

## 4-H DOGS

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1. For additional information, please read the Guidelines for 4-H Animal Exhibitors at the beginning of this section.
2. Dogs 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 Superintendent Dog 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 also submit the "4-H Dog Agility Release Form" which has been signed by the exhibitor and parents/guardians. Dogs must be 12 months or older to participate in Agility.
5. If there is enough space available, exhibitors may be able to show two dogs. Contact the Superintendent for further information. Members may enter only one dog in each class, except for the brace and team classes.
6. The State 4-H dress code will be enforced at all county contests.
7. 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.
8. Members are responsible for making sure their dogs are attended to at all times by a responsible person (club member/leader). At least one responsible person must be seated in the benching area for every 1 – 3 dogs at all times. It is a general rule that parents are not permitted in the benching area, unless otherwise directed by the Superintendent, with the exception of 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 for every 1 – 10 dogs at all times.
9. Dogs may be watered on the bench, but water must be promptly removed. Under no circumstances may dogs be fed in the benching area.
10. 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 members will clean up after their dog.
11. 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, with the exception of Cloverbud members who may be dismissed at the Superintendent and Club Leader's discretion.
12. 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 permitted in the dog barn, ring area, or potty pen except when entering and leaving the grounds.
13. Cloverbud exhibitors may show their dog at fair on their designated day(s). They must follow all 4-H exhibitor and Herdsmanship rules. They will not be scored but will receive special ribbons in all events in which they participate. They are not eligible for premiums.
14. All dogs and assistance dogs must pass vet check to exhibit at fair. A completed Rabies Vaccination Certificate (C1084E) signed by a licensed veterinarian is required for vet check. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
15. Members 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.

## 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 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 State Fair on county day in Showmanship.

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

**Division D - SPECIALS:** Any Junior, Intermediate, or Senior who has received an Award of Merit at State Fair on county day, or is eligible to compete in Open AKC Junior Handling classes, 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 State Fair.*

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		

**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 standalone 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

## Division S: ASSISTANCE OR TRICK 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 Intermediates and Seniors will be selected to form teams to participate at State Fair. To qualify for the Intermediate or Senior State Fair Judging Team, each member must complete all five 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

1. Scorecard C0679 will be used to judge all educational displays. Refer to scorecard when planning display.
2. 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.
3. All work must have been created during the current 4-H year.
4. All educational displays must be labeled on the back with the following information:
  - a. Name, First and Last
  - b. County
  - c. Club
  - d. Age Division (Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
  - e. Department (i.e., Dogs)(If display is 3D, attach a card with identifying information.)
5. Exhibits will be displayed according to the identified 4-H project area in the appropriate barn/building, as space permits.
6. **Educational posters/displays will be accepted on no later than the last Friday in July at Doggy Come Play.**
7. For displays identified with an animal project area, check individual animal project divisions for specific criteria, if any.
8. Entries must be the work of the individual exhibitor.
9. Poster surfaces should be flat; no dimensional attachments, no foam core board. Posters minimum size is 14" x 22"; maximum size is 22" x 28."
10. 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 1 team class.

Class Number	Class Description
001	Brace Class - Sub-Novice – Junior
002	Brace Class – Sub-Novice – Intermediate
003	Brace Class – Sub-Novice – Senior
004	Brace Class – Novice – Junior
005	Brace Class – Novice – Intermediate
006	Brace Class – Novice – Senior
007	Brace Class – Advanced Novice – Intermediate
008	Brace Class – Advanced Novice – Senior
009	Team Class – Sub-Novice – Junior
010	Team Class – Sub-Novice – Intermediate
011	Team Class – Sub-Novice – Senior
012	Team Class – Novice – Junior
013	Team Class – Novice – Intermediate
014	Team Class – Novice – Senior
015	Team Class – Advanced Novice – Intermediate
016	Team Class – Advanced Novice – Senior

**Division X: DOG COSTUME CONTEST****Division Y: DOG BOWL****Division Z: KNOWLEDGE TEST**

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

## **DOG AGILITY**

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

**Division BB:** Standard Beginner

**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	10" or under at the withers (jump height 4")
002	14" or under at the withers (jump height 8")
003	18" or under at the withers (jump height 12")
004	22" or under at the withers (jump height 16")
005	Over 22" at the withers (jump height 20")

## **DOG PROJECT SPONSORS:**

- Chuckanut Valley Veterinary Clinic
- Critter Sitters / Doggy Come Play
- Mount Baker Kennel Club