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INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose for writing this manual is to serve as a guide for 4-H Leaders and members of the 4-H Dog project in New Hampshire. We hope that the recommendations in this manual will be useful in giving guidance to all 4-H Dog Show volunteers, as well as exhibitors. Much of the text has been adapted from the Minnesota 4-H Leader's Guide as well as other states 4-H Dog Project guides and the New Hampshire 4-H Dog Curriculum Committee has reviewed this manual.

The secondary purpose for this guide is to assure uniformity in procedure and classes for 4-H Shows regardless of their location. This standardization of procedures should allow 4-H members to know what to expect regardless of the show in which they are participating.

Finally this manual may be used as a teaching tool for 4-H leaders as they help in preparing 4-H members to participate in competitive activities. This book can be a valuable tool in giving direction to educational programs carried on in 4-H Club meetings.

The 4-H Dog show is a high point of the year for many club members. Members who have spent months working their dog(s), perfecting skills in grooming, fitting and showing, and obedience training can put it to a test. A dog show provides an opportunity for a member to demonstrate what he has accomplished while learning how to do it even better. Friendly rivalry at club shows can provide an excellent opportunity to develop good sportsmanship. Also, a show is an especially good opportunity to show the public what is being accomplished in 4-H work.

The 4-H Dog project encourages young people to develop self-confidence, discipline, and a feeling of self-worth. The dog serves as a tool in the growth of each individual. The 4-H Dog show should complement the basic objective of 4-H work, the overall development of the member. Building self-esteem and self-confidence are key parts of this objective.

It is not important to the development of a boy or girl whether they train an All American Dog or a purebred. The 4-H Dog show should emphasize the accomplishments and abilities of the individual exhibitor rather than the ancestry of the dog. All phases of the show, Fitting and Showing, general dog knowledge, and the obedience competition can serve to demonstrate the skills of the 4-H member.

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FAMILY INFORMATION

Purpose of the 4-H Dog Project

All 4-H projects are designed for youth to gain knowledge and practice skills that revolve around a topic of interest to them. In addition, the 4-H youth development program is designed so that youth:

- Develop and practice skills in goal setting, self-responsibility, teamwork and leadership.
- Develop communication skills and an appreciation for learning.
- Develop integrity, sportsmanship, decision-making ability and public presentation skills.
- Care about and serve others through work in their communities.
- Learn about major dog breeds and identify their characteristics.
- Demonstrate abilities in dog care, management, feeding, care, and handling, grooming and fitting.
- Understand the role of scientific research in dog husbandry.
- Explore career opportunities within the animal sciences, including dog care.

4-H DOG SHOW GENERAL INFORMATION

- 4-H dog shows are open to members who have enrolled in the 4-H Dog Care & Training project and who have enrolled their dogs. See UNH Cooperative Extension for most up-to-date guidelines and forms for animal enrollment.
- The members must do all grooming and training associated with their project animals. If a member requires the assistance of an adult (including professional groomers) to groom their dog, they must be present and actively learning during the grooming; members will be judged on their grooming skills/knowledge relative to the members' age/level. Members are responsible for 100 percent of the care, feeding and safety of their dogs while the dogs are on the show grounds. Parents or leaders are not allowed to assist with the preparation of the dog before the show. Adults are not allowed to enter the obedience ring or the show ring or direct from the sidelines during the show.
- It is the member's responsibility to read each 4-H Dog show fair booklet and know and follow each fair's specific rules and regulations.
- Owners enter dog in a 4-H event at their own risk and agree to abide to the 4-H Rules and regulation. The owner has sole responsibility for the dog and is liable if the dog damages anyone or anything.
- Youth with special needs (physical, learning, etc.) may request special accommodations by indicating their need on the entry form. The event superintendent will work closely with the member's county/state 4-H office to ensure that proper arrangements are made. A member requiring assistance may receive help from another 4-H member. If another 4-H member isn't available an approved leader, instructor, or judge may be asked (respectively).
- Tags or licenses on collars and leads are not recommended while in the ring.
- Once a member moves up to a new class, he/she may not revert back to previous (lower level) class with the exception of division C option.
- Moderate practicing and warm up of dogs shall be permitted but not near the rings

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Eligibility of Dog

- A 4-H dog may be All American (mixed breed) or purebred.
- The dog must be at least six months old at the time of the show.
- A 4-H member must train his or her own dog(s) and participate in events. NO other person may train or show the dog from June 1st through Eastern States Exposition (ESE) 4-H Dog Show in the area the 4-H member is showing (i.e. Junior showmanship, obedience, rally obedience, and conformation).
- A wolf or wolf hybrid or coyote or coyote hybrid may not be shown in 4-H.
- No dog shall be eligible to compete with a physical condition that is detrimental to the health of the dog, including pregnancy or dogs that have recently whelped or are lactating.
- Dogs with disabilities, such as blindness and deafness are allowed to compete, provided that they have a letter from a veterinarian stating the disability and any permanent conditions which may be present and need to be taken into consideration in judging of the dog's general well-being (Such as a permanent limp).
- Dogs that are physically disabled and cannot jump the height required (open and utility obedience class) must require a veterinarian's letter. This letter must be updated yearly (current for each show season).
- Females in heat are **NOT** allowed on 4-H Dog show grounds or at 4-H Dog events.
- Only 4-H members/dogs actively exhibiting in a class are allowed in the show ring during a class. It is distracting to exhibitors when others enter the ring.
- Dogs that show signs of aggression toward humans or other dogs will not be allowed to participate in 4-H Dog Shows or events. The show superintendent or judge may ask an exhibitor to remove any dog from the grounds that shows aggression or menaces a person on the show grounds.
- **Prong/Pinch collars or electric collars WILL NOT be allowed in any class, at any 4-H show, or at any event.**

Safety Guidelines for 4-H Dog Shows

While at a 4-H Dog Show, members must always maintain control of their dogs. They must keep their dogs leashed or crated when not showing and must not take their dogs outside of the immediate dog show area. Most fairs in New Hampshire do not allow dogs on their fairgrounds and it is important that 4-H dog exhibitors honor this rule by keeping their dogs contained in the proper area. In addition to being a good safety rule, crating dogs between classes gives the animals a rest period.

Good Sportsmanship

As participants in the New Hampshire 4-H Dog Program, members represent 4-H to the public. We expect our members to act in a responsible, ethical, and sportsman-like manner at all times while participating in a 4-H event. We hold them responsible for reflecting the highest standards of honor and integrity and for promoting the 4-H program and dog project in a positive manner. In addition, older members are expected to model high standards of positive behavior to younger members.

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Sportsmanship-Behavior

- Drinking of alcoholic beverages, doing drugs, or smoking at 4-H events is not allowed.
- All those attending a 4-H event (members, parents, guardians, guests) must follow the Code of Conduct set forth by those running the event.
- Members are expected to participate fully in the events for which they are taking part and must stay until the completion of the event.
- Anyone, preferably an adult, should step up in the event of an emergency (i.e. dog fight, loose dog).
- Adults are not allowed to handle or groom dogs while at a 4-H dog show.
- Adults are not allowed in the show rings at any time, except for emergencies.
- Coaching from ringside and double-handling is not allowed at any 4-H shows. Members found in violation of this rule will forfeit all prizes, ribbons, and scores from the class from which the violation occurred.
- Anyone mistreating an animal will be asked to leave the 4-H event.
- 4-H members are expected to follow these rules as well as those items as appear and were signed by the member in the 4-H Membership form Code of Conduct. *We also expect parents to conduct themselves in a manner reflecting the standards of the NH 4-H program.*

Members and adults that violate any of these rules will be asked to leave the event, and any prizes, ribbons, or awards will be forfeited.

4-H Dog Show Requirements

Members must bring the following appropriate paperwork with them to each show. All forms listed below are available at the 4-H County Extension Office or online at:

<https://extension.unh.edu/resource/4-h-dog-project-overview>

4-H Intent to Show Form, Code of Conduct, Medical Care and Treatment Form - Each dog shown as a project must be listed on a current 4-H Intent to Show form online (via entry into ZSuite profile) **by June 1 of the current year**. See your specific county for further details.

Dog Health Form - A 4-H show health form must accompany every dog at a 4-H Dog Show. This form verifies that the dog has been **vaccinated for rabies and other vaccines**. Do not bring a dog to a show if it is showing any signs of illness.

Record of 4-H Animal Sharing/Borrowing - A member who shares/borrows a dog for show must submit a Sharing/Borrowing Record Form by June 1 of the current year. The member, the local 4-H County Extension Person, and the club Leader must sign this form.

NH 4-H Policy on Replacement Project Animals – Policy can be found at:

http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource002664_Rep3951.pdf

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4-H Dress Code

Exhibitors must be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance. Clothing should be comfortable and appropriate for showing dogs. Top is to be white and bottom is to be green. Recommended uniform is a clean white collared dress shirt or blouse and green pants, culottes, skirt, dress shorts or jumper of appropriate length (no shorter than 2" above the knee). No T-shirts, tank tops, or athletic shorts. Long sleeves, sweaters, or fleeces can be worn, but must be white and patch must be placed on outside so it is visible. No hooded sweatshirts. Any shade of green is allowed. White, black, or brown clean shoes are acceptable. Non-skid footwear is recommended for safety reasons. Bare feet, sandals, open-toed shoes, or clogs are not allowed. Jeans and athletic shorts are not allowed while showing. Members must wear a 4-H insignia (patch) on the left side of their shirts or blouses. The patch can be purchased from the 4-H Source Book or online at www.shop4-h.org. Points may be deducted if recommended uniform is not worn. Members will be disqualified if they are wearing clothing advertising a kennel or breed.

Appropriate attire is required for the entire day.

4-H Dog Show Participation

Members are required to stay until the completion of the entire 4-H Dog Show. Planning to spend the entire day at a dog show means bringing your dog's crate, something to keep them and you shaded, and food and water for both of you.

The 4-H member is required to enter one Fitting and Show **AND** one Obedience class **AND** the Dog Knowledge quiz/quiz bowl at a 4-H dog show. Members who show in the Family Dog class are the only exception, as they do not show in Fitting and Show (see Family Dog section in this document for further information).

The dog used for Fitting and Show must be the same dog shown in the Obedience class. This is the rule for all 4-H shows.

Superintendent may reserve the right to withhold ribbons/prizes, including overall awards and Eastern States Qualification, if the member does not stay until the end of the dog event/dismissal.

Educational Poster

Each 4-H member may bring an educational poster about their dog to be placed near or on the dog's crate at the fairs.

Educational Display or Education Kennel Display

Some shows will offer an award for a set up display. This award is based on the area where you have set up your supplies for the day (crate, grooming table, first aid kit, equipment, etc.) and the management of the area in which your dog resided during the competition. The main goal of this award is to keep your area clean, neat, provide adequate equipment and care to your dog(s), and to educate the public with a display, poster, or wall hanging in your area. As a 4-H member you are to help educate the general public about your project. Educational information (NO personal information) such as breed information, events, and safety are some topics that are interesting and helpful to the public.

This is based loosely on the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Kenneling Program.

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Dog Educational Kennel Display Contest Scoring

Safety

Involvement by members; animals are properly on leash, penned, or in a crate; crates are properly secured; animals not tangled in ropes or leads; walkways clear of any obstructions; equipment stored safely away; leashes, collars, and equipment stored away to prevent tripping; First Aid kit is clearly label and stored in a visible place; choke collars are off dog while inside crate; appliances unplugged while not in use; all decorations must comply with fire regulations.

Kennel Management

Cleanliness - clean bedding for animals; area free of trash; feces is properly disposed of

Neatness - overall visual appearance; storage of supplies and equipment is attractive and organized

Bedding - free of feces and urine; clean; free of parasites; appropriate bedding, depending on weather

Animal care and handling - access to water when needed; no empty buckets or feed dishes with animals; animals are clean; the handler works quietly and calmly; evidence of proper animal care; shade provided to animal, when needed

Courtesy to public and fellow 4-H members - polite to members and public; no inappropriate language or actions; members willing to educate the public

Attractiveness of Exhibit

Arrangement of exhibit - is exhibit educational; attractive, creative, eye catching; easy to view and understand; theme is encouraged; holds attention; individual entries should display a pen/crate card with members (first name, last initial) to identify exhibit; it is encouraged to identify dogs name and breed(s) somewhere in exhibit

Educational Display

Subject matter accurate; theme is encouraged; educational material has one story or central topic; information about 4-Hers project is encouraged; 4-H emblem is displayed; 4-H promotion.

Judging

Judging can be done by a single or multiple judges, combining scores to determine placements. We strongly encourage judge(s) walk through the setups at multiple times to witness the upkeep of the exhibit. The superintendent and judge(s) will determine how many times, and timeframe, they will judge. Members will not know ahead of time when they are being judged; only that it can be done at any time during the show hours.

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Dog Educational Kennel Display Scorecard



New Hampshire 4-H Dog Program Educational Kennel Display Scoresheet

Exhibitor Name: _____ Armband #: _____

	Judges Notes
Safety (25 points) Animals are properly on leash, penned, or in a crate; crates are properly secured; animals not tangled in ropes or leads; walkways clear of any obstructions; equipment stored safely away; leashes, collars, and equipment stored away; First Aid kit is clearly labeled and stored in a visible place; choke collars are off dog while inside crate; appliances unplugged while not in use. All decorations must comply with fire regulations.	
	Score: _____ out of 25
Kennel Management (Points) <u>Cleanliness</u> - clean bedding for animals; area free of trash; feces is properly disposed neatness - overall visual appearance; storage of supplies and equipment is attractive and organized <u>Bedding</u> - free of feces and urine; clean; free of parasites; appropriate bedding depending on weather <u>Animal care and handling</u> - access to water when needed; no empty buckets or feed pans with animals; animals are clean; the handler works quietly and calmly; Evidence of proper animal care. Shade provided to animal when needed; <u>Courtesy to public and fellow 4-H members</u> - polite to members and public; no inappropriate language or actions; members willing to educate the public	
	Score: _____ out of 25
Attractiveness of Exhibit Arrangement of exhibit - is exhibit educational; attractive, creative, eye catching; easy to view and understand; theme is encouraged; holds attention; individual entries should display a pen/crate card with members (first name, last initial) to identify exhibit. It is encourage to identify dogs name and breed(s) somewhere in exhibit.	
	Score: _____ out of 25
Educational Display Subject matter accurate; theme is encouraged; educational material have one story or central theme; information about 4-Hers project is encouraged; 4-H emblem is displayed; 4-H promotion;	
	Score: _____ out of 25
	Total: _____ out of 100

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Things To Bring To The Fair

For You

Show Clothes	Clip Board	Health Sheets
Show Shoes	Pen or Pencil	Rabies Certificates
Extra Clothing	Money	4-H Patch
Rain Gear	Passes to the Fair	Food
Lawn Chairs	Intent to Show, Lease Forms, etc.	Directions to the Show

For Your First Aid Kit

Thermometer	Anti-diarrhea (Kaopectate/ Pepto Bismal)	Spoon/dosing syringe
Gauze	Tweezers	Aspirin
Tape	Scissors	
Triple Antibiotic Ointment	Vaseline	

This is an abbreviated list. For a more complete list see the *Red Cross Dog Book*.

For Your Dog

Tack Box	Dog's Favorite Toys	Dog Dishes
First Aid Kit	Water For Your Dog	Towels
Crate with Bolts	Bait	Coolant Equipment (ice packs, wet jacket)
Grooming Table With Arm *	Dog Food	Dumbbell *
Dog Bed	Pooper-scooper or Poop Bags	Jumps *
	Trash Bags	

* Optional/ As Required

For Your Tack Box

Dog brushes	Teeth equipment (scalars, paste, etc.)	Grooming Apron
Combs	Hair Spray	Sunscreen
Stripping Knives	Ear cleaner	Safety Pins
Slickers	Q-Tips	Hair Elastics
Leads/collars	Wet Wipes	Arm Band Elastics
Nail trimmers	Pet Insect Spray	Human Brush
Quick Stop		Green and white thread and needle
Scissors (all types)		

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Conduct at the Show

1. Judges decisions will be final and exhibitors may be disqualified or penalized for not following judge's instructions.
2. Classes may be cancelled, combined, or subdivided by the show committee, if number of entries warrant. Preliminary eliminations may be used to reduce large class size.
3. Questions concerning rules should be referred immediately to the show chairman. The chairman may consult with committee members or judge and make an on the spot decision, which must be accepted as final.
4. Exhibitors should be ready at ringside, however each class should be announced at least twice before beginning judging.
5. Exhibitors shall refrain from cell phone use during classes. Cell phones shall be set to silent and be non-visible. Judges retain the right to deduct points for cell phone usage/distraction.
6. 4-H Judges:
 - a. Judges for 4-H dog events should be familiar with the 4-H show rules for the classes which they will be asked to judge. This should include having an example copy of the score sheets they will be using before the show.
 - b. Judges should not show partiality for purebred dogs or All-American (mixed breed) dogs.
 - c. Judges must not be familiar with 4-H exhibitors they are to judge. This includes training a 4-H member in class (with or without their project dog), being a club member with a 4-H exhibitor anytime within the past 5 years of show date, owning or leasing a dog with the 4-H member or a member of their family.
 - d. If judges are recent 4-H graduates (within the past 5 years), they should preferably be from another state or at least another county.
 - e. Judges should be informed to write constructive comments on score sheets. If time allows, judges, at their discretion, can meet with individual exhibitors to discuss strengths and weaknesses.
 - f. Judges should judge according to the requirements of the class. Each dog/handler team should be judged in the same way.
 - g. Judges should not disclose any score to anyone but the show committee (and only on a need to know basis) before a class is completed. Announcements of scores at the end of a class are at the judge's discretion, but judges should keep in mind the sensitivity of scores to some exhibitors.
 - h. Judges are in control of their ring from the time that a class starts until its completion.
 - i. Judges decisions are final in all scoring and judging of a class. All other matters are to be decided by the show committee.
 - j. Judges should give commands and or signals in a clear and understandable manner.
 - k. Re-judging. If a dog, in the judge's opinion, had its performance prejudiced by peculiar and unusual circumstances, the judge may re-judge the dog on that particular exercise. If the judge finds it necessary to re-judge a dog(s) from a group exercise, the dog(s) should be re-judged immediately following the group or as soon as possible thereafter. The judge may ask for volunteer dogs, which will not be competing, in order to fill the ring.
 - l. Judges should not enter into discussion with any exhibitor (including parent, guardian, friend of exhibitor) who appears to be dissatisfied with the judging/scoring or his/her class. Such an exhibitor should be directed to the Show Committee, who will examine the problem and approach the judge, if necessary. This also applies to mathematical errors.
 - m. A judge who is aware of any assistance, interference or attempts to control a dog from outside the ring must act promptly to stop such double handling or interference and shall

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penalize the dog substantially. If in the judge's opinion the circumstances warrant the dog shall be given a score of Zero for an obedience exercise. In Fitting and Showing the members will receive a substantial deduction.

- n. Judges should remember that 4-H should be a positive learning experience. The judge must remember that a 4-H show is an opportunity for a 4-H member to learn "how to make his best better, the next time." Judges should offer encouragement and advice, in addition to placements and scores.
- o. Judges shall have some form of ribbon or tag identifying them as a judge to the members.
- p. In Fitting and Showing, at the judge's discretion, he or she may ask to have members switch dogs to see their handling ability of different dogs.

Questions regarding Placements/Awards/Judging

- 1. Judge's decisions are final.
- 2. All questions regarding a judge's placements or scores should be brought to the attention of the Show Committee as soon as possible.
- 3. Under no circumstances should a judge be approached by an exhibitor, parent, or guardian in regard to questioning a placement or score of a given class. Such problems or concerns should be brought to the show committee.
- 4. Members should review their score sheet prior to leaving the show grounds. If any mathematical errors are made they will be taken care of **ONLY** at the end of the show **ON** show grounds.

List of NH 4-H Fairs

A current list is available at the local Extension Office. Note: not all fairs in NH have 4-H dog shows. This information may also found on the 4-H Web page at:

<https://extension.unh.edu/resource/4-h-dog-project-overview>

4-H Dog Clinics

New Hampshire "All About the Dogs" Weekend learning clinic. Held the middle or end of June – For more information, refer to ZSuite (4h.zsuite.org), or call the NH 4-H Animal Science Field Specialist at 603-255-3508.

DOG SHOW CLASSES AND EXPLANATIONS

Fitting and Showing

- 1. Purpose: To demonstrate the 4-H member's ability to show his/her project dog to the best of their ability, as if they were presenting their dog in the conformation ring at an AKC, CKC, UKC, or other breed association show. The member must be able to show off the dog's best points, while minimizing faults, demonstrate knowledge of proper ring procedure, and the proper way to present a dog for examination by a judge. In no way should the dog's conformation be considered when scoring an exhibitor.

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2. Acceptable patterns include: “around the ring” or the “O”, the “I” or “up and back”/”down and back”, the triangle, the “L”, the “T”, and the down and back with 2 dogs gaiting side by side. Also acceptable are the reverse patterns of the triangle, “L”, and “T” patterns. (Please see gaiting patterns outlined in the next section of this manual for explanations.) In the “up and back”/”down and back” patterns, handlers may choose to either turn towards their dog or away from their dog, as long as the movement is done smoothly and efficiently.
3. Courtesy turns may be done at the start of a gaiting pattern and are encouraged.
4. Dogs should be stacked or posed as their breed would in AKC conformation events. All-Americans should be presented as closely to the breed that they most resemble.
5. Dogs should be clean, free from parasites, and free from mats and excessive loose hair. Show clips will not be considered, although grooming scores should strive to recognize the efforts in grooming.
6. “Baiting”, offering a dog a treat for desirable behavior is acceptable in Fitting and Show as long as it does not interfere with other dogs in the class. Baiting is allowed at each judge’s discretion.
7. Dogs may be shown on a show lead (such as a one piece martingale, resco-type lead, etc.) or on a slip collar (leather, chain, or fabric) and attached leash. The handler’s ability to control the dog’s show equipment in a non-distracting manner is more important than the actual equipment being used.
8. Judges may ask exhibitors questions in Fitting and Showing classes. Sources for questions are listed under the General Knowledge section of this manual, but in general can cover general dog care, dog first aid, AKC obedience rules and Regulations, and the exhibitor’s dog’s breed history and purpose. Questions regarding the specific show’s rules and 4-H rules may also be used as sources for questions.
9. Classes should be subdivided if there are 12 or more exhibitors in a class. If classes are too large spectator interest may lag and exhibitors are placed under unnecessary strain. More than one class can be judged at one time by dividing the ring.
10. Classes are divided as follows: (age as of January 1 of current year)
 - a. Novice – First Year showing in Fitting & Show, Ages 8-13
 - b. Junior – ages 9-11
 - c. Intermediate – ages 12-13
 - d. Senior – ages 14-18

Fitting and Showing Guidelines: Pattern Explanation

1.) General Gaiting Techniques

Note: “Large dog” usually refers to those dogs that a handler must run or jog with when gaiting. “Small dog” refers to those dogs with which a handler typically walks with when gaiting.

a.) Courtesy Turn

This is usually done at the beginning of a gaiting pattern. The purpose is twofold: 1) start the dog moving at a trot so it is at the proper speed when it leaves from in front of the judge and 2) line the dog up so he is directly in front of the judge when leaving for a gaiting pattern. This is an acceptable time for the handler to come between the dog and the judge.

Proper Execution: Dog’s lead is in handler’s left hand. Handler moves dog in a small circle in front of the judge and slightly to the judge’s right side. The handler usually pivots or turns a much smaller circle. As

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the dog/handler completes the turn, the dog is moving in a straight line directly in front of and away from the judge.

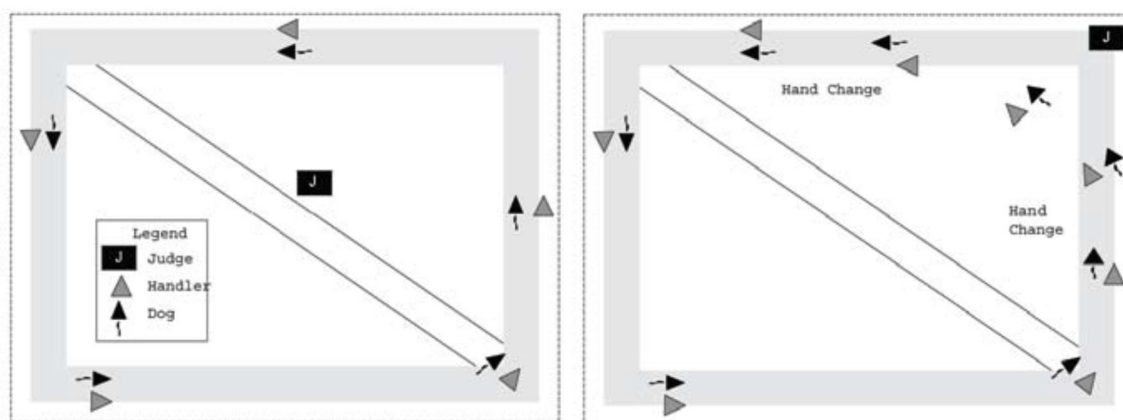
b.) Hand Change

Used in some of the gaiting patterns and involves the handler switching the lead from his/her left hand to the right hand, and the dog moving from the handler's left side to the right side. It is used to keep the dog between the handler and the judge. When executing a left to right hand change, handler and dog pause, handler reaches in front of his/her body and grasps the lead with his/her right hand while turning his/her body to the left. At the same time, the dog pivots to the right, in time with the handler, and both are now facing the direction from which they have just come. When doing a right to left change, the handler moves the dog in front of themselves while grasping the lead in their left hand. The dog pivots to its left while on the handler's left side and the handler turns to the right, which results in handler and dog making a right turn.

2.) Patterns

a.) "Around the ring" or "O" Pattern

This is usually done upon the class first entering the ring and after an individual gaiting pattern. Dog is on handler's left side for entire "O". Judge is usually standing in middle of ring. Dogs are moved at their own proper speed. A courtesy turn MAY be performed before an "O" after the individual gaiting pattern.



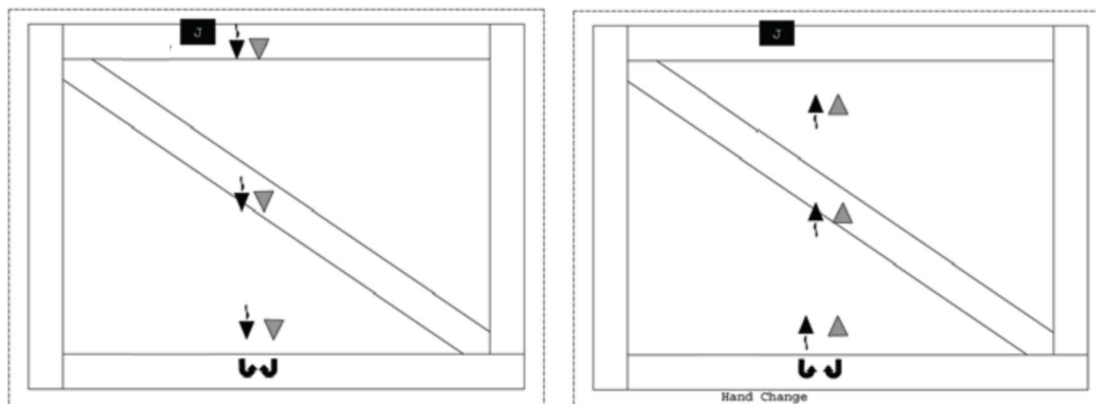
"Around the Ring" or "O" Pattern

b.) "Up and Back", "Down and Back", or "I" Pattern

This pattern starts with a courtesy turn and dog in the left hand. Handler moves dog (at its proper pace) straight away from the judge in the designated direction (either straight or on the diagonal of the ring). At specified distance (larger dogs - to end of ring, small dogs - either $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of ring), handler and dog turn and come straight back to judge, stopping about 3 feet away or when judge signals.

Turn execution: Large dogs - usually turn so dog is on the OUTSIDE of the turn (as in an obedience about turn), towards the right. It is permissible for handler to come between dog and judge at this time. Small Dogs - handler usually turns TOWARD dog, so dog pivots to the left. Handler does not come between dog and judge. Hand change method - at end of ring, handler and dog do a left to right hand change and move straight back to judge. NOTE: Any method may be used, but the key is to execute the turn smoothly with efficiency of movement.

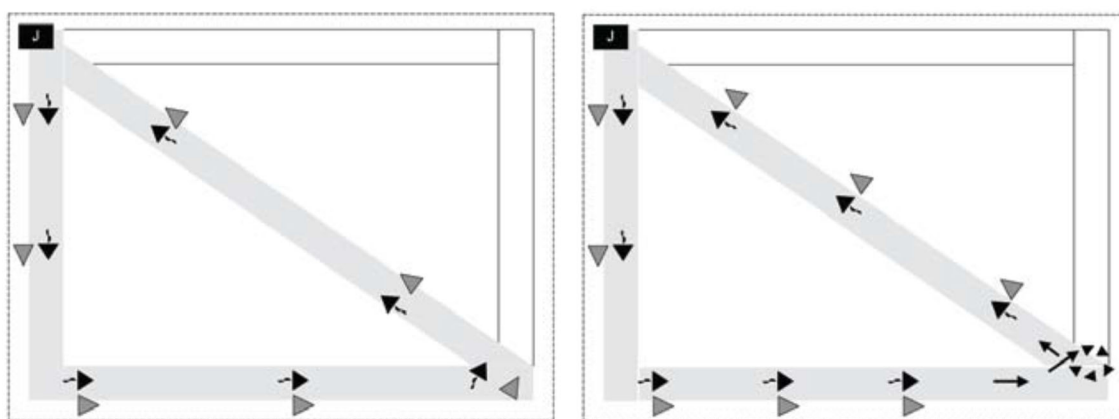
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“Up and Back” or “I” Pattern

c.) Triangle Pattern

Dog stays on handler's left side throughout the entire pattern. Handler/dog move away from judge, turn to the right and continue across the ring towards corner. At the end of the ring, handler/dog turn 45 degrees to the left and come across the diagonal of the ring back to the judge. Note: Larger dogs may have trouble making a 45 degree turn at the second corner. These dogs may be moved in a small right circle on the handler's left side, in order to line the dog up for the diagonal.



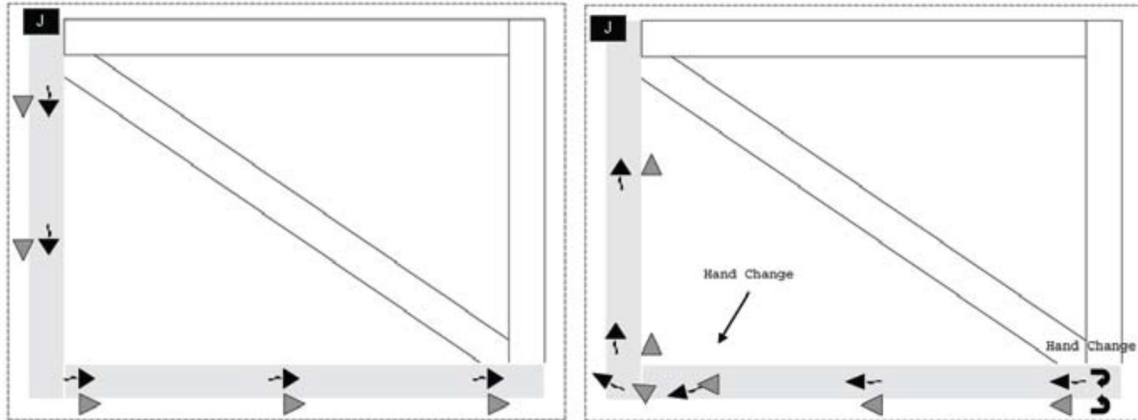
Triangle Pattern (Without and With Courtesy Turn)

d.) “L” Pattern

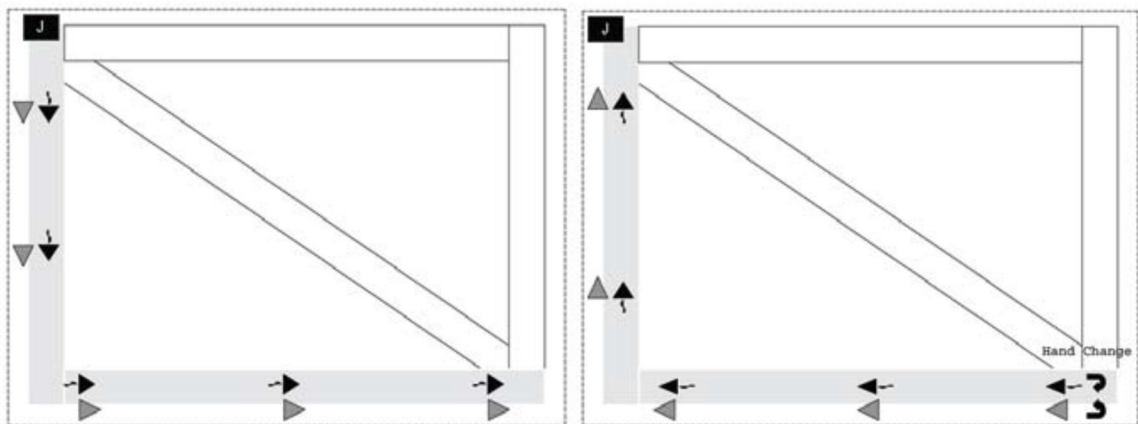
There are 2 acceptable ways to perform the “L” pattern. The first involves 2 hand changes and dog gaiting on handler's RIGHT side. Dog starts on handler's LEFT side and moves straight away from judge. At end of ring, handler/dog turn LEFT to corner diagonally opposite judge. Upon reaching that corner, the handler does a LEFT to RIGHT hand change so that the dog is on the handler's RIGHT side, and the handler/dog continue back across ring in the direction from which they just came. Upon reaching the corner (directly in front of judge) the handler does a RIGHT to LEFT hand change so the dog is back on handler's LEFT side, and they continue back to judge. The second method involves only one hand change. Dog starts on the handler's LEFT side and moves straight away from the judge. At the end of the ring, handler/dog turn 90 degrees to the LEFT and continue to the corner diagonally across from the judge. Upon reaching the corner, handler does a LEFT to RIGHT hand change, and the dog ends up on the handler's right side. Handler/dog continue back across the ring in the direction from which they just came. Upon reaching that corner (directly in front of the judge) handler/dog make a 90-degree turn to the RIGHT and continue to

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the judge. The handler does not perform a second hand change and the dog remains on the handler's right side while coming back to the judge. If the one hand change method is performed, the handler should be aware as to the judge's position and keep the dog between himself and the judge. A right to left hand change may be required, depending on the judge's instructions.



"L" Pattern with Two Hand Changes During Return

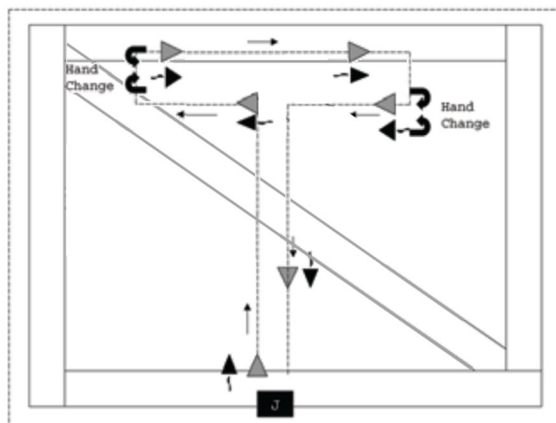


"L" Pattern with One Hand Change During Return

e.) "T" Pattern

This pattern involves 2 hand changes and starts with the handler/dog and judge on the side of the ring, halfway between the corners. Dog starts on handler's left side, moving straight away from judge to opposite side of ring, halfway between 2 far corners. At end of ring, handler/dog turn to the left and continue to corner. At corner, handler/dog execute a left to right hand change. They continue across the ENTIRE length of the ring with the dog on the handler's RIGHT side. At opposite corner, handler/dog execute a right to left hand change and continue to the MID POINT of the side of the ring (dog on handler's left side). When directly in front of the judge, handler/dog turn to the left and straight back to judge.

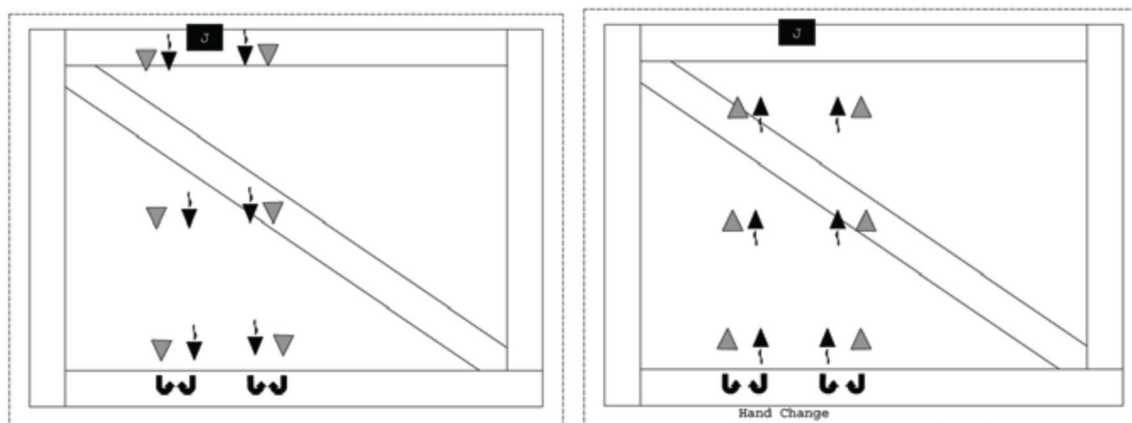
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"T" Pattern

f.) Double or Pair "Up and Back" / "Down and Back"

This pattern involves 2 handlers and dogs, moving straight away from the judge together, turning and coming back to the judge together. Usually this is done with dogs of a similar size/gaiting speed. The 2 dogs are to remain BETWEEN the handlers AT ALL TIMES. Both handlers will have to switch hands at the side of the ring opposite the judge in order to keep the dogs between them. Handlers should stay as close as is safely possible while maintaining control of their dog. The two handlers should try to move their dogs together and stop and make turns at the same points.



Double or Pair "Up and Back"

Fitting and Showing Scorecard

Copies of the Fitting and Showing scorecard are included as attachments to this document, or available from your county Extension 4-H office. Because Fitting and Showing scores are part of ESE qualification it is important that all New Hampshire 4-H Dogs Shows use the same scorecard. Each judge should be sent a copy of the scorecard in advance. An explanation is as follows:

Explanation of the 4-H dog Fitting and Showing Scorecard

A. Appearance of Animal – 10% (all grooming to be done by exhibitor)

1. General condition - Dog should be well conditioned, but not overweight. Should be trimmed, combed, and brushed in a manner suitable for coat and breed type. Crossbreeds should be

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groomed similar to the breed they most resemble. Recognizing that some breeds require more grooming than others, grooming scores should strive to recognize the efforts in grooming.

2. Toenails should be clipped to reasonable length for particular breed, or filed down.
3. Teeth should be clean and as white as possible.
4. Eyes should be clear, not running, ears should be clean and free of excess hair.
5. Coat should be clean and free of loose hair. Feathering should be un-matted and clean. No signs of fleas.
6. Show clip will not be considered.

B. Exhibitor's Appearance – 5%

1. Exhibitor should be neat and clean
2. 4-H show uniform should be worn: green pants, culottes, skirt, dress shorts or jumper of appropriate length; white blouse or white dress shirt with 4-H insignia. No Tee shirts permitted.

C. Handler's Set up - 10%

1. When posing animal, stand or kneel, one knee beside the dog in relation to the position of the judge.
2. Pose animal with front legs placed straight from the shoulder and according to its type.
3. Don't lean on dog while posing front and back legs.

D. Judge's Examination - 10%

1. Handler should not be between their dog and the judge at any time.
2. Movements should be smooth, natural and not distracting to judge or others.
3. Show the dog's bite correctly

E. Gaiting Dog Correctly - 10%

1. Enter leading animal at an alert, correct gait around the ring in a counterclockwise direction. Always have animals on the judges' side holding slip lead in either hand, (side nearest the dog), arm extended with leash taut. Gait freely.
2. When making a turn, the exhibitor should change hands, keeping the dog between himself and the judge.
3. Gait dog at a reasonable speed depending on breed or as the judge directs, with animal's head carried at a height appropriate to the breed of dog.
4. Do not crowd the exhibitor next to you when gaiting in a side-by-side position. Do not crowd dog ahead when gaiting following another dog.
5. Animals should be lead forward when the judge requests that its position in line be changed, and around the end of the line to the position indicated by the judge. Do not lead animal between judge and the animal he is observing.

F. Holding Lead Correctly - Using Proper Equipment - 5%

1. Hold the lead in the proper hand and do not let lead hang in dogs face or on the ground.
2. Equipment should be appropriate to the breed.

G. Proper Control of Dog - 10%

1. Handler should be in complete control over dog at all times.
2. Excessive corrections to dog will not be tolerated.

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H. Follows Judge's Instructions - 10%

1. Respond rapidly to requests from judge and officials.
2. Follow directions.

I. Handler's Attitude - 10%

1. Alertness and poise. Keep an eye on your animal and be aware of the position of the judge at all times. Do not be distracted by persons and things outside the ring.
2. Be courteous and sportsmanlike at all times. Show animal at all times, not yourself.
3. Do not talk to other exhibitors or people outside the ring.
4. Exhibitors poise should be natural nor forced or exaggerated.

J. General Knowledge - 10%

1. Exhibitor is knowledgeable about dog care, training, grooming, showing and breeds. Judge will ask no more than three questions to determine this.

K. Ring Procedure - 10%

1. Do not crowd exhibitor or dog in front when setting up head to tail (upstaging).
2. When judge is observing other animals, let yours stand, if posed reasonably well, but remember to keep showing and stay alert. Excessive grooming in the ring is objectionable.
3. Be natural, over-showing, undue fussing and maneuvering are objectionable.

The following activities will result in disqualification from Fitting and Showing contests:

1. Harsh handling or treatment to the dog
2. Receiving instructions from ringside
3. Poor sportsmanship
4. Arguing with or sassing the judge

Cloverbuds Dog Show

Cloverbud 4-H members (ages 5-7 as of January 1st) may show at select dog shows in a non-competitive Cloverbud class. The Cloverbud class activities are similar to those in the Family Dog class, with additional rules to ensure fun and safety of the youth member. Additional Cloverbud class requirements include adult one-on-one supervision during the showing class and only working with their own family dog. For the most up-to-date Cloverbud showing rules, please refer to "NH 4-H Animal Science Working with Cloverbuds":

<https://scholars.unh.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2279&context=extension>.

Family Dog

4-H members entering this class may enter no other obedience or showmanship classes at the show. They also will enter the General Knowledge Quiz and may enter educational display and game classes, such as trick, costume, obstacle course, etc., if one is offered. The member will show that their dog can sit, stay, come and walk calmly on a leash. The member will demonstrate a general knowledge of dogs and dog care including home care, feeding, and health. The use of bait is allowed during this class, as well as extra commands. Members will not be allowed to continue in the family dog class for more than one year.

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Members who have shown in classes higher than family dog may not drop back into family dog class. Dogs who already have a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title are ineligible for this class. This class is open to members between the ages of 8-11 as of January 1st. Members are eligible to show in the Novice Fitting & Show class for one year after they have shown in Family Dog.

Family Dog Evaluation

Dog Behavior

Walk on Leash / Sit - The handler must be able to walk around the ring at least twice, with two sits performed. There are no points taken off for lagging, extra commands, poor sits. The handler just has to demonstrate that the dog can walk around calmly and sit when asked.

Come on Call / Recall - The handler will sit the dog and go to the end of the leash. The handler will call the dog to him/her. There are no points taken off for poor sits, no finish, or no sit in front of the handler. The handler just has to demonstrate that the dog will return to the handler when called.

Cleanliness / Condition

The judge will evaluate the overall cleanliness / condition of the dog, including the cleanliness of the dog's coat, ears, and teeth, that the toenails are clipped, and the physical condition of the dog.

Member's Knowledge

The judge will evaluate the knowledge of the handler regarding health, nutrition / feeding, their dog's breed, and general 4-H knowledge. The following questions are recommended questions that the judge may pick from for the Member Knowledge portion of Family Dog.

- Health
 - What do you do to keep your dog clean?
 - What do you do to play with your dog?
 - Where do you bring your dog for a checkup or when they are sick? (Answer: Veterinarian)
 - What is the normal temperature of a dog? (Answer: 101-102.5 degrees)
 - How many teeth does a dog have? (Answer: 42)
 - What vaccine for dogs is required by NH state law? (Answer: Rabies)
 - Name one external parasite (bug that lives on your dog) (Answer: Fleas, ticks, lice, mites, flies)
 - Name one type of internal parasite your dog could get (lives inside your dog) (Answer: Round, tape, whip, hook, heartworm)
- Nutrition / Feeding
 - What do you feed your dog?
 - Are ice cream and candy good treats for your dog? (Answer: No)
- General Knowledge
 - What is your dog's name?
 - What is your dog's breed? If mixed breed, what breeds do you think they may be?
 - What is a group of puppies born all at the same time called? (Answer: Litter)
 - What is a boy dog called? (Answer: Dog)
 - What is a girl dog called? (Answer: Bitch)
 - What is the name of the father of puppies? (Answer: Sire)
 - What is the name of the mother of puppies? (Answer: Dam)
 - What are the 4-H colors? (Answer: White and green)

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- Name the four H's (Answer: Head, heart, hands, health)
- What is the 4-H motto? (Answer: To make the best better)
- Name one of the AKC breed groups (Answer: Herding, Sporting, Working, Terrier, Toy, Hound, Non-Sporting)

Member's Appearance

The judge will evaluate the appearance of the 4-H member. The clothes should be neat and meet the 4-H Dress code, as outlined in this guide.

Obedience

1. Obedience classes are conducted with American Kennel Club rules, these rules are to be used as guidelines.
2. Acceptable obedience collars include well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, or slip collars (choke, training) of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric, or chain with two rings, one at each end, or properly fitted martingale (limited slip) collars. Leashes may be made of leather or fabric. In sub novice classes, they should be six feet long. In Novice, Pre Graduate Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, and Utility classes the leashes need only be long enough to provide sufficient slack in the heel on leash exercise. Chain leashes, prong collars, spiked collars, or electric collars are not acceptable at a 4-H event or show. Harnesses are not allowed in the show ring. Head halters (Gentle Leader) may be used for training purposes only, not in classes. Head halters may be worn in the show ring by service dogs only in the service dog classes.
3. In classes that are divided into an "A" or "B" class, the "A" class is for those exhibitors that are exhibiting at that level for the first time. If the 4-H member gets a new dog, and the new dog is shown at a level where the previous dog was shown, the new dog must be entered in the "B" class.
4. Dogs that are shown at non-4-H shows, including but not limited to AKC, UKC, sanctioned matches, are required to enter in an obedience level no lower than that which the dog has competed in the non 4-H show(s). Refer to "C" Division Obedience Classes for options to choose a lower-level obedience class.
5. In 4-H shows, dogs that foul the ring are allowed to complete the class and be scored, but their score sheet is marked "NP-fouled ring" for "non-placement" and the dog will not receive a placement rosette and will be automatically be awarded a white Danish ribbon (even if score was higher than 149). 30 points will be deducted from total score. The handler and dog will not be eligible for any High Scoring Overall awards. This does not prevent qualification for the Big E.
6. In 4-H shows, dogs that run around the ring "uncontrolled" during an off leash exercise will receive a zero (0) for that exercise, but can have the option of completing that exercise with dog on leash, and if needed, can do the Long Sit and Long Down exercises on leash. Dog and handler will receive a NP (non-placement) score.
7. Dogs that have received a total of 3 blue ribbons must move up to the next obedience class the following show year. Blue ribbons need not be awarded in one show year/season. Dogs that are showing at the Graduate Novice level or higher may stay at this level. If you choose to show in Graduate Novice or higher, after receiving 3 blue ribbons you must move to the "B" level of the appropriate class.
8. A member may NOT show more than 2 dogs at the same level at a dog show (Sub Novice, Beginner Novice, Novice, Grad novice, Open). Utility is unlimited.

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For example, you may have either:

- 1 Sub Novice A dog and 1 Sub Novice B Dog, **OR**
- 2 Sub Novice B dogs

This example can be used for any level of obedience.

9. Depending on class size, Group exercises may be combined at the judge's and/or Superintendent's discretion. Members will be allowed to show 2 dogs in the same class, however if group exercises are combined the member must have another 4-H member handle the second dog.
10. Members exhibiting at or above the Open level must be provided their own regulation jumps if the superintendent is not able to provide them.

Class Descriptions

The following obedience classes are listed in the typical order of progression.

Sub Novice A or B or C

Beginner Novice A or B or C

Preferred Novice A or B or C

Novice A or B or C

Pre Graduate Novice A or B or C

Graduate Novice A or B or C

Open A or B

Utility

Foster Assistance Dog Sub Novice A

Foster Assistance Dog Sub Novice A is for exhibitors who have not previously trained an assistance dog. The dogs in this class must not have had training beyond the Sub Novice level. Dogs will be on lead and scored on the basis of 200 points. Specific exercises and allowable equipment (such as, but not limited to, head halters or jackets) are to be determined based on the needs of the specific assistance dog organization.

Foster Assistance Dog Sub Novice B

Foster Assistance Dog Sub Novice B for exhibitors who have previously trained an assistance dog. Dogs in this class must not have had training beyond the Sub Novice level. Dogs will be on lead and scored on a basis of 200 points. Specific exercises and allowable equipment (such as, but not limited to, head halters or jackets) are to be determined based on the needs of the specific assistance dog organization.

Brace

In Brace, two dogs worked together doing a Novice obedience routine with one handler. Both dogs must have been shown at the Novice level or higher the day of show.

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Sub Novice Brace

Sub Novice Brace - two dogs worked together doing a Sub Novice obedience routine with one handler.

Team

Four dogs, each with handler, performing the novice obedience routine. All 4 dogs must have been shown at the Novice level or higher the day of show.

Sub Novice Team

Four dogs, each with handler, performing the Sub Novice routine.

Class Division Descriptions

“A” Division Obedience Classes

This division is for handlers that have not previously trained a dog at the obedience class level or more advanced levels. Dogs must not have earned their title (3 qualifying scores) at that level or any qualifying score at a higher level. Exhibitors may only show in the A class for their first time at this level.

“B” Division Obedience Classes

This division is for handlers that have previously trained a dog at the obedience class level or more advanced levels and are showing an inexperienced dog that has not earned their title (3 qualifying scores) at that level or a qualifying score at a higher level.

“C” Division Obedience Classes

A “C” division in each level of obedience from Sub Novice through Graduate Novice will be offered. A team (dog & handler) may choose to enter the “C” division of any obedience level from Sub Novice through Graduate Novice when either 1.) the dog’s level of training exceeds the handler’s previous level of training another dog, or 2) the handler and dog has competed at a higher level of obedience and has made the decision to “drop back” one level, rather than continuing to compete at the higher level of obedience for which the dog qualifies due to previous wins or awards or titles achieved, either within 4-H or other dog sport organizations.

Dogs that may qualify for the “C” division:

- Dogs that have been previously trained by someone else (either a family member, other 4-Her, or professional obedience trainer), but are now being handled by the 4-H member.
- Dogs that may have competed at a higher level of obedience previously, but the team (handler & dog combination) have not competed at the level for which the dog has been trained/shown
- Dogs that have been show competitively at a higher level, but are choosing to “drop back” to a lower level for more experience, gaining confidence, or other reasons. (Reasons do not have to be stated.)

An example: The mother of exhibitor A trains and competes in an outside dog sport organization with Dog A, and Dog A has earned the equivalent of a CDX title. Exhibitor A is a first year 4-Her and is using Dog A as their project dog. Exhibitor A and dog A could enter Sub Novice C, Beginner Novice C, Preferred Novice C, Novice C, Pre Grad Novice C, or Graduate Novice C, and not be competitive for “Highest Scoring Dog on/off leash” or “Reserve Highest Scoring Dog On/Off Leash”.

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Exhibitor A and Dog A could enter in Open B (or higher), the level for which the dog is currently trained, during any calendar year or show and be competitive for the “Highest Scoring On/Off Leash” and “Reserve Highest Scoring Dog On/Off Leash”. They would not be required to work their way up through the “C” levels of the lower classes unless they chose to do so.

Dogs that compete in the “C” division are NOT eligible for the “Highest Scoring Dog On/Off Leash Obedience” or “Reserve Highest Scoring Dog On/Off Leash Obedience” award or “Overall High Point On/Off Lead Championships” or “Reserve Overall High Point On/Off Lead Championships”.

Obedience Exercises

Sub Novice A or B or C - Possible Score 200 points

Heel on Leash and Figure 8 on Leash - The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: “Forward,” “Halt,” “Right turn,” “Left turn,” “About turn,” “Slow,” “Normal” and “Fast.”

“Fast” means that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. All about turns will be right about turns. Orders for halts and turns will be given only when the handler is moving at a normal speed. The other orders may be given in any sequence, and turns and halts may be repeated. However, the judge should standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class.

The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position.

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. The handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler’s left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler’s freedom of motion at any time. At each order to halt, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal and shall not move until the handler again moves forward on the judge’s order. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. The judge will say “Exercise finished” after this portion of the exercise.

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will stand 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight will be done on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. The handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

Stand with Distraction – The principal features of this exercise are that the dog remains standing and has the evenness of temperament to accept the judge walking by the dog at a distance of approximately 6 feet.

The handler will begin with the dog sitting in heel position. The judge will instruct the handler to “Stand Your Dog and leave when you are ready”. The handler will instruct the dog to “Stand” and may gently position the dog into a stand and instruct the dog to “Stay” before walking away.. The handler will walk to the end of the six (6) foot leash, turn and face the dog.

The dog must remain standing while the judge approaches the dog from slightly off front. Instead of approaching the dog directly, the judge will remain approximately 6 feet from the dog’s left side, pass by the dog, and once passing the dog completely, loop away and to the judge’s right, and back towards where they started the exercise.

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Once the judge has returned, the judge will instruct the handler to "Return to Your Dog". The handler will return, walk around the dog, and stand in heel position next to the dog until the judge instructs the handler "Exercise Finished". The dog should not sit once the handler returns to heel position.

Minor or major deduction will be taken in accordance with those outlined in the AKC rules & regulations.

Recall on Leash - The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler's command or signal to come.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward to the end of the leash, turn to face the dog, and stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop and sit straight, centered in front of the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or moving either foot. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Group Sit and Down on Leash - The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sitting or down position, whichever is required at the time.

The orders are: "Sit your dogs," "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

The "sit" will be for one minute and the "down" will be one minute. Handlers may use a voice command and a hand signal. If both are used the dog's name should not be part of the spoken command. All handlers will give their commands and leave their dogs at the same time. When the judge instructs the handlers to "leave your dog", the handlers will give the command/signal to stay and immediately proceed to the end of the leash. The leash will always be in handler's hands, never dropped on the ground. Upon judge's command "return to your dog", after the time required is reached, the handlers will return to their dogs by approaching the dog from the front and walking around and behind the dog to heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order "exercise finished" to signal the exercise is complete. If a dog moves from place during the exercise, the handler will either sit or down the dog again directly in front of them. The dogs are not allowed to disturb others performing the exercise.

Beginner Novice A or B or C - Possible Score 200 Points

Heel On Leash and Figure 8 On Leash - The same rules which apply to Sub Novice apply to this exercise.

Sit for Exam - The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sits in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment.

The orders are: "Sit your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog" and "Exercise finished."

This exercise is to be performed with the dog on a 6 foot leash.

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will command the dog to sit if they are not already sitting. The handler will then stand with the dog sitting in the heel position and may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet to the end of the leash, turn and face the dog.

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The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch only the dog's head. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The handler may gather the leash at any time while returning to the dog. The dog must remain sitting until the judge has said, "Exercise finished."

Sit Stay – Handler Walks Around the Ring - The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position.

The orders are: "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Exercise finished."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The leash remains attached to the dog's collar and will be dropped/placed on the ground between the dog and the handler before the exercise begins. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order "Sit your dog," the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit, if they are not already sitting. On the judge's order the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge. Upon completing a full perimeter walk around the ring, the handler will approach the dog from the front, and proceed to walk around and in back of the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order "Exercise finished."

During this exercise the judge will stand so that the dog and handler are clearly visible throughout the entire exercise.

Recall - This exercise is the same as Sub Novice except it must be executed off leash.

Preferred Novice A or B or C - Possible Score 200 Points

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight on Leash - The same rules which apply to Sub Novice apply to this exercise.

Stand for Examination off Leash - The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment.

The orders are: "Stand your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise finished."

The handler will take their dog to the place indicated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will stand/pose the dog by the method of the handler's choice, taking any reasonable time if they choose to pose the dog as in the show ring. The handler will then stand with the dog in the heel position, and may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward to a distance of 6 feet, and then turn and face the dog.

The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch the dog's head, body and hindquarters. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said "Exercise finished."

Heel Off Leash - This exercise is the same as Sub Novice except it must be executed off leash.

Recall - This exercise is the same commands as Sub Novice except it must be executed off leash. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring for the recall.

Stay – Sit or Down – Handler Walks Around the Ring - This exercise is the same as Beginner Novice except the judge may choose whether the dog remains in a "sit" or "down" position.

Sit Stay – Get Your Leash - The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position.

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The orders are: "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may command and/or signal the dog to sit without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dog to get your leash," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the place designated by the judge for the leash, pick up the leash, turn, and face the dog. The judge will give the order "Back to your dog." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." The judge will tell the handler "Clip your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." The handler is required to exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Novice A or B or C - Possible Score 200 points

Heel on Leash and Figure 8 on Leash - The same rules which apply to Sub Novice apply to this exercise.

Stand for Examination (off leash) - This exercise is the same as Preferred Novice except it must be executed off leash.

Heel Off Leash - This exercise is the same as Sub Novice except it must be executed off leash.

Recall - This exercise is the same commands as Sub Novice except it must be executed off leash. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring for the recall.

Sit Stay – Get Your Leash - Executed the same as Preferred Novice.

Group Sit and Down - Executed the same as Sub Novice.

Pre Graduate Novice A or B or C - Possible Score 200 points

Heel on Leash - Same as Sub Novice. As more advanced dogs, they should give a smoother performance than at the lower level.

Stand for Exam (off leash) - Same as Preferred Novice.

Heel Off Leash and Figure 8 Off Leash - Same rules as Sub Novice, but both heeling and Figure 8 are executed off lead.

Drop on Recall - The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, are the dog's prompt response to the handler's command and/or signal to drop and the dog's remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come. The dog will be judged on the promptness of its response to the command and/or signal to drop.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by "Call your dog" and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, face the dog, and stand naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge's arm or hand signal, the handler will give the command and/or signal to drop, and the dog must drop immediately to a complete down position. If the handler chooses to give both, a command and signal to drop, they must be given simultaneously. The dog must remain down until the handler gives the

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command or signal to come when ordered by the judge. The dog completes the exercise as in the Novice Recall.

Stand Stay – Get Your Leash - The principal features of this exercise is that the dog stand on the handlers first command and/or signal and stay in position until the handler has returned to heel position.

The orders are: "Stand your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash" and "Back to your dog."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand without touching the dog or the dog's collar. The dog must stand but need not stand in heel position.

On further order to "Leave your dog to get your leash," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to the place outside the ring gate designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop and wait for the judge's order "Back to your dog." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said "Exercise finished." The judge will tell the handler "Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." The handler is required to exit the ring gate with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Graduate Novice A or B or C- Possible Score 200 points

Heel Off Leash and Figure Eight Off Leash - This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash.

The orders and scoring are the same as in Heel on Leash and Figure Eight.

Drop on Recall - This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Pre Graduate Novice exercise.

Dumbbell Recall - The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog promptly takes the dumbbell from the handler and delivers it as in the Open Retrieve on Flat.

The orders are: "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it" and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will present the dumbbell and command or signal the dog to take it. The dog must promptly accept, take and hold the dumbbell. On the judge's order, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, to face the dog and stand naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop without unnecessary mouthing or playing with the dumbbell. On order from the judge to "Take it," the handler will give a command or signal and take the dumbbell. The finish will be performed as in the Novice Recall. All other applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall and Open Retrieve on Flat will apply.

The judge must approve the dumbbell to ensure it meets the requirements stated in the Open Retrieve on Flat exercise.

Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump - The principle feature of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Dumbbell Recall, is that the dog return with the dumbbell over the jump.

The orders are: "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it" and "Finish."

This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Dumbbell Recall except that the dog must clear the high jump. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight (8) feet (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?"

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before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, go around the jump to at least eight (8) feet beyond the other side of the jump, then turn, face the dog and stand naturally. (These 8-foot distances will be clearly marked.)

The height of the jump will be the same as it is for the Open Retrieve over High Jump exercise.

Recall Over Broad Jump - The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, is that the dog clear the jump.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight (8) feet from the jump, (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) facing the lowest hurdle. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, go around the hurdle(s) to at least eight (8) feet beyond the last hurdle, then turn and face the dog. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the entire distance of the broad jump and return to the handler as in the Novice Recall.

The jump will be set to cover a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog.

Stand Stay – Get Your Leash - This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Pre Graduate Novice exercise.

Open A or B - Possible Score 200 points

All exercises are done off leash.

Heel Off Leash and Figure Eight Off Leash - This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash.

Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit) - The principal features of this exercise are the dog's correct response to the handler's commands and/or signals and that the dog stays until the handler returns to heel position.

The orders are: "Leave your dog" and "Back to your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position and that order is: "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order to "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog." The handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change position. On further order to "Leave your dog," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately walk forward 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the second position. The judge will then order "Leave your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately turn around and walk forward an additional 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the third position. The judge will then order "Back to your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, and then must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must stay in position without additional commands or signals until the handler has returned to heel position. The handler's hands and arms must hang naturally at the handler's side.

Drop on Recall - This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Pre Graduate Novice exercise.

Retrieve on Flat - The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog retrieve promptly.

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The orders are: "Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order "Throw it," the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay. If the handler does use a signal, that signal may not be given with the hand that is holding the dumbbell. After the dumbbell is thrown at least 20 feet, the judge will order the handler to "Send your dog." The retrieve should be performed at a brisk trot or gallop. The dog will go directly to the dumbbell and retrieve it, returning directly to the handler as in the Novice Recall without unnecessary mouthing or playing. On the judge's order to "Take it," the handler will give command or signal and take the dumbbell.

The finish will be performed as in the Novice Recall.

The dumbbell, which must be approved by the judge, will be made of one or more solid pieces of wood or non-wooden material similar in size, shape and weight to a wooden dumbbell. Metal dumbbells are not permitted. Dumbbells will not be hollowed out. They may be unfinished, coated with a clear finish or may be any color. They may not have decorations or attachments but may bear an inconspicuous mark for identification. The size of the dumbbell will be proportionate to the size of the dog. The judge will require the dumbbell to be thrown again before the dog is sent if it is thrown less than 20 feet, too far to one side or too close to the ring's edge.

Retrieve Over High Jump - The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go out over the jump, pick up the dumbbell and promptly return with it over the jump.

The orders are: "Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."

This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Retrieve on Flat, except that the dog will clear the high jump both going and coming. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at least 8 feet (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump and will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise. On the judge's order the handler will throw the dumbbell at least 8 feet beyond the jump. (These 8-foot distances must be clearly marked.) Jump heights shall be set in multiples of 2 inches with no dog jumping less than 4 inches or more than 36 inches. A jump height is determined by the height of the dog at the withers (see table in Appendix B for standard jump heights). The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be less than 71/2 inches at the withers. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration. The minimum jump height for breeds listed in Appendix A shall be set to three-quarters the dog's actual height at the withers. This jump height shall also be rounded to a multiple of 2 inches. The minimum jump heights for approved breeds will be set in accordance with the table listed in Appendix B. Handlers of these breeds may choose to have the dog jump higher than listed in the table. The stewards, based on the jump height listed, will pre-set the jumps. The judge will make certain the jump is at least the minimum required height for each dog and must also be aware that the jump may be set at a higher height if requested by the handler. Judges may, at their discretion, verify the height of any dog at the withers. The high jump will be 5 feet wide and built to be set at a height of 4 inches and adjustable at 2-inch increments from 8 inches to 36 inches. The uprights of the high jump will be 4 feet high. In addition, four 8-inch boards, one 4-inch board and one 2-inch board should be available for use. The jump will be a flat white. The height of each board will be indicated in black 2-inch numbers.

Broad Jump - The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until directed to jump, that the dog clear the jump on a single command or signal, and that the dog return to its handler after it has jumped.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Send your dog," and "Finish."

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The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle.

The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay and go to a position facing the right side of the jump. Handlers may stand anywhere between the lowest edge of the first hurdle and the highest edge of the last hurdle with their toes about two (2) feet from the jump.

On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler will make a 90-degree pivot, but will remain in the same spot. The dog will clear the entire distance of the hurdles without touching them and, without further command or signal, immediately return to a sitting position in front of the handler, finishing as in the Novice Recall.

The broad jump will consist of four white telescoping hurdles, all about 8 inches wide. The largest hurdle will measure about 5 feet long and about 6 inches at the highest point. In the ring, they will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog. Four hurdles will be used for a jump of 48 to 72 inches, three for 28 to 44 inches, two for a jump of 16 to 24 inches, and one for 8 inches. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first. It is the judge's responsibility to see that the distance jumped by each dog is in accordance with these regulations.

Stand Stay – Get Your Leash - This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Pre Graduate Novice exercise.

Utility A or B - Possible Score 200 points

All exercises are off leash.

Signal Exercise - The principal features of this exercise are the ability of dog and handler to work as a team while heeling and the dog's correct response to the signals to stand, stay, down, sit and come.

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. Orders are the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash, except for the judge's order to "Stand your dog." This order will only be given when the dog and handler are walking at a normal pace and will be followed by the order to "Leave your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to signal the dog to down, sit, come (in that sequence) and to finish.

Heeling will be done as in the Heel Free, except that handlers may use signals only and must not speak to their dogs at any time during this exercise. While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." On further order to "Leave your dog," the handler will signal the dog to stay, go to the other end of the ring, then turn and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give the signals to down, sit, come and finish as in the Novice Recall.

Scent Discrimination - The principal features of these exercises are the selection of the handler's article from among the other articles by scent alone and the prompt delivery of the correct article to the handler. In each of these two exercises, the dog must select and retrieve an article that has been handled by its handler. The dog must make this selection based on scent alone.

The orders are: "Take an article," "The taking of the article from the handler," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."

The articles will be provided by the handler and will consist of two (2) sets only. The handler will choose which two (2) sets are to be used, metal, leather or wood. Each set of articles will be comprised of five identical objects, which may be items of everyday use. The size of the articles will be proportionate to the

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size of the dog. The metal set must be made entirely of rigid metal. The leather set must be made of leather. The wood set must be made of one or more solid pieces of wood. The articles may be unfinished, stained or dyed and must be designed so that only a minimum amount of fastening material is visible. The articles in each set will be legibly numbered with a different number and must be approved by the judge.

The handler will present all ten articles to the judge, who will make a written note of the numbers of the two articles they have selected. These articles will be placed on a table or chair within the ring until the handler picks each up separately when ordered by the judge. The judge or steward will handle each of the remaining eight articles while randomly arranging them on the floor or ground about 6 inches apart. The closest article should be about 20 feet from the handler and dog. The judge must make sure that the articles are visible to both dog and handler and that they are far enough apart so that there will be no confusion of scent among articles. Handlers may choose to watch the articles being placed or face away. After the articles have been placed the handler will face away from the articles with the dog sitting in heel position.

The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, "Take an article"; the scoring of the exercise will begin. The handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position, then take an article and return to heel position. The handler may use either article first, but must hand it to the judge immediately when ordered. The judge will make certain handlers scent each article with their hands only.

Once the handler has returned to heel position with the article, the handler may talk to but not pet their dog. As the handler is scenting the article the judge will ask, "What method will you be using to send your dog?" The handler should respond with either "After a sit" or "Send directly." At this time, the handler may inform the judge the procedure will be the same for both articles. If not informed, the judge will ask the question again for the next article.

The judge's taking of the article will be considered to be the second order. On the judge's order, the handler will place the article on the judge's book or worksheet. Without touching that article, the judge or steward will place it among the others. Once the judge takes the article from the handler, the handler is not permitted to talk to the dog.

On order from the judge to "Send your dog," the handler has the option as to how the dog is sent. The handler may give the command or signal to heel and will turn in place; either right or left, to face the articles. The handler will come to a halt with the dog sitting in the heel position. The handler will then give the command or signal to retrieve. Or the handler may do a right about-turn, simultaneously giving the command or signal to retrieve. In this case, the dog should not assume a sitting position but must go directly to the articles. Handlers may give their scent by extending the palm of one hand in front of the dog's nose or gently touching the dog's nose, but the arm and hand must be returned to a natural position before they turn and face the articles. The dog should go directly to the articles at a brisk trot or gallop. It may take any reasonable time to select the correct article but must work continuously. After picking up the correct article, the dog will complete the exercise as in the Retrieve on Flat. This procedure will be followed for both articles. If a dog retrieves the wrong first article, that article and the correct one must be removed. They will be placed on the table or chair, and the next exercise will be done with one less article.

Directed Retrieve - The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay until directed to retrieve and that it complete the retrieve of the designated glove.

The orders are: "One," "Two," or "Three," "Take it," and "Finish."

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In this exercise the handler will provide three gloves that are predominately white. They must be open and must be approved by the judge. Handlers will stand with their backs to the unobstructed end of the ring midway between and in line with the jumps. The dog will be sitting in heel position. The judge or steward will drop the gloves across the end of the ring while the handler and dog are facing the opposite direction. One glove is dropped about three (3) feet in from each corner, and the remaining glove is dropped in the center, about three (3) feet from the end of the ring.

The gloves will be designated "One," "Two," or "Three," reading from left to right when the handler is facing the gloves. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order.

When the judge designates the glove by number, the handler will turn in place to face the glove, halting with the dog sitting in heel position. The handler may not touch the dog or reposition it. The handler will give the dog the direction to the designated glove with a single motion of the left hand and arm along the right side of the dog. Either simultaneously with or immediately following giving the direction, the handler must give a verbal retrieve command. The dog must then go directly to the glove, completing the exercise as in the Retrieve on Flat.

Handlers may bend their bodies and knees as far as necessary to give the direction to the dogs but must then stand up in a natural position with their arms and hands hanging naturally at their sides.

Moving Stand For Exam - The principal features of the exercise are that the dog heel, stand and stay as the handler moves away; accept the examination without shyness or resentment; and return to the handler on command.

The orders are: "Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may command or signal the dog to heel. After the handler has proceeded about 10 feet, the judge will order "Stand your dog." Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and continue forward about 10 to 12 feet. The handler will then turn either to the right or left to face the dog, which must stand and stay in position.

The judge will approach the dog from the front to examine it. The exam will consist of the judge gently using both hands in a single smooth motion beginning at the sides of the dog's neck, proceeding along the body and ending at the dog's croup. The exam will not include the head, teeth, legs, testicles, or tail.

On the judge's order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the heel position. The dog should return to heel position in a brisk manner.

Directed Jump - The principal features of this exercise are that the dog goes away from the handler to the opposite end of the ring, stop, jump as directed, and return as in the Novice Recall.

The orders are: "Send your dog," "Bar," "High" and "Finish."

The jumps will be placed midway in the ring at right angles to the longest sides of the ring 18 to 20 feet apart. The judge must see that the jumps are set at the required height for each dog, as described in the Retrieve over High Jump.

The handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring with the dog sitting in heel position, about 20 feet from the jumps and midway between them. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about 20 feet past the jumps in the approximate center of the unobstructed end

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of the ring. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to sit. The dog must stop and sit with its attention on the handler, but it need not sit squarely.

The judge will order either “Bar” or “High” for the first jump, and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the handler over the designated jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler may turn to face the dog as it returns. The dog will sit in front of the handler and, on order from the judge, finish as in the Novice Recall. After the dog has returned to heel position, the judge will say, “Exercise finished.” When the dog is set up for the second half of this exercise, the judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the order for the second part of the exercise. The same procedure will be followed for the second jump.

It is optional which jump the judge first indicates, but both jumps must be included. The judge must not designate the jump until the dog has reached the far end of the ring.

The height of the jumps and construction of the high jump will be the same as required in the Open classes. The bar jump will consist of a bar between 2 and 2 1/2 inches square with the edges rounded to remove any sharpness. The bar will be flat black and white in alternate sections each about 3 inches wide. The bar will have the weight of wood. It will be supported by two unconnected 4-foot upright posts about 5 feet apart and built to be set at a height of 4 inches and must be adjustable for each 2 inches of height from 8 inches to 36 inches. The jump must be built so that the bar may be knocked off without affecting the uprights.

Obedience Titles

This program is available to New Hampshire 4-H Dog members through the University of New Hampshire Extension. It is a program to recognize outstanding performance in obedience by dogs trained by 4-H members. Obedience titles are awarded to 4-H trained dogs as follows: 4-H Companion Dog (4-H CD), 4-H Companion Dog Excellent (4-H CDX), and 4-H Utility Dog (4-H UD).

A dog will be eligible for a 4-H obedience title if qualifying scores were obtained from three 4-H Dog shows under at least two different judges. Qualifying scores may also be obtained at non-AKC sanctioned matches conducted by local dog training clubs, at which non purebred dogs may compete. Scores must be indicated and certified on an individual dogs score report, and reported to the University of New Hampshire Extension. The application form can be found at the end of this document or from the State 4-H office.

4-H Dog Handlers who have already achieved an AKC or other title for their dog may receive a 4-H Companion Dog, 4-H Companion Dog Excellent, or 4-H Utility Dog title by entering Novice B, Open B or Utility B classes.

4-H Companion Dog

To qualify for this title a dog must receive a qualifying score in a Novice A or Novice B class in each of three 4-H Dog shows. A qualifying score is a total score of 170 or better, earning over one half of the possible points in each individual exercise.

4-H Companion Dog Excellent

To qualify for this title a dog must receive a qualifying score in an Open A or Open B class in each of three 4-H Dog shows. A qualifying score is a total score of 170 or better, earning over one half of the possible points in each individual exercise.

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4-H Utility Dog

To qualify for this title a dog must receive a qualifying score in a Utility A or Utility B class in each of three 4-H Dog shows. A qualifying score is a total score of 170 or better, earning over one half of the possible points in each individual exercise.

Recognition

Suitable certificates and recognition are available for each 4-H Dog achieving an obedience title. These certificates will be mailed from the New Hampshire State 4-H Office.

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4-H Dog Obedience Title

Qualifying Score Certification

Complete name of dog: _____

Dog owner's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Organization sponsoring show: _____

Where was the match held: _____

The following is to be completed by the show secretary or judge:

Class: _____ Score Received: _____

Did dog score 50% or more of points in each exercise? _____

Signature of Judge or Show Secretary Date

When three qualifying scores have been received send all three certificates to:

UNH Cooperative Extension
4-H Animal Science
Kendall Hall
129 Main St.
Durham, NH 03824

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Dog Knowledge/Canine Challenge

General Knowledge/ Canine Challenge/ Dog Knowledge

1. All 4-H members are encouraged to learn dog knowledge, including, but not limited to: general care & maintenance, disease and disease prevention, basic first aid, common medical problems, dog breeds (AKC based), training techniques, grooming, and other dog-related fields as it is an important part of the 4-H Dog Project.
2. 4-H members are also expected to demonstrate their knowledge by taking a written test at the 4-H Dog shows, as well as at Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Show. Specific topics for the Eastern States 4-H Dog show can be viewed and downloaded from the 4-H Dog Packet on the Eastern States Exposition web site after mid-January at www.thebige.com.
3. Members are also expected to answer questions in the fitting and showing ring. These can be based on dog care, training, grooming, the member's dog's breed and original function, or anything else listed in as the specific topics to be covered at that year's Eastern States Expo. Sources for questions come from any of the following: *AKC Complete Dog Book, 20th ed., American Red Cross Dog First Aid, AKC Complete Dog Book for Kids, Dog Resource Handbook (Ohio State Extension), 4-H Guide: Dog Tricks and Training*.
4. Scores for written tests should be based on the number correct, or percentage correct, not the number or percentage incorrect.

Quiz

A written quiz worth 100 points can be given at each show. The questions may be taken from information in your 4-H Dog Project Books (CCS National 4-H Curriculum), *AKC Book For Kids, American Red Cross Dog First Aid, The AKC's Complete Dog Book, Dog Resource handbook, Canine Terminology, Ohio State Publication, or Dog Tricks and Training*, or the AKC website (www.akc.org). (Some of these books may be available for loan at your County Extension Office).

Special accommodations for quizzes must be submitted with entry of exhibitor as directed.

Exhibitors are encouraged to review the quiz before leaving the show, and present any corrections to the Superintendents. Superintendents may not be able to adjust scores after leaving the show and quiz score may be final.

Overall 4-H Dog Program Scoring

	Blue	Red	White
Obedience Class	200-170	169-150	149 &Below
Fitting and Showing	100-90	89-80	79 &Below
Dog Knowledge Quiz	100-90	89-80	79 &Below

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GAME CLASSES

Game classes or gymkhana events are useful in teaching dogs to execute some commands as well. They are especially useful in working with 4-H members as they can make dog training more enjoyable and even fun for the dogs.

The games listed below are just a few of the many which might be chosen for a show. Depending if time allows classes may be added or canceled.

Egg and Spoon Contest

Each handler is given a spoon and an egg. They line up and proceed to walk around in a large circle with their dogs. The egg is carried on the spoon. The judge gives commands such as fast, slow, about turns, etc. The last person remaining without dropping the egg is the winner.

Musical Cardboard

This game is the same as musical chairs, but instead of chairs, pieces of cardboard are placed around on which the dogs must sit.

Cracker Barrel Race

The handler, while controlling the dog, must run to a designated point chew a saltine cracker, whistle and then run back to the starting point. This can be done against time or as a relay with teams.

Obstacle Course

Make up your own course, possible obstacles include tires, a crate which the dog must enter then exit, a box in which the dog must sit, balloons to walk through, a tunnel or board to go under or through. Be sure to include one like carrying an egg or ball on a spoon, which the handler must execute while controlling the dog.

Agility Course

Agility is a fun activity to test the skills and obedience of any dog. In agility, the handler directs the dog through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. The handler's controls are limited to voice, movement, and various body signals, requiring exceptional training of the animal and coordination of the handler in order to maintain safety.

Trick Class

This is an optional class open to all 4-H Dog show participants. Members have an allotted amount of time to perform and present a trick(s), stunts or maneuver(s) to a panel of judges. Small Props are allowed. No Scorecard. Check fair book to see if class is offered. Sign up is usually day of show.

Costume Class

Some shows offer this class. Check your fair book for descriptions and rules.

Freestyle/Heelwork- to-Music

Some shows offer this optional class.

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Purpose - Freestyle is a team sport where the dog and handler exhibit a scripted routine that shows they are having fun while working together. The participants should demonstrate partnership, a planned routine, and a sense of fun throughout. In the pilot year of this program, participants will be able to combine elements of Freestyle and Heelwork-to-Music into a routine that uses the obedience training skills they have developed in a looser and more creative way.

Canine Freestyle is an activity that includes musicality. The movements of the handler/dog team should be a planned routine that matches the style or theme of the music being played, and is in time with the music. In some cases, the movements will be in the form of dance steps or body positions. In other cases, as in a theatrical or story-telling routine, where the team will be performing interpretive movements, moods, and/or expressions to match the music selected.

Divisions -

Junior - members ages 8-13 as of January 1 of that year

Senior - members ages 14-18 as of January 1 of that year

Pairs - 2 members with their dogs (any age)

Team - 3-4 members and their dogs (any age)

On leash/ Off leash

1. On leash - any team may compete on leash. Members may drop the lead to perform maneuvers but must pick it up. Leash must not be dropped for more than 25% of entire routine.
2. Leash should remain loose and not be used to coerce dog to move.
3. Off leash dogs must be competing in at least Novice obedience or higher.
4. Off leash dogs must be under control and maintain engagement with the handler throughout the routine. Members are encouraged to keep their dog on leash if they might lose control.

General

1. Length: 30 sec - 2 minutes - The time of the routine will start when either the dog or handler begin to move (not when the music starts). The time will stop when both the dog and handler perform the ending pose of the routine (such as sit in a hula hoop or sit and handler bows)
2. Ring area: The dog and handler should cover as much of the total ring area as possible, presenting moves in various areas of the ring and balancing the routine throughout the ring space. Teams should use at least 50% of the total ring area.
3. All movements of the dog(s) should appear natural and safe for the dog to perform. There should be no intentional held or forced movement of the dog(s) by the handler(s).

Props and other items

1. Props are permitted, but not required, and may be stationary or movable.
2. Dogs and/or handlers may carry and/or retrieve a stationary or thrown prop. However, a prop or other item may only be thrown with the intent that it be immediately retrieved a maximum of 2 times in any routine.
3. If used, props must be an integral part of the routine and must be used by the handler and dog team.

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4. Handlers must provide their own props. Time allotment for set up and taking down of props is 30 seconds.

Bait, Toys, Lures

1. Food and toys are allowed, but should not be the focus of the routine or a distraction to the performance.
2. Dogs can engage with a reward briefly throughout the routine. But the dog must be performing maneuvers, not blindly following a treat or toy.
3. Treats must be contained (no open top treat bags that will spill while handler moves, no tossing cookies around that will not be eaten/picked up).

**** NOTE to superintendents:** This class should be held after obedience to prevent treats littering the ring and distracting dogs in their obedience classes.

Music

1. All Music must be 4-H appropriate, show good taste, and should not be offensive or suggestive in language.
2. Music must be provided in a manner that can be played from a personal device into a microphone.
3. Music checks will be available after props have been set and before each competitor's routine begins. Competitors will listen to see if music is at an acceptable level. Volume will be adjusted at this time.

Costumes - Handler

1. Handler costumes are permitted and should be suited to the theme of the music and routine.
2. Costumes must be 4-H appropriate and follow the 4-H Dress Code.
3. Costumes should not distract, limit, or hinder the judge's view of dogs.

Costumes - Dog

1. Permitted: Decorative/coordinated neck collar, scarf, bands above the foot covering no more than 1.5" of each pastern, decorative/coordinated hair bands, bows, or barrettes. No other adornment is permitted.
2. Dog costumes must not interfere with the dog's movement in any way.
3. Collars: any 4H permitted collar is acceptable. No prong collars.

Scoring (Pilot year)- A participation award will be given to every member, pair, or team that performs a freestyle routine that meets the expectations and demonstrates lots of FUN!

What Should a Freestyle Routine Include? A mix of basic obedience (heel, sit, down), with tricks and position changes to create fluid transitions for a pleasing routine that incorporates Technical Merit and Artistic Impression.

Artistic Impression Considerations

- **Flow - Choreography Cues** - In freestyle, cues are encouraged to blend in and flow with your routine. Hand signals should be disguised within your dance moves. Talking to the dog is allowed but should not be excessive.

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- Moves with the Music - Handler moves fluidly with the music/theme and tricks/transitions go with the music. Extra dances and movements that follow the theme are encouraged.
- Engagement - Handlers should be kind and encouraging with their canine teammate. The handler should appear that they are enjoying the work with their dog.

Technical Merit - incorporate at least 1 of each (should easily build a 30 second routine if done with music and flow between movements)

1. **Side work** - dog moving closely next to handler on right or left

Examples

Varied speeds

Varied gaits (walk, skip, hop, sashay, tango, shuffle...)

Circling with dog to inside or outside

Pivoting to the left or right dog either side

Pattern: figure 8, serpentine, zig zag...

2. **Front work** - dog is positioned in front of handler. Handler and dog move together and maintain distance.

Examples

Front work with curves

Front work with a pivot

Front work with a trick or prop

3. **Tricks** - be creative! Just make sure it is safe.

Examples

Spins, Weaves, Shake, Paw, Sit pretty, touch, jump through arms. Back up, Bark on command,

4. **Distance work**

Dog retrieves and object

Dog stays in position, handler walks away and calls

Handler 'sends' dog to a designated spot (chair, box, hula hoop, crate pad)

5. **Props** - optional category

Weaves in and out or around a cone, Sends over a jump, Jumps through a hoop, Holds/picks up any object related to the routine (example a blanket for a bedtime song/theme)

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

1. The member (handler) must participate at any given New Hampshire 4-H Dog Qualifying Show held prior to August 20, Qualify with a total combined score of 310 from Quiz, Fitting and Show, and Obedience class
2. An ESE Qualification Form must be filled out, signed by the show superintendent of the fair at which the qualifying score was achieved and submitted to the State 4-H office by August 20.
3. Member must have a 4-H animal Intent to Show form on file in their county Extension office by June 1 of the current year.
4. Member must be 12 years of age or older (as of January 1).
5. Family Dog entrants cannot qualify for ESE.

Steward program – 4-H members who do not want to participate with their dog or who have no dog to use at the time of Eastern States because of illness, etc. may participate at ESE as a steward. For more information about this wonderful program see the Eastern States 4-H Dog Packet or contact your club leader.

Quiz bowl - Four 4-H dog members from each New England State participate in the ESE Dog Quiz Bowl.

Poster contest - See updated ESE packet, available from your county Extension office.

Photo contest - See updated ESE packet, available from your county Extension office.

Golden lead - See updated ESE packet, available from your county Extension office.

PLANNING THE SHOW

To qualify as a 4-H Dog show the show must be conducted by a 4-H club, or under the supervision of County 4-H Dog leader. Much planning goes into a successful show and there are many decisions, which need to be made well in advance of the show.

ENTRIES: Entry blanks should request the following information about the dog: name of the dog, classes entered, sex, age, height, years in training, any titles held, name, age, and address of the exhibitor. It should also indicate when entries are due. It is necessary to consider entry fees. If entry fees are charged they should be minimal.

EXPENSES: Major show expenses are: rental of grounds, rental of equipment, program and class list printing, liability insurance, awards, and officials' expenses. With careful planning many of these items may be available as a donation.

RECEIPTS: Income may come from food/concessions, ticket sales, and entry fees. Consider selling advertisements in a show program book to cover expenses. Businesses might be willing to sponsor the expenses for one class.

AWARDS: Awards should attempt to recognize the achievements of as many participants as possible. Consider Danish ribbons in Fitting and Showing, and general knowledge classes. It is necessary to recognize the top individuals in the show, but this is often done to the exclusion of others who may have achieved at an outstanding level as an individual. Remember the purpose of awards should be to encourage members by building confidence.

CLASSES AND RULES: In the following pages in this manual, you will find class descriptions, and rules. Descriptions and rules must be available to exhibitors, judges, and committees, to avoid confusion, and

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complaints regarding what are expected of exhibitors, and their dogs. All 4-H Dog shows must include Fitting and Showing in addition to obedience classes. A general dog knowledge contest should be included. Dog bowl, obstacle courses, and game classes add fun to the show for exhibitors, dogs, and spectators.

QUIZ: Quiz topic information shall be from the resources suggested by the state curriculum committee. It is recommended that all quizzes be proof read and all possible answers are in an answer key for correcting. An answer key with page number references to the information source are helpful for any questions brought up by exhibitors.

Volunteers to help read quizzes shall be provided for all who need assistance. They are not allowed to give clues or answers to quiz. There shall be adequate volunteers in the area where the quiz is taken to answer all questions. Answers or clues cannot be given to help, but reading, pronouncing, rephrasing of a question, explanation, or clarification of test instructions, etc. are all acceptable help.

Quiz testing shall provide enough time to take the quiz. If additional time is needed, it shall be provided.

TIME: Start the show on time and keep it running smoothly and rapidly to hold the attention of the audience, as well as the interest of exhibitors. Show officials should plan to arrive early enough at the show site to register entrants, and deal with any last minute problems. A knowledgeable announcer is a valuable asset and can help keep the show running on time. Cooperation between the announcer and the stewards will help eliminate delays, and encourage exhibitors to be ready to enter the ring when called.

Starting the show on time is a MUST. The announcer should also keep the audience informed about what is going on. Describing the class requirements, how it will be conducted and comments on what the judge will be looking for are interesting to spectators. The announcer must avoid comments about a participant's performance while being judged in the ring.

SCHEDULE: Keep both exhibitors and spectators in mind when scheduling classes. Vary the type of classes as much as possible. Alternate classes so that few, if any exhibitors will have to show in consecutive classes. Fitting and Showing classes should be scheduled first, and game classes last. If dogs will show in two rings use care in scheduling so as to avoid conflicts. Conflicts might require a class to be held up and slow down the whole show.

JUDGES: Selection of the judge(s) is an important decision for the show committee. It is a good idea to choose a different judge each year. A copy of the class list and rules should be sent to each judge well in advance of the show. Be sure to tell each judge what time you expect them to arrive, and be sure they have directions to the area or building you will be using.

PRIZES: As a general rule, it is not desirable to offer money prizes in a 4-H Show. Merchandise, ribbons and similar awards are recommended. Plan prizes to reward as many exhibitors as possible for their quality exhibition. **RING:** The ring should be large enough so there is ample opportunity for dogs to perform at their best without too much crowding. A suggested minimum size is 30 by 40 feet. For outside shows - the ring should be 40 x 50 feet. All show rings should have flooring that is surefooted to both handler and dog. Deep sawdust or tall grass is not ideal. When choosing a site consider any distractions such as midway rides, livestock, noise, or odors which might distract dogs or inexperienced handlers. A barrier fence is strongly suggested around the show ring (snow fence, plastic mesh, etc) so that dogs are confined to the ring and spectators are kept out.

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CONDUCTING THE SHOW

Officials: Judges Chairman
 Steward Secretary
 Announcer

Work Details: Gate and ticket sale
 Refreshments
 Rest Rooms
 Decorations
 Clean-up
 Parking

Equipment: Public address systems with extra microphone. Judges'
 Table, folding chairs, judge's sheets, exhibitor numbers,
 jumps, and official's table.

Miscellaneous: First aid

Duties Of Show Officials

Judges

Judges in 4-H Dog shows should be thoroughly familiar with 4-H show rules. Judges must read/follow this guide **AND** the 4-H Dog Program Judging Guidelines (both found on <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/4-h-dog-project-overview>) before the 4-H show. Guidelines may change from year to year. They must show no partiality for a purebred dog over an All American. In addition they must show no partiality for any particular breed.

The judge is responsible for the dog's actions if he attempts to open the dog's mouth. He must allow the handler to do this if the handler so requests. This is done with no deduction of points.

Judges should not be familiar with the contestants. Judges who are familiar with the contestants should inform the committee and consider not accepting the judging job. It is highly recommended that the same judge not judge the same class at more than one qualifying event for the Eastern States Exposition per year. It is also encouraged to alternate judging panel through the years to provide a diverse judging experience for the exhibitors.

The judge should state before the show what he/she expects. As an example; in Fitting and Showing are courtesy turns desired, stacking the dog when returning to the judge etc.

Judges must remember that their primary function in a 4-H Dog Show, in addition to making placing, is to offer encouragement and advice to the exhibitor. The show setting is an opportunity for a 4-H member to

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learn "how to make his best better the next time." A judge must remember a nine-year-old is not usually as skilled at trimming and grooming as a sixteen-year-old, however an okay nine-year-old should not win over an excellent teen.

Stewards

Assists the show secretary in checking in contestants on arrival.

Takes responsibility for assuring that all contestants are ready to enter the ring when the class is called.

Assists the judge in the show ring according to the judge's direction. For example serving as a post for the figure 8, or holding the exhibitor's equipment, or the judge's clipboard while they examine the dog in Fitting and Showing.

Keeps ribbons and awards organized and read for presentation following judging.

Assist chairman to start the show, or class on time.

Announcer

The announcer for the show is responsible for calling classes. Each class should be called twice before it starts. The announcer also announces winners in coordination with the steward(s), and judge(s). The announcer should describe the classes as they are going on but NOT during an individual exercise when it might disrupt the concentration of the dog or handler. Before each exercise the announcer should explain to the audience what the next exercise is and give a short description of it. Example: "This exercise is the stand for examination. The handler will stand the dog and step away from it. The dog must stand perfectly still while the judge examines and moves around it, and until the handler returns." Care must be taken to time these announcements correctly. DO NOT announce during the exercise as the dog may not hear its command, or the handler may not hear the judge's instructions. Never comment or critique an individual's performance in the show ring over the PA system during judging.

Chairman

The chairman oversees the show, double-checking on details as necessary. Pay special attention to scorecards, awards, and arrival of the judge. Act in the role of head steward if one has not been appointed. Work with committee chairmen to be sure the show starts on time.

Show Secretary

The secretary receives all entries for the show, and keeps the judge informed of the number of dogs in each class. The secretary is responsible for assigning numbers, registering handlers, and helping total scores. In general, the secretary keeps the show running smoothly. The secretary is responsible for a copy of all records of the show, reporting results for obedience titles, and making results available to the news media. A non-showing 4-H member may be recruited to act as an assistant show secretary to help with scores and announcing.

Dog Show Committees

A show has many details that need attention, and early selection of a Show Chairman is desirable. It is important to plan for enough volunteers to be available the day of the show to keep the show running smoothly. The chairman should then appoint planning committees or individuals to handle the following aspects of the show:

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1. **Publicity** - The success of the show can depend on the activity of this committee. The publicity committee is responsible for advance publicity including press releases, posters and other announcements. They should arrange for press coverage of the show and submit show results for publication in the newspaper.
2. **Class list and Entry** - The class list should include:
 - a. Name, date, location of show (and possible rain date)
 - b. Secretary's name and address
 - c. Name of judge(s)
 - d. List of classes and descriptions
 - e. Expected schedule for classes
 - f. Rules of show (entry fees, etc.)

This committee must make sure the class list is printed and sent out to all potential exhibitors far enough in advance of the show for entries to be returned by the deadline.

3. **Trophies and Ribbons** - This committee is responsible for planning the awards for the show and purchasing ribbons, trophies and special awards.
 - a. In Fitting and Showing the Danish system of awards is suggested. This will recognize the efforts of all that compete. A trophy or rosette for the first place winner in each class is appropriate. Most shows also offer a special award for showman of the day.
 - b. Game and obedience classes should be judged and places on a numerical system, i.e., first, second, third, along with the Danish system of judging.
 - c. Special awards may consist of rosettes, trophies, plaques, or merchandise. Consider the following for possible special awards. You may choose to add others, or combine some if the number of entries is small.
 - (1) Sportsmanship award
 - (2) Champion Showman and Reserve Champion Showman
 - (3) Sub Novice Obedience Champion
 - (4) Novice Obedience Champion
 - (5) Open Obedience Champion
 - (6) Utility Obedience Champion
 - (7) Dog knowledge Champion (novice, junior, senior)
 - (8) Educational Kennel Display
 - (9) Overall Show Champion (combined scores Obedience, Fitting and Showing and Knowledge)
 - (10) Family Dog
4. **Judges Committee** - Must select, obtain and entertain the judge(s). In selecting the judge if you have not observed his/her judging it is important to discuss the importance of giving exhibitors positive feedback. Be sure the judge is aware of the system of placing you will use, i.e. (Danish, numerical), and is aware of any special awards to be chosen. You must also agree on any fee or expenses to be paid. On the day of the show this committee is responsible for greeting the judge, arranging for breaks, and lunch, and arranging for payment of fees.
5. **Grounds Committee** - Prepare and operate the show ring and show grounds. This committee will obtain and set up jumps if needed. They should also arrange for an adequate sound system. Be sure to plan for clean up after the show. Committee must plan to set up far enough in advance of show time so the show will start on time. Mark off ring with rope or fencing leaving a gate for entry. There should be a table and chair within the ring for the judge or show steward.
6. **Refreshment/Concessions** - (Optional) Responsibilities include planning for refreshments for judges and show officials. In addition the sale of food, beverages, candy, and treats for dogs may be a major source of income for the show. The concession should be set up in time for early

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arrivals to get their “morning cup of coffee” before show time. If refreshments are not to be available, you should state so on the show flyer/class list.

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REFERENCES FOR THE 4-H DOG PROGRAM

- 4-H Information - <http://extension.unh.edu>
 - 4-H Dog Project Manual -
 - *A Fear-less Approach to Understanding Dogs, Their Care and Training* – Shop4-H website
<https://shop4-h.org/products/a-fear-less-approach-to-understanding-dogs-their-care-and-training>
 - AKC Website: www.akc.org
 - *The American Kennel Club Dog Care and Training* by American Kennel Club
 - *AKC New Complete Dog book* by American Kennel Club
 - *Meet the Breeds: A Guide to More Than 200 AKC Breeds* by American Kennel Club
 - *4-H Guide: Dog Training and dog Tricks* by Tammie Rodgers
 - *Essential First Aid for Dog Owners* by Lorrie Boldrick DVM
 - *AKC Canine Citizen* by Mary R. Burch, PhD
 - *Dog Resource Handbook (Ohio State Extension)* available from
<https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/dog-resource-handbook/>
 - *Canine Terminology* by Harold Spira
 - OFA CHIC Certification Program: <https://www.ofa.org/about/chic-program>
 - Eastern States Exposition Information: www.thebigex.com
 - PetEdge Catalog (Use for visual aids for knowledge tests) www.petedge.com
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- New Hampshire 4-H Dog Program Judging Guidelines <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/4-h-dog-project-overview>
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- Great Fitting and Showing Guide (from Washington State University)

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ATTACHMENTS

- A. NH 4-H Dog Fitting & Showing Score Sheet
- B. NH 4-H Dog Family Dog Score Sheet
- C. NH 4-H Dog Sub Novice Obedience Score Sheet
- D. NH 4-H Dog Beginner Novice Obedience Score Sheet
- E. NH 4-H Dog Preferred Novice Score Sheet
- F. NH 4-H Dog Novice Obedience Score Sheet
- G. NH 4-H Dog Pre Graduate Novice Obedience Score Sheet
- H. NH 4-H Dog Graduate Novice Obedience Score Sheet
- I. NH 4-H Dog Open Obedience Score Sheet
- J. NH 4-H Dog Utility Obedience Score Sheet
- K. NH 4-H Dog Novice Team Obedience Score Sheet
- L. NH 4-H Dog Long Sit / Long Down Group Examination Chart
- M. NH 4-H Dog Explanation of Deductions
- N. New Hampshire 4-H Dog Program Educational Kennel Display Scoresheet
- O. New Hampshire 4-H Dog Program Freestyle/Heelwork-to-Music Comment Card

Updated New Hampshire Dog Project information and copies of the score sheets can be found on the NH 4-H Dog Project Web page at:

<https://extension.unh.edu/resource/nh-4-h-dog-project>