

## 4-H DOG

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The 4-H Dog Obedience and Agility competitions will take place prior to the fair in the southeast field (where the dog training classes take place). Exhibitors should report to the Superintendent at the dog show ring. In case of rain, the competitions will be held in the Show Arena. 4-H members will receive further information on competitions.
2. **Award presentation and demonstration of obedience and agility will take place on Monday of the fair from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. 4-H members MUST participate in the award presentation and demonstration of obedience and agility in order to receive their official placing.**
3. All 4-H dogs must be accompanied by the 2019 4-H 671 Certificate of Vaccination, signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian indicating the dog has been vaccinated for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis and kennel cough. Dates must be included for each vaccine. Dogs that are vaccinated at home must provide an original receipt for the vaccine and attach the receipt and the label for the vaccine on the vet form; in addition to putting the date of vaccination on the form.
4. A 4-H dog may not participate if they are showing symptoms of any communicable disease or parasites (including ticks and fleas).
5. A dog displaying signs of aggression will not be allowed to participate in the interest of safety to others associated with the project. Dogs that bite any official (including judges) will be disqualified from all further activities and will be sent home from the show.
6. 4-H members are responsible for the actions of their dogs.
7. Female dogs who are "in season" will not be allowed to participate in training classes or the show. These dogs should be left at home, so they do not distract other dogs and prevent the exhibitors from being able to demonstrate their true abilities.
8. Excessive and/or inhumane treatment of a 4-H dog by a handler and/or family member will be grounds for disqualification of the 4-H exhibitor.
9. All exhibitors must be enrolled in Vigo County 4-H Dog Obedience prior to May 15 in order to be eligible to compete in the county fair or state fair show. See the State Fair premium book ([www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com)) for state fair dog show entry information.
10. Outside of the show ring, all 4-H dogs must be on a leash or in their crate.
11. A 4-H exhibitor may show one 4-H obedience trained dog and/or one dog trained through the 4-H service dog program. A dog may only be shown by one child.
12. The 4-H member may not move back to a lower class than the one they entered in previous years, with the same dog.
13. Dogs must wear a properly fitted buckle, quick-release, slip or limited-slip collar made of leather, fabric or chain in order to be exhibited in obedience classes. All agility work will be done on a flat, buckle or quick-release collar. The leash may be made of fabric or leather and must be six feet in length. Collar tags will not be allowed in the 4-H show. 4-H dogs being raised for the service dog programs are exempt from the collar tags. Head halters are useful training tools, and are acceptable in the 4-H training program. However, the head halter is not acceptable show equipment. Pinch collars cannot be used at 4-H events.
14. A dog being shown in the dog obedience project must belong to the exhibitor or to a member of the immediate family or household. Ownership is waived on 4-H dogs raised for the service dog program. The agility dog must be the same dog that was shown by the 4-H exhibitor in their obedience class. Service dogs are not allowed to be shown in agility. Dogs that have been disqualified in their obedience class are not eligible for exhibition in agility.
15. Class 1A is only open to 4-H exhibitors and dogs who are both in their first year of the project. Any 4-H'er or dog with training before October 1, of previous year, must show in class 1B or higher. Dogs with obedience titles must show in a comparable 4-H class or higher.
16. A dog fouling in the ring will receive a 10-point deduction in the obedience score.

17. Attendance Bonus: At the Award Presentation Day, 4-H Dog members may select one item from an assortment of dog-related prizes. Those with the highest attendance rate get to choose first.
18. Appropriate attire is required: properly fitting, clean clothes and athletic shoes that stay on your feet securely. Exposing cleavage, bare midriff, or buttocks is inappropriate. Boots, loose fitting shoes, floppy sandals or other unsafe footwear are inappropriate attire.
19. Classes will start at the scheduled time, facilities permitting. Judges will not wait on any exhibitor. If a 4-H member is not present when their arm band number is scheduled to go into the ring, their number will be placed at the end of the list.
20. Obedience Regulations not covered by these Terms and Conditions will be based on the regulations of the American Kennel Club.
21. All 4-H exhibitors are required to clean up after their dog. Failure to clean up after your dog may result in disqualification from the dog show.
22. Decisions of the judges are final. Video cameras may be used for personal use but will not be used to dispute a judge's decision or score.
23. Only dogs enrolled in the Vigo County 4-H Dog Project are allowed at the 4-H Dog Show.
24. No bait allowed in the ring or staging area.
25. Special problems not covered by these Terms and Conditions will be acted upon by the County 4-H Dog Advisory Committee.
26. Wolf-hybrid dogs cannot be shown in the 4-H Dog Program.
27. Tie scores in obedience classes will be broken as follows: a) scores will be compared for each area of the obedience competition, beginning with the first exercise on the score sheet and proceeding down the sheet through the successive exercises; b) 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 a winner.
28. Tie scores in agility will be broken by time.
29. Obedience and Agility have Veteran designations for older dogs. Refer to the class descriptions to see qualifications for the veterans designations. This designation is separate for Agility and Obedience, and is for the remaining 4-H show career of the dog.
30. A link to the 4-H obedience and Agility Guides can be found on the Vigo County 4-H Dog Project website: [hautedogs.wixsite.com/vigocounty4hdog](http://hautedogs.wixsite.com/vigocounty4hdog)

### **OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

**1A** - For 4-H'ers with no previous formal dog training experience with a dog which has received no obedience training prior to October 1 of the previous year. (Not repeatable).

- 1 - Heel on Leash
- 2 - Figure 8 on Leash
- 3 - Sit for Exam on Leash
- 4 - Sit Stay on Leash - 30 seconds
- 5 - Recall on Leash (no finish)

**1B** - For 4-Hers with previous dog training experience with a new, untrained dog; or for 4-herers with no experience whose dog has had training; or for 4-Hers and dogs with previous training experience, including showing in 1A; or for 4-Hers with no experience whose dogs have had training which disqualifies them for 1A. (Not repeatable with the same dog)

- 1 - Heel on leash
- 2 - Figure 8 on leash
- 3 - Stand for Examination on Leash

- 4 - Recall off Leash
- 5 - Down Stay (Walk around Ring)
- 6 - Sit Stay (get your leash)

**2A** - Not repeatable with the same dog.

- 1 - Heel on Leash and Figure 8 on Leash
- 2 - Stand for Examination off Leash
- 3 - Heel Free
- 4 - Recall off Leash
- 5 - Sit Stay (get your leash)
- 6 - Sit Stay 1 minute (group - on leash)
- 7 - Down stay 1 minute (group - on leash)

**2B** - May repeat until ready to move up.

- 1 - Heel on Leash and Figure 8 on Leash
- 2 - Stand for Examination off Leash
- 3 - Heel Free
- 4 - Drop on Recall
- 5 - Sit Stay (get your leash)
- 6 - Sit Stay 1 minute (group - on leash)

7 - Down Stay 1 minute (group - on leash)

**3A** - Not repeatable with the same dog.

- 1 - Heel Free and Figure 8
- 2 - Stand for Examination off Leash
- 3 - Dumbbell Recall
- 4 - Drop on Recall
- 5 - Stand Stay (get your leash)

**3B** - May repeat until ready to move up.

- 1 - Heel Free and Figure 8
- 2 - Stand for Examination off Leash
- 3 - Retrieve on Flat
- 4 - Drop on Recall
- 5 - Stand Stay (get your leash)

**4A** - Not repeatable with the same dog.

- 1 - Heel Free and Figure 8
- 2 - Retrieve on Flat
- 3 - Dumbbell Recall over High Jump
- 4 - Recall over Broad Jump
- 5 - Command Discrimination (stand, sit, down)

**4B** - May repeat until ready to move up.

- 1 - Heel Free and Figure 8
- 2 - Retrieve on Flat
- 3 - Retrieve over High Jump
- 4 - Broad Jump
- 5 - Command Discrimination (stand, down, sit)

**5A** - Not repeatable with the same dog.

- 1 - Hand signals (and voice)
- 2 - Directed retrieve (2 gloves)
- 3 - Retrieve over High Jump
- 4 - Broad Jump
- 5 - Moving Stand and Exam

**5B** - May repeat until ready to move up.

- 1 - Hand Signals
- 2 - Directed Retrieve
- 3 - Retrieve over High Jump
- 4 - Broad Jump
- 5 - Moving Stand and Exam

**6A** - Not repeatable with the same dog.

- 1 - Hand Signals
- 2 - Scent Discrimination (1 retrieve)
- 3 - Directed Retrieve
- 4 - Moving Stand and Exam
- 5 - Go Out
- 6 - Directed Jumping (1 jump)

**6B** - May repeat.

- 1 - Hand Signals
- 2 - Scent Discrimination (2 retrieves)
- 3 - Directed Retrieve
- 4 - Moving Stand and Exam
- 5 - Directed Jumping (2 jumps)

**VETERANS** - For 4-H'ers whose dogs are at least 7 years old or are physically challenged. (May repeat).

- 1 - Heel Free
- 2 - Figure 8 off leash
- 3 - Stand for Exam off leash
- 4 - Recall off Leash
- 5 - Stand Stay (get your leash)

### OBEDIENCE AWARDS

- Rosettes to class champions and reserve champions. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded. Each exhibitor will receive a participation ribbon. Trophy to class champions.
- An award of Merit will be given to members who have attended meetings and met other requirements but for some reason is unable to show the dog.
- Show day exceptions to the rules may be made; however, the exhibitor will be placed after those who comply with the requirements for the class. Common examples are: use of a head halter or being on-leash in an off-leash class.
- Champion and Reserve Champion in each obedience class requires that a qualifying score of at least 150 points has been achieved.
- Trophy to Grand and Reserve Grand Champions, awarded to the exhibitors with the two highest obedience scores.
- Bill Hoggatt Memorial Award - A trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest combined obedience score and qualifying agility score. Scores must be earned in obedience 1B or above and agility Beginning B or above.

### 4-H DOG AGILITY TRIAL

#### AGILITY CLASSES

**1A** - on lead - not repeatable (this is a Vigo County class only) - 7 obstacles  
May include A-Frame, Open Tunnel, Dog Walk, Pause Table, and Hurdles.

**Beginning A** - on lead, not repeatable with the same dog - 10-12 obstacles  
May include A-Frame, Open Tunnel, Dog Walk, Pause Table, and Hurdles.

**Beginning B** - off-lead, may repeat until ready to move up - 10-12 obstacles  
May include A-Frame, Open Tunnel, Dog Walk, Pause Table, and Hurdles.

**Intermediate** - off lead, may repeat until ready to move up - 11-13 obstacles

May include A-Frame, Open Tunnel, Dog Walk, Seesaw, Tire Jump, Pause Table, 3 weave poles and Hurdles.

**Advanced** – off lead, may repeat -14-16 obstacles

May include A-Frame, Open Tunnel, Dog Walk, Seesaw, Weave Poles, Tire Jump, Pause Table, and Hurdles.

1. Each class will offer five divisions based on the dog’s height at the withers. Dogs seven (7) years and over (Veterans) may jump one jump height lower than their actual height. Make sure to tell the Dog Show Superintendent if your dog needs to be scheduled as a Veteran.

Height at withers	Beg A – Beg B Int	1A and Veteran Designation
<b>4” Div.</b> – up to and including 11”	4” jumps, 8” Table	4” jumps, 8” Table
<b>8” Div.</b> – over 11” up to and including 14”	8” jumps, 8” Table	4” jumps, 8” Table
<b>12” Div.</b> – over 14” up to and including 18”	12” jumps, 8” Table	8” jumps, 8” Table
<b>16” Div.</b> – over 18” up to and including 22”	16” jumps, 14” Table	12” jumps, 14” Table
<b>20” Div.</b> – over 22”	20” jumps, 20” Table	16” jumps, 14” Table

2. Dogs showing in agility are required to have shown in obedience at the current county fair dog show.
3. Scoring will be based on AKC agility rules starting with 200 points (100 points in the 1A class.) Points will be deducted for performance and time faults.
4. Non-qualifying scores (NQ’s) will be dismissed from the ring at the judge’s discretion.
5. If a dog fouls in the ring during the walk-through or the scored run there will be a 10-point deduction in the agility score.

**AGILITY AWARDS**

- Rosettes to class champions and reserve champions. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded. Each exhibitor will receive a participation ribbon. Trophy to class Champions.
- Awards will be granted regardless of the dog’s height division.
- Show day exceptions to the rules may be made; however, the exhibitor will be placed after those who comply with the requirements for the class. Common examples are: use of a head halter or being on-leash in an off-leash class.
- Dogs with qualifying scores will place ahead of dogs with non-qualifying scores.
- Champion and Reserve Champion in each agility class requires that a qualifying score of at least 75 points in class 1A or 150 points in all other classes has been achieved

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