

Dog

1. Read general rules and regulations
2. Requirements for each division are explained at each dog club meeting.
3. Placing ribbons will be given for 1st thru 10th place and participation ribbons will be given thereafter.
4. A 4-H member may train and show more than one dog provided that they are shown in different obedience and agility classes at the Marion County Fair Dog Show.
5. **Classes: Code of Ethics-** To maintain a high degree of confidence and standards in the 4-H dog project, Marion County 4-H has adopted the following: Any exhibitor making false or misleading statement, using excessive force or abusive (physical or verbal) behavior, showing a dog out of the correct class, substituting one dog for another, or being a party to any other dishonorable practice, whether by their action or the act of another individual, shall not be allowed to complete the 4-H dog project and will forfeit all dog project awards for that year. 4-H dog leaders will determine the class for all dogs prior to the show based on the 4-H 671 form. If the code of ethics is broken by member when the leader is determining the class, the member will be subject to the penalty above even if it is discovered after the show is completed. Inappropriate attire may reduce the overall score.
6. **Showmanship Classes- Junior Showmanship-** For any exhibitor who is in grades 3-5 as of January 1st. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship State 1st place winner, he/she is only eligible to compete in Intermediate/Senior Showmanship in subsequent years. **Intermediate Showmanship-** For any 4-H exhibitor in grades 6-8 as of January 1st. Intermediate showmanship state winner is only eligible to compete in Senior Showmanship. **Senior Showmanship-** For any 4-H exhibitor in grades 9-12. Exceptions only for previous state showmanship winners. **NOTE:** Proper attire: Girls- dress, skirt and blouse, culottes, dress pants, or blue jeans. Boys- dress pants, blue jeans, dress shirt (coat & tie optional) Western boots, high heels, slipon, backless or loose fitting shoes are not acceptable.
7. **Obedience Classes**
 - 1A.- For 4-H'ers with no previous dog training experience, with a dog which has received no formal obedience training before January 1 of the current year. (Repeatable for Exhibition only.)
 - 1B- For 4-H'ers with previous dog training experience (4-H or otherwise) or for 4-H'ers with no experience whose dogs have had training which disqualifies them for 1A (Repeatable for Exhibition only). A 4-H'er can progress from 1A to 1B in the following year with the same dog.
 - 2A- For 4-H'ers and dogs that have completed 1A and/or 1B. (Repeatable for Exhibition only.)
 - 2B- For 4-H'ers and dogs who have completed 2A but are not ready for third year work. This may be repeated.
 - 3A- For 4-H'ers and dogs that have completed 2A and/or 2B. (Repeatable for Exhibition only.)
 - 3B- For 4-H'ers and dogs who have completed 3A but are not ready for fourth year work. This may be repeated.
 - 4A- For 4-H'ers and dogs that have completed third year work (Repeatable for Exhibition only.)
 - 4B- For 4-H'ers who have completed 4A but are not ready for fifth year work. This may be repeated.
 - 5A- For 4-H'ers and dogs that have completed fourth year work. (Repeatable for Exhibition only.)
 - 5B- For 4-H'ers who have completed 5A but are not ready for sixth year work. This may be repeated.
 - 6A- For 4-H'ers and dogs that have completed fifth year work. (Repeatable for Exhibition only.)
 - 6B- For 4-H'ers who have spent a year in 6A. This may be repeated.

Veteran dog- For 4-H'ers with dogs at least 7 years old or older or physically challenged and who have completed 2B. If physically challenged, you must have a veterinary certificate that states that the dog is unable to retrieve or jump.

Leader Dog Classes- Per State Rules

8. Any female dog showing evidence of being in season will not be allowed on the show grounds.
9. All dogs must be under direct control of their handler.
10. Any dog displaying signs of aggression will not be allowed to show in the interest of safety to others associated with the show.
11. All dogs must be accompanied by the 4-H 671, Certificate of Vaccination, signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian indicating the dog to have been vaccinated for Kennel Cough, Distemper, Leptospirosis, Hepatitis, Rabies, and Parvo Virus.
12. Tags will not be accepted for proof of shots.
13. In a given year a 4-H member must show at the township, county, and state fair in the level in which they initially enrolled their dog.
14. A 4-H dog shown in Showmanship, Agility, or Drill Team Classes must have also been shown in an Obedience Class and must be shown by the same exhibitor. Marion County will abide by Drill Team description and drill team rules as adapted by the state fair. 4-H leader dogs trained for the handicapped are not allowed in Showmanship, Agility and Drill Team Classes. Tied scores in Drill Team will be broken by the judges. Marion County will abide by the agility description and agility rules as adopted by the Indiana State Fair.
15. A 4-H participant can only show one dog and in only one obedience class in the county and state fair competition in a given year. The only exception is a 4-H'er who is also showing a 4-H leader dog. A 4-H'er must show the same dog at the county and state fair that they exhibited at their township fair and that they trained at the 4-H workshops. Ownership is waived on 4-H leader dogs raised for the handicapped.
16. A dog may only be exhibited by one 4-H member.
17. A grievance committee will act on all complaints at the show. The committee will consist of three leaders. The Dog Showmanship Superintendent may not be a member of the committee. All complaints must be presented to the Extension Educator in written form no more than one hour after the occurrence of the problem. Also a \$25 fee must accompany the written complaint. This money will be returned to the person filing the complaint only if the filer wins the complaint decision. If not, the money will be placed in the County Dog Obedience Fund. The committee will act on all complaints the day of the Marion County Fair Dog Show.
18. 4-H dogs must wear a well fitting slip collar or buckle collar of leather, fabric, or chain in any Obedience Class. The leash may be of fabric or leather and shall be six feet in length. Collar tags will not be allowed in the 4-H show.
19. Any 4-H member may exhibit his/her dog at the State Fair in the project if they are properly enrolled in the project by the enrollment deadline. You will need to pre-register your dog for State Fair exhibit. See the State fair 4-H website for entry times, show dates, and exhibit rules including proper attire.
20. 4-H Dog State Fair Rules will be in effect unless direct exceptions are stated herein.
21. Tied scores in obedience classes will be broken as follows: Scores will be decided as to the placement from comparative scores, beginning with the first exercise on the score sheet, then proceeding down the score sheet through the successive exercises. If the scores are tied in each exercise, the first exercise on the score sheet will be repeated in its entirety in order to determine the winner.
22. 4-H'ers may not exhibit in a lower level that they entered in previous years with the same dog.

23. Please note: Certain required vaccinations have not been proven effective in wolf hybrids, therefore, because wolf hybrids cannot meet vaccination requirements of the Indiana Board of Health, wolf hybrid dogs cannot be shown in the 4-H Dog Program.
24. Any handler that chooses to exhibit in a class that is normally not repeatable may do so for exhibition only.
25. Top Dog Test: See State Fair regulations for rules. There will be three Top Dog Winners (one for each division- Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).
26. Agility: See State 4-H/FFA requirements with the exception that there will be a first year member only Agility Novice Class (not a state fair entry) at the Marion County Dog Show.