

**2026 Ohio 4-H/Ohio State Fair Dog Show Junior A & B Showmanship
and Junior You and Your Dog Question Bank
Youth Ages 9-11 as of January 1, 2026**

Show Committees and Judges: These questions **MUST** be used when interviewing youth for Junior A & B Showmanship and Junior 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 Junior 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 these questions in the *Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook ©2024* edition.

- Q1. How many total teeth do mature dogs have?
- Q2. What was the first animal tamed by humans?
- Q3. What does it mean when we say dogs are social animals?
- Q4. Name three (3) of the seven groups of dogs recognized by the American Kennel Club.
- Q5. What were hounds originally bred to do?
- Q6. Which AKC group has the widest variety of breeds of dogs, varying in their looks, size, and actions?
- Q7. What does it mean when a dog has an undershot bite?
- Q8. What type of ear carriage does a Pug have?
- Q9. What eye shape does a Dachshund have?
- Q10. Name two (2) of the five (5) basic coat types.
- Q11. Name two (2) types of nail clippers used to trim dogs' nails.
- Q12. Why is it best to bring a new dog or puppy home in the morning?
- Q13. What is "targeting"?

- Q14. What is the general term for dogs that search for missing persons?
- Q15. How many toes does a dog have on each foot, not including the dewclaw?
- Q16. How many teeth do puppies have?
- Q17. What is the range of a dog's normal body temperature?
- Q18. Name two (2) types of external parasites that might be found on or attached to your dog's skin?
- Q19. In which organ can adult heartworms be found in a dog?
- Q20. What is the range of the normal resting heart rate for most adult dogs?
- Q21. Name two (2) categories of nutrients needed by dogs.
- Q22. How many bones are in a dog's skeleton?
- Q23. What is the purpose of the axial skeleton?
- Q24. What is another name for a dog's phalanges?
- Q25. What purpose does the fatty inner layer of the pad serve?
- Q26. What happens to a dog's hair as the hours of daylight grow shorter?
- Q27. How many pads are on a dog's hind foot?
- Q28. How many sets of teeth do dogs grow in a lifetime?
- Q29. What is the purpose of a dog's premolar teeth?
- Q30. What is the largest and most visible organ of a dog's body?
- Q31. What is body condition scoring?
- Q32. What is the first sense a dog develops?
- Q33. What animals do dogs appear to be most like, inheriting their keen senses of hearing, sight, and smell?
- Q34. What is it called when dogs give birth to their puppies?
- Q35. What is a sire?
- Q36. What is the main purpose of a Bloodhound's long, drop ears?
- Q37. In what AKC group is the Vizsla?

- Q38. The Miniature Schnauzer is in what AKC group?
- Q39. What type of tail carriage can a Bulldog have?
- Q40. What organization's purpose is to improve the areas of training, placement, and utilization of Assistance Dogs?
- Q41. What are the 3 types of Assistance Dogs?
- Q42. In Showmanship, how do you show your dog's bite to the judge?
- Q43. In Showmanship, what is the first step in stacking your dog?
- Q44. Name two (2) kinds of internal parasites that might be found in puppies or dogs.
- Q45. What species of tick is the main carrier of the bacteria that causes Lyme disease?
- Q46. If you come across a dog hit by a car, what is the first thing you should do and why?
- Q47. Dog food comes in 3 forms. Name all three.
- Q48. In Showmanship, at what gait do most breeds move around the ring?
- Q49. In Showmanship, if doing a courtesy turn, how many circles should you make before you begin your pattern?
- Q50. What is it called when you remove a female's reproductive organs so she cannot have puppies?