

4-H DOGS

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1. For additional information, please read the Guidelines for 4-H Animal Exhibitors.
2. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project by the first of January and dog(s) must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for 60 days prior to the official county exhibit activity.
3. Exhibitors must complete the Skagit County 4-H Dog Superintendent Entry Form to be submitted to the Superintendent via your club leader no later than the third Monday in June.
4. Exhibitors participating in the county Agility Trial must submit the "4-H Dog Agility Release Form" signed by the exhibitor and parents/guardian. Dogs must be 12 months or older to participate in Agility.
5. All dogs and assistance dogs must pass a vet check to exhibit at the fair. Proof of Rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian is required for vet check. NO EXCEPTIONS.
6. This show will be conducted in accordance with the "Washington State 4-H Dog Program Policies". For additional guidelines, details on entering, and state fair qualifications, refer to the Skagit County 4-H Dog & Assistance Dog Handbook. Contact your club leader for a copy of the handbook.
7. The State 4-H dress code will be enforced at all county contests.
8. Exhibitors are solely responsible and liable for the conduct of their dogs. Any dog that exhibits aggressive, and/or unsocial, and/or problem behavior that cannot be controlled by their handler may be dismissed and not allowed to return to fair.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for making sure their dogs are attended at all times by a responsible person (club member/leader). At least one responsible person must be seated in the benching area at all times for every 1 – 3 dogs. Parents are not permitted in the benching area unless otherwise directed by the Superintendent, except for times when all members must be away from the bench, such as during the county photo and/or awards ceremonies. It is required that a parent or responsible adult be seated at the end of each club benching area at all times for every 1 – 10 dogs.
10. State 4-H Fair approved benching equipment is required for every dog on the bench, consisting of a benching chain short enough to prevent the dog from falling off the bench with a bolt snap at each end, and a harness, buckle collar, or other non-choking collar. No rope ties, training or martingale collars are allowed. In addition, prong, spike collars, head collars, electric collars, and muzzles are not allowed on show grounds, with the exception of first year 4-H members who may use a head collar in obedience with Superintendent approval but will be ineligible to compete at State Fair.
11. Dogs may be watered on the bench, but water must be promptly removed. Under no circumstances may dogs be fed in the benching area.
12. Dogs must be groomed when brought onto the fairgrounds. No major grooming will be permitted, i.e., clipping coat, nail cutting, etc. In addition, it is expected that exhibitors will clean up after their dog.
13. Dogs are brought to the fair each day on their designated day(s) for showing. All dogs must be kept on leash while at the Fair, except when permitted in the show ring. Dogs are only allowed in the dog barn, ring area, or potty pen except when entering and leaving the grounds.
14. Each dog entered will remain on the bench except when in the ring or going to the approved potty area until excused by the Superintendent each evening, except for Cloverbud members who may be dismissed at the Club Leader and/or Superintendent's discretion.
15. Cloverbud exhibitors may show their dog at the fair on their designated day(s). They must follow all 4-H exhibitor and herdsmanhip rules. They will not be scored but will receive special ribbons in all events in which they participate. They are not eligible for premiums.

16. Exhibitors enrolled in both Obedience and Assistance Dog projects may enter a maximum of one dog per project with approval from the Superintendent. Exhibitors may enter a second dog for Brace Obedience with approval from the Superintendent. If approved, the second dog may be benched on the designated day of competition. **Intermediate** and **Senior** exhibitors with more than one Obedience project dog may enter a maximum of two dogs with a strong recommendation from their leader and approval from the Superintendent. Two dogs may be entered in the same or different classes. ALL APPROVALS MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO FAIR ENTRY DEADLINES.
17. Educational posters are due on the last Friday in July at Doggy Come Play in Burlington.

SHOWMANSHIP

Division A - CLOVERBUD: For members between the ages of 5-7 years on October 1st of current 4-H year.

Class Number	Class	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
004	Cloverbud	Ribbons Only		

Division B - NOVICE: For members in their first year or exhibiting at the fair for the first time in Showmanship.

Division C - OPEN: For members in their second year or above who have not received an Award of Merit at the State Fair on county day in Showmanship.

Division D - SPECIALS: Any Junior, Intermediate, or Senior who has received an Award of Merit at State Fair on county day must compete in the Specials Showmanship class at county fair the following year. This rule also applies to members who compete with more than one dog and have met the criteria with any dog. Once an exhibitor advances to the Specials class, they must compete in the Specials class for the remainder of their 4-H career.

Class Number	Class	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Senior	200	150	100
002	Intermediate	200	150	100
003	Junior	200	150	100

REGULAR OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Each handler and dog team must be entered in one Regular Obedience class. Classes are divided by skill level and age of the exhibitor. At all levels, a handler and dog team MUST advance to another class if a blue ribbon is earned in their current class at State Fair. ****Note: A handler and dog team may advance to a higher class without getting a blue at State. However, once a team advances, they cannot move back to a class at a lower level.***

INTRO - Introductory level for Cloverbud or first year member and dog teams.

Division E: INTRODUCTORY OBEDIENCE

Note: In Introductory Obedience, with the exception of Cloverbuds, handler and dog teams may only compete in this class for one year and must advance to one of the Tier 1 classes the following year. This is a non-qualifying class and is not offered at the State Fair.

TIER 1- Sub-Novice, Pre-Novice, Beginner Novice

Division F: SUB-NOVICE

Division G: PRE-NOVICE

Division H: BEGINNER NOVICE

Note: At TIER 1, handler and dog teams must advance to Novice if a blue ribbon is earned at State Fair in any TWO of the above classes.

TIER 2 - Novice

Division I: NOVICE

Note: At Tier 2, handler and dog teams must advance to one of the Tier 3 classes if a blue ribbon is earned at State Fair.

TIER 3 - Advanced Novice, Graduate Novice, Pre-Open

Division J: ADVANCED NOVICE

Division K: GRADUATE NOVICE

Division L: PRE-OPEN

Note: At Tier 3, handler and dog teams must advance to Open if a blue ribbon is earned at State Fair in any TWO of the above classes.

TIER 4 - Open

Division M: OPEN

Note: At Tier 4, handler and dog teams must advance to one of the Tier 5 classes if a blue ribbon is earned at State Fair.

TIER 5 – Graduate Open, Pre-Utility

Division N: GRADUATE OPEN

Division O: PRE-UTILITY

Note: At Tier 5, handler and dog teams must advance to Utility if a blue ribbon is earned at State Fair in BOTH of the above classes.

TIER 6 - Utility

Division P: UTILITY

OTHER Versatility and Veterans/Handicapped (both stand alone classes)

Division Q: VERSATILITY

Division R: VETERANS/HANDICAPPED

In order to enter Veterans/Handicapped, the dog must be 8 years or over, OR have a physical condition that prevents him or her from jumping and/or retrieving. Dogs under 8 years old entering this class must have club leader's approval.

Class Number	Class	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Senior	120	85	60
002	Intermediate	120	85	60
003	Junior	120	85	60
004	Cloverbud	Ribbons Only		

Division S: TRICK DOG OR ASSISTANCE DOG

Class Number	Class	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Assistance Dog Senior	120	85	60
002	Assistance Dog Intermediate	120	85	60
003	Assistance Junior	120	85	60
004	Trick Dog Senior	120	85	60
005	Trick Dog Intermediate	120	85	60
006	Trick Dog Junior	120	85	60
007	Trick Dog Cloverbud	Ribbons Only		

Division T: JUDGING CONTEST

Highest scoring Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors may be selected to form teams to participate at the State Fair. To qualify for the Junior, Intermediate or Senior State Fair Judging Team, each member must complete all three areas of this contest.

Class Number	Class	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Senior	60	40	30
002	Intermediate	60	40	30
003	Junior	60	40	30

Division U: EDUCATIONAL POSTERS

- Scorecard C0679 will be used to judge all educational displays. Refer to the scorecard when planning the display.
- No copyrighted illustrations or cartoons may be used unless permission has been granted. The display must credit any source of copyrighted information used by permission.
- All work must have been created during the current 4-H year.
- All educational displays must be labeled on the back with the following information:
 - Name, First and Last
 - County
 - Club
 - Age Division (Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
 - Department (i.e., Dogs)
(If the display is 3D, attach a card with identifying information.)
- Exhibits will be displayed according to the identified 4-H project area in the appropriate barn/building, as space permits.
- Educational posters/displays will be accepted no later than the last Friday in July at Doggy Come Play.**
- For displays identified with an animal project area, check individual animal project divisions for specific criteria, if any.
- Entries must be the work of the individual exhibitor.
- Poster surfaces should be flat; no dimensional attachments, no foam core board. The minimum poster size is 14" x 22"; maximum size is 22" x 28".
- Charts and graphs are not dimensional.

Class Number	Class	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Senior	35	25	15
002	Intermediate	35	25	15
003	Junior	35	25	15
004	Cloverbud	Ribbons Only		

Division V: EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY - Tri-fold, Table, or Other 3-D/Large Display

1. Please list the 4-H project area (i.e., Dogs) for your display in the description when entering your exhibit on-line.
2. Large exhibits must have the prior approval of the Superintendent.
3. Entries must be the work of the individual exhibitor, unless entered in Class 004.

Class Number	Class	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Senior	50	40	30
002	Intermediate	50	40	30
003	Junior	50	40	30
004	Club / Group Effort	50	40	30

NON-PREMIUM / RIBBON ONLY CLASSES**Division W: NON-REGULAR OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

Dogs may be entered in only 1 brace and/or 1 Rally Obedience class. Members entering a Rally Novice Obedience class for the first time must choose the class designated as Novice A for their age division. Members in their second year or above who have not received a blue ribbon in Novice at previous fairs must choose the class designated as Novice B for their age division.

Class Number	Class Description
001	Brace Class – Sub-Novice – Senior
002	Brace Class – Sub-Novice – Intermediate
003	Brace Class – Sub-Novice – Junior
004	Brace Class – Novice – Senior
005	Brace Class – Novice – Intermediate
006	Brace Class – Advanced Novice – Senior
007	Brace Class – Advanced Novice – Intermediate
008	Rally Obedience – Novice A – Senior
009	Rally Obedience – Novice B – Senior
010	Rally Obedience – Novice A – Intermediate
011	Rally Obedience – Novice B – Intermediate
012	Rally Obedience – Novice A – Junior
013	Rally Obedience – Novice B – Junior
014	Rally Obedience – Novice – Cloverbud
015	Rally Obedience – Intermediate – Senior
016	Rally Obedience – Intermediate – Intermediate
017	Rally Obedience – Intermediate – Junior
018	Rally Obedience – Advanced – Senior
019	Rally Obedience – Advanced – Intermediate
020	Rally Obedience – Excellent – Senior
021	Rally Obedience – Excellent – Intermediate

Division X: DOG COSTUME CONTEST**Division Y: DOG BOWL****Division Z: SKILL-A-THON**

Class Number	Class Description
001	Senior
002	Intermediate
003	Junior
004	Cloverbud

DOG AGILITY

Pre-Agility and Beginner Agility classes are performed on leash; therefore exhibitors are not eligible for state fair competition. Standard and Jumper classes are performed off leash; exhibitors are eligible for state fair competition. At all levels, a handler and dog team **MUST** advance to another class if a blue ribbon is earned in their current class at State Fair.

Division AA: Pre-Agility for Cloverbuds and first year Juniors only

Division BB: Beginner for Cloverbuds and first year Juniors only

Class Number	Class Description
001	10" or under at the withers (jump height 4")
002	14" or under at the withers (jump height 8")
003	Over 14" at the withers (jump height 12")

Division CC: Standard Elementary

Division DD: Standard Pre-Novice

Division EE: Standard Novice

Division FF: Standard Open

Division GG: Standard Excellent

Division HH: Jumpers Elementary

Division II: Jumpers Pre-Novice

Division JJ: Jumpers Novice

Division KK: Jumpers Open

Division LL: Jumpers Excellent

Class Number	Class Description
001	14" or under at the withers (jump height 4")
002	18" or under at the withers (jump height 8")
003	22" or under at the withers (jump height 12")
004	Over 22" at the withers (jump height 16")
005	Over 22" at the withers (jump height 20") <i>LEADER PERMISSION REQUIRED</i>

DOG PROJECT SPONSORS:

- Critter Sitters / Doggy Come Play
- Mount Baker Kennel Club
- Fisher Construction Group