

## DEPARTMENT 48

### 4-H Dogs



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4-H Dog Project covers 5 disciplines in dog showing/sports. They are:

- Showmanship
- Obedience
- Rally Obedience
- Agility
- Freestyle

Only some disciplines will be exhibited in association with the Ravalli County Fair. Competitions in the other disciplines take place prior to Fair but the placements in these disciplines will be considered when determining Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion placement for Fair.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Only Flat collars or Martingales are allowed for Obedience. Rally, Freestyle and Agility and Showmanship collars and leads for Showmanship.
2. Dogs will be judged in accordance with modified AKC and 4-H standards. Dogs are to be kept on leash at all times while at the Fairgrounds, and are only allowed off-leash while performing specific exercises inside the performance rings.
3. Participant's attire: Regular closed toe and heel walking type shoes (clean, holeless tennis shoes are acceptable), either white collared shirts and dark pants (black or blue) or AKC style attire as approved by the Superintendents.  
**NO SANDALS & NO SHORTS.**
4. 4-H members must show their own dog except when they have more than one dog in the project. Then only, another 4-H member may present the member's second dog in the group "sits and downs" exercises.
5. Dogs may enter one or all of the disciplines, but for the disciplines that occur prior to Fair they must have competed in that discipline in order

to enter (youth are encouraged to enter all 5 as well as still exhibits). In order to participate in any of these classes at Fair, they must have attended 80% or more of the countywide meetings. If youth & dog have not attended the countywide 4-H Dog meetings, they must have the Superintendent's approval to enter the Fair. Superintendents must approve the Fair entries of all youth in "Dog".

6. Dogs entered in Showmanship class **must** be dogs entered in Dog Project.
7. Blue Ribbon winners are encouraged to advance to the next level; Red & White Ribbon cannot advance to next level.
8. **Current Vaccination records must be provided to the Superintendent prior to show day. No dog will be allowed in the show without it.**
  - a. **Required Vaccinations: Rabies:** 1st vaccine by 4 months of age then 1 year and every 3 years thereafter.
  - b. **Canine Distemper, Parvo, Hepatitis** as recommended by the AHA as puppy shots.
  - c. **Parvo and Distemper** vaccines every 3 years thereafter or titers.
  - d. **Other vaccines may be recommended by your veterinarian.**

**NOTE: any dog not current on vaccinations or titers as stated above must have a letter from a veterinarian or accredited professional explaining how**

**the dog is being protected and that there is not a risk for that dog to participate in the Fair.**

9. **ANY DOG showing aggression** is subject to dismissal from the Fair at the Superintendent's discretion.
10. **NO CHANGES OR LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER CLOSING DATE. Up to date record book and project book is required by closing date.**
11. The Exhibitor will be required to have records reviewed and be interviewed by an appointee of the dog project Superintendent.

12. The Champion Junior, Champion Intermediate and Champion Senior Showmen will be eligible to compete in the small animal ring of Round Robin Showmanship showing all small animals, Friday afternoon in the Hornung Arena.
13. See Department 51, Class F to exhibit your still exhibits & posters in Dog.

**Premiums: \$3.00; \$2.00; \$1.00**

#### Class A - Showmanship

Lot No.

1. Junior Showmanship - Ages 8-11 as of Oct. 1
2. Intermediate Showmanship - Ages 12-13 as of Oct. 1
3. Senior Showmanship - Ages 14 & over as of Oct. 1

#### Class B - Obedience

Lot No.

1. Family Dog
2. Beginner Novice (A or B)
3. Novice (A or B)
4. Graduate Novice (A or B)
5. Open (A or B)
6. Graduate Open (A or B)
7. Utility (A or B)

#### Class C - Rally

Lot No.

1. Rally Novice (A or B)
2. Rally Advanced (A or B)
3. Rally Excellent (A or B)

#### Class D - Agility

Lot No.

1. Beginner Agility
2. Intermediate Agility
3. Advanced Agility

#### Class E - Other

Lot No.

1. Novice Freestyle
2. Intermediate Freestyle
3. Advanced Freestyle

