2026 Ohio 4-H/Ohio State Fair Dog Show Senior A & B Showmanship and Senior You and Your Dog Question Bank
Youth Ages 15-18 as of January 1, 2026

Show Committees and Judges: These questions **MUST** be used when interviewing youth for Senior A & B Showmanship and Senior 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 Senior 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.

****Senior B Showmanship exhibitors may be asked questions from Senior, Junior and Intermediate question banks.***

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

Q1. The irises of dogs' eyes contract in what type of motion?

Q2. In order from head to tail, name the types of vertebrae found in the dog, and the number of each type.

Q3. What AKC Dog Groups are the following dogs in: (1) Black Russian Terrier; (2) Basenji; (3) Miniature Schnauzer; (4) Puli; (5) Havanese and (6) Spinoni Italiano

Q4. Describe a button ear.

Q5. Describe an overshot bite.

Q6. Describe the ear flap structure of a Newfoundland, and explain why it is made that way.

Q7. What does "eye shape" refer to?

Q8. What type of tail is carried out and up in a semicircle, but not touching the back, such as seen in a Chihuahua?

Q9. Describe these two tail carriages: (1) otter tail, (2) ring tail

Q10. What two (2) regions of the back make up a roach back?

Q11. What are the two (2) functions of a dog's forequarters?

Q12. Describe the leg structure of a dog that is cow hocked.

Q13. What is the major disadvantage of a dog with a smooth coat?

Q14. Why are curly coats common in water dogs?

Q15. What are two purposes of the undercoat rake?

Q16. Why might you need to use styptic powder?

Q17. What type of scissors should you use to trim the hair between the pads?

Q18. When checking ears, what areas of the ear should you inspect, and why?

Q19. What is the difference between a purebred and a crossbred dog?

Q20. Why should you spend time watching the entire litter (or those puppies remaining) when selecting a puppy?

Q21. If keeping a dog in a fenced dog run, describe three (3) criteria for the type of fencing used.

Q22. What are five (5) reasons for neutering male dogs?

Q23. When socializing puppies, what three (3) kinds of stimulation does socialization include?

Q24. During a puppy's first 12-16 weeks of life, what has the most impact on shaping a dog's temperament and behavior?

Q25. When a dog vocalizes, what three (3) behaviors are high pitched vocalizations typically used for?

Q26. Name five (5) of the seven body postures when a dog communicates visually.

Q27. Stress can be the effect of what 3 factors that cause a change in the dog's homeostasis or adaptive state?

Q28. When a dog disciplines a pack member, what two (2) ways do they communicate?

Q29. Name 5 of the AKC's Canine Good Citizen test items?

Q30. Name the three (3) most common types of crates, and of those three, which is the least secure?

Q31. What are clickers and what is their purpose?

Q32. When housebreaking your puppy, why should you never scold him if you did not catch him doing it?

Q33. What is the purpose of 4-H showmanship?

Q34. What is one way to get control of your dog's head when stacking?

Q35. What is ringworm and how is it transmitted?

Q36. Why is it undesirable to take short, choppy steps when gaiting your dog?

Q37. Why might the judge ask the handler to show the dog's teeth?

Q38. How might brucellosis spread from one dog to another?

Q39. What are the first symptoms of heartworms in a dog? (name 3)

Q40. What is the intention for use of noncore vaccines?

Q41. What is the term called when one or both testicles fail to descend into the scrotum? Why should these dogs be neutered?

Q42. What species of mite causes "walking dandruff?"

Q43. What is *Giardia intestinalis*, where is it found internally in the dog, and how do dogs typically get this?

Q44. What two types of external parasites found on dogs belong to the arachnid family?

Q45. What are 3 reasons why dogs diagnosed with brucellosis should be euthanized?

Q46. What are three (3) disadvantages to feeding semi-moist dog food?

Q47. The Guaranteed Analysis on a food label lists the minimum levels and maximum levels of what nutrients?

Q48. What are the four (4) stages in a bitch's estrous cycle in the correct order of occurrence?

Q49. Why is it important that puppies drink the dam's colostrum during the first 24 hours of birth, and how is the colostrum beneficial to the puppies' health?

Q50. Name and number the 5 levels of body condition scoring according to the Body Condition Scoring chart in the Dog Resource Handbook.