are separate sets of questions for use for You and Your Dog Interview Judging and All About Dogs Interview Judging held during Companion Animal Day at the Ohio State Fair.*

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 juniors at a show. Select less difficult questions for Intermediate A Showmanship handlers. Also, select questions that are relevant and less difficult for beginning youth taking You and Your Dog. For State Fair Showmanship and You and Your Dog, 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.

Youth can find the answers to all of these questions in the Ohio *4-H Dog Resource Handbook*. ©2024 edition.

Q1. Why can short-nosed dogs, like Pugs, easily become overheated?

Q2. The Saluki is in what AKC Group of dogs?

Q3. The Cane Corso is in what AKC Group of dogs?

Q4. What does the term “release word” mean?

Q5. How many total vertebrae do dogs have (give range)?

Q6. Define the two (2) ways the term “whelp” is used.

Q7. North American breeds of dogs, such as the Alaskan Malamute, descended from what type of wolf?

Q8. What breed of dog was founded by Captain Max von Stephanitz?

Q9. The Dalmatian is an example of a breed having what type of bite according to the AKC breed standard?

Q10. Name five (5) of the six main ear types.

Q11. What is another word for a round eye shape?

Q12. How is a whip tail carried?

Q13. What types of feet have toes that are connected by a membrane?

Q14. Name two (2) types of forequarters.

Q15. Describe bandy legs on a dog's hindquarters.

Q16. What are the two (2) types of hindquarters?

Q17. While medium-coated breeds of dogs vary greatly from one breed to another, what do they all have in common in reference to their medium-length coats?

Q18. What is the name of the brush that has densely set wire teeth effective at removing mats and dead coat from long, wire, and curly-coated dogs?

Q19. How often should you groom dogs with long coats?

Q20. What is the purpose of a dog's quick?

Q21. Designer dogs are what type of dogs typically sold for high prices?

Q22. Who should you purchase a purebred puppy from?

Q23. What are dogs in a breed show judged on?

Q24. Give two (2) reasons why dogs should never be left unattended on a tie out.

Q25. How can you reduce the incidence of prostate cancer and eliminate the chance of testicular cancer in male dogs?

Q26. What are two (2) reasons why a dog might exhibit play bow behavior?

Q27. What are the names of the two (2) submissive behaviors a dog might exhibit?

Q28. Which dog's sense is better developed than in any other domestic animal species?

Q29. What is the definition of stress?

Q30. Show me where the stop is on your dog.

Q31. What is the thick, tough cover of the paw cushion called?

Q32. What is the name of the dog's pads that bear most of his weight?

Q33. What skull shape does a Labrador Retriever have?

Q34. What is the fifth vestigial digit called that all breeds are born with on each front foot?

Q35. What are the 2 major divisions of a dog's nervous system?

Q36. How much of a dog's body weight comes from the skeletal muscles (give range)?

Q37. What are the purposes of a dog's incisors?

Q38. Describe the difference when asked to show a dog's bite versus showing a dog's teeth.

Q39. Why should you not make direct eye contact with the judge during the gaiting pattern?

Q40. What does the term anthelmintic mean?

Q41. What type of parasite is *Giardia intestinalis*, which causes Giardia in dogs?

Q42. What does setting the near side of your dog's feet mean?

Q43. Where should you position a small dog on the showmanship table?

Q44. Name the five (5) types of showmanship patterns.

Q45. When performing the "L" Pattern, where is the most difficult part of the pattern performed?

Q46. What respiratory disease is caused by an H3N8 influenza virus?

Q47. What species of roundworms or ascarids is common to dogs?

Q48. How can you achieve properly trimmed toenails for showmanship?

Q49. What is the 4-H therapy dog program Ohio offers to youth that teaches youth how to make animal-assisted activities visits with their dogs?

Q50. Name five (5) types of internal parasites found in dogs.