

DEPARTMENT 4J – DOGS

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Livestock Department, Section, and Class Specific Rules & Regulations. These rules and regulations are in addition to the “General Rules and Regulations Applicable to All Exhibitors and Exhibits”. All Exhibitors must comply with all Washington County Ag Expo & Fair rules and regulations. Failure to comply may disqualify the entry and require that it be removed from the fairgrounds.

Department 4J – Dogs

1) General Rules and Regulations

- a) First Year Classes are only open to exhibitors who are In their first year of training and/or exhibiting any dog.
- b) Good sportsmanship will be expected of all exhibitors and all family members. **NON-EXHIBITORS SHOULD NOT APPROACH JUDGES.** Address all concerns and questions to the show superintendent. The judge and/or superintendent may excuse from the ring or fairgrounds any dog or handler who falls into these categories: (a) any handler who willfully interferes with another participant or their dog: (b) any dog which cannot be controlled by its handler: (c) any obviously ill or lame dog: (d) any handler who abuses their dog in or out of the ring: (e) a dog determined to be out-of-control.
- c) An Exhibitor may exhibit in a class above their age level, but not below their age level. If an exhibitor competes In an AKC, UKC, or any other similarly sanctioned dog event, they must compete at or above that same level in all 4-H events.
- d) When possible, except as expressly altered in these rules, the American Kennel Club (AKC) regulations will be used as the standard for judging.
- e) Eligibility: Dogs exhibited must have been trained by the Exhibitor. Exhibitor's project must be identified to the 4-H office by June 1 of the current year. Any 4-H project dog, whether registered/unregistered purebred or mixed bred, may be entered. All dogs shall be immunized and have a valid rabies vaccination. Rabies vaccination number and expiration date must be listed on the dog registration form. Dogs without a valid rabies vaccination will not be allowed to show. Female dogs in season will not be allowed to be shown.
- f) The same dog may be shown by up to two 4-H members in separate sections (i.e. obedience, rally, fitting and showing). It cannot be shown in the same section by more than one member.
- g) Awards: Premiums/ribbons will be awarded to 1st thru 5th place In each class. Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion In each Section: Obedience, Fitting and Showmanship, and (Rally). **TIES FOR THE TITLE OF GRAND CHAMPION AND/OR RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION IN ALL SECTIONS WILL BE BROKEN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.**

2) Section 1 Obedience

- a) An Exhibitor may show two (2) dogs in different obedience classes in the same age's division (not more than one (1) per class). A dog that has won an obedience class with an AKC qualifying score in a previous Ag Expo and Fair show may not compete in that same class again. Once a dog advances to a higher level it cannot move back to a lower level.
- b) All exercises will be done individually except the long sit and long down (these will be done in convenient groups).
- c) **Class Descriptions --** Exercises and judging criteria will follow AKC guidelines and rules that are in effect as of January 1 of current year unless modified and published in the current Ag Expo and Fair catalog.
 - i) **First Year Pre-Novice Obedience:** Exhibitors who are in their first year of training and/or exhibiting ANY dog. All work will be done on leash, including stays. Exercising and judging criteria will follow AKC rules that are in effect as of January 1st of the current year.
 - ii) **Pre-Novice Obedience:** Dogs which have earned one (1) leg towards their CD (Companion Dog) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry (U-CD from UKC), may not compete in this class. All work will be done on leash, including the stays. Exercises and judging criteria will follow AKC rules that are in effect as of January 1 of the current year.
 - iii) **Novice Obedience:** Dogs which have earned a C.D. (Companion Dog) title from the AKC or an equivalent title from another registry (U-CD from UKC) may not compete in this class. Exercises and judging criteria will follow AKC rules that are in effect as of January 1 of the current year.
 - iv) **Graduate Novice Obedience:** Dogs which have not obtained one (1) leg toward CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) title from the AKC or equivalent title from another registry but have obtained a CD title from the AKC or equivalent title from another registry are eligible to compete in this class. Exercises and judging criteria will follow AKC rules that are in effect as of January 1 of the current year.
 - v) **Open Obedience:** These classes represent advanced obedience and any Exhibitor who has trained a dog to compete in the respective class exercises may compete in this class. All entries in the open classes must indicate the appropriate dog jump heights (Broad and High). Exhibitors who are showing at this level may continue showing at this level indefinitely. Exercises and judging criteria will follow AKC rules that are in effect as of January 1 of the current year.

3) Section II -- Fitting and Showmanship

- a) All fitting (grooming) must be done by the Exhibitor except where help is needed with specialized breed grooming (e.g. clipping, stripping, etc.). Artificial preparation such as powder or cornstarch, etc. may NOT be left on the dog.
 - b) Dogs must be clean (including their ears) with coats well brushed and free of mats. Dogs should be free of external parasites. Allowances may be made by the judge for unavoidable surface dirt due to wet weather.
 - c) Exhibitors should be able to show their dogs at an appropriate gait, show the dog's bite upon judge's request and stand their dogs in an acceptable pose to permit examination by judge. Exhibitors should be able to answer questions on the care, grooming, and background of their breed(s).
 - d) Fitting of Dog (body condition, grooming) and Showing in the Ring (performance of dog, presentation of dog, alertness of exhibitor, personal appearance of the exhibitor, and knowledge of the breed and overall dog care and training) will be judged.
 - e) Performance of the dog shall not count against the Exhibitor unless in the Judge's opinion it interferes with another exhibitor's dog. The ability of the exhibitor to show their dog to its best advantage, whether the dog is cooperative or not, will be evaluated. It is expected that the exhibitor will have worked with their dog adequately prior to the show and have developed a working relationship with the dog.
 - f) **Class Descriptions --**
 - i) **First Year Novice:** Exhibitors who are in their first year of training and/or exhibiting ANY dog. Fitting and Showing exhibitors who are regarded as Open Junior Handlers by the AKC as of July 1 of the current year are not eligible for this class.
 - ii) **Novice:** Exhibitors (Handlers) who have previously placed 1st in a Novice Fitting & Showmanship class are not eligible for this class and must compete in the appropriate Open Fitting and Showmanship class. Exception - 1st year Fitting and Showmanship Exhibitors who are regarded as Open Junior Handlers by the AKC as of July 1 of the current year are not eligible for this class.
 - iii) **Open:** This class represents advanced fitting and showmanship. Once an exhibitor competes in an open Fitting and Showmanship class, they may not compete in a Novice Fitting and Showmanship class at a future Ag Expo and Fair show.
- 4) Section III - Rally
- a) An exhibitor may show 2 dogs in different Rally classes in the same age division (not more than 1 per class). A dog that has won a Rally class in a previous Ag Expo and Fair show may not compete in that same class again. The dog must move up to a higher Rally class (i.e. Novice to Advanced) or the Exhibitor must move to the next age level (i.e. Junior to Intermediate). Once a dog advances to a higher level it cannot move back to a lower level.
 - b) All course runs will be done individually.
 - c) Exercises and Judging Criteria for all divisions will follow AKC rules that are in effect as of January 1 of the current year.
 - d) **Class Descriptions:**
 - i) **Novice Rally:** All work will be done on leash. Dogs which have earned their RN (Rally Novice) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class.
 - ii) **Advanced Rally:** All work will be done off leash. Dogs which have earned their RA (Rally Advanced) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class.
 - iii) **Excellent A Rally:** All work, with the exception of the Honor Exercises will be done off leash. Dogs which have won this class, with a qualifying score in prior years or have earned their RE (Rally Excellent) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class.
 - iv) **Excellent B Rally:** All work, with the exception of the Honor Exercises will be done off leash. This class is for dogs that have won an Excellent A class at the Ag Expo and Fair show event in prior years with a qualifying score or have the AKC RE (Rally Excellent) title.

Premiums for Department 4J

1st – \$5.00	2nd – \$4.00	3rd – \$3.00	4th – \$2.00
5th – \$1.00	6th – \$1.00	7th – \$1.00	8th – \$1.00
9th – \$1.00	10th – \$1.00	11th & Up – \$1.00	

SECTION

001 – Obedience

Classes

- 0001 First Year Pre Novice – Junior
- 0002 First Year Pre Novice – Intermediate
- 0003 First Year Pre Novice – Senior
- 0004 Pre-Novice – Junior
- 0005 Pre-Novice – Intermediate
- 0006 Pre-Novice – Senior

- 0007 Novice – Junior
- 0008 Novice – Intermediate
- 0009 Novice – Senior
- 0010 Graduate Novice – Junior
- 0011 Graduate Novice – Intermediate
- 0012 Graduate Novice – Senior
- 0013 Open - Junior
- 0014 Open - Intermediate
- 0015 Open - Senior

SECTION
002 – Fitting and Showmanship

Classes

- 0001 First Year Novice - Junior
- 0002 First Year Novice - Intermediate
- 0003 First Year Novice - Senior
- 0004 Novice - Junior
- 0005 Novice - Intermediate
- 0006 Novice - Senior
- 0007 Open - Junior
- 0008 Open - Intermediate
- 0009 Open - Senior

SECTION
003 – Rally

Classes

- 0001 Novice Rally – Junior
- 0002 Novice Rally – Intermediate
- 0003 Novice Rally – Senior
- 0004 Advanced Rally – Junior
- 0005 Advanced Rally – Intermediate
- 0006 Advanced Rally – Senior
- 0007 Excellent A Rally – Junior
- 0008 Excellent A Rally – Intermediate
- 0009 Excellent A Rally – Senior
- 0010 Excellent B Rally – Junior
- 0011 Excellent B Rally – Intermediate
- 0012 Excellent B Rally – Senior