2010 Nebraska State Fair

Department G – Dog Show

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DOG SHOW RULES
NOTE TO EXHIBITOR AND EXTENSION OFFICE: Please follow these rules carefully. Contact a Superintendent if you have any questions.

A. PROCEDURE-Those procedures described in "Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Shows" as part of Nebraska 4-H are not necessarily different from these State Fair rules.
B. DOG ELIGIBILTY: Exhibitor should provide primary care and training for the dog. The dog should reside with the exhibitor or be cared for the by the exhibitor the majority of the year.
C. VACCINATION-All dogs must be immunized for Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo and rabies. The Nebraska State Fair Dog Show Vaccination Record Form must be filled out and signed by a veterinarian and returned as part of the **ADVANCED ENTRY. The Nerbaska State Fair Show Vaccination Record Form must document rabies vaccinations within 1 year or 3 years depending on the vaccine given and all other vaccinations within 12 months.**
D. ARRIVAL TIME-All exhibitors should first check-in at the registration area. They should then check in at their assigned ring(s) 30 minutes prior to judging.
E. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR-An exhibitor may make no more than two entries in obedience or showmanship classes. For example, an exhibitor may make two entries in obedience, or, one entry in obedience and one entry in showmanship. A dog can be entered in only one obedience class. A 4-H member can be entered in only one showmanship class. Exhibitors may also enter one agility class for a total of three entries in the dog show.
F. ADVANCEMENT LEVELS IN OBEDIENCE CLASSES-The following applies to progression within obedience classes for State Fair:
   - Exhibitors enter equal to or above the class level of participation at county or unit fair as entered in this calendar year.
   - Experienced handlers are those showing for the second year or more at any dog show, including AKC, fun matches, etc.
   - Handlers and beginning dogs may show only one year in Division A. If continuing as a team, both must advance to Division B.
   - Dog and handler in Division B or higher must advance to the next obedience class upon receiving a purple ribbon or class award, except Open Obedience may repeat the class once.
   - There is no limit on the number of years a dog may be shown in the Utility class.
   - Dogs with AKC degrees will show as follows: "CD" degree must show in Graduate Novice or higher; "CDX" or "UD" degree must show in Utility.
   - The dog will stay in its highest attained class. A 'new' handler will enter such class.

G. ADVANCEMENT IN SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES- classes are divided into age divisions.
H. DISQUALIFIED DOGS-Females in season will not be permitted to be shown. Overly aggressive dogs may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge or superintendent. Lame or crippled dogs will not be permitted to show if it is determined by a show superintendent that it is affecting the health of the dog.
I. AGE OF DOG-A dog that is exhibited at the State Fair must be 6 months or older.
J. SHOW SCHEDULE-The class schedule with exhibitor, time and ring assignments will be completed after entries are received and will be sent to Extension offices prior to the State Fair.
K. DRESS CODE-Exhibitors are required to wear the official State Fair 4-H t-shirt that is given at the Show. If there is no official State Fair 4-H t-shirt, exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached or a 4-H t-shirt. Solid blue jeans are required. No headgear is worn in the show ring. Exhibitors shall not display local, county, commercial or other identification while showing. Closed toed shoes with a non-slip sole are required. No flip flops or sandals are allowed.
L. BAITING-Baiting with food or a toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys in showmanship. The judge has the authority to disqualify violators.

M. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY-Dogs are not allowed on the floor except while in the show ring or 30 minutes prior to the class for check-in. CLEANUP shall be the EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY. This includes all areas while on the show site. Dogs should use the designated dog run area.
N. Non-entered dogs and puppies are not allowed in the grooming area or on the arena floor.
O. Only exhibitors are allowed to groom or work dogs at the show, both in and out of the rings.
P. AWARDS-Any award can be withheld if the exhibitor fails cleanup around their area. An entry must earn a purple or blue ribbon placing to be eligible for an award.
Q. SUBSTITUTIONS-A dog may be substituted for showmanship classes only if it is injured or dies following the entry deadline. No substitutions may be made in obedience classes. A substitute can be selected from the exhibitor's household family or from the household where the originally entered dog resides. Dog(s) may be substituted only if a superintendent is directly consulted prior to the Show date. A Nebraska State Fair Dog Show Vaccination Form must be completed for all substitution dogs and received by the superintendent prior to the show date.

Division 700, SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Each class will be judged on handler's appearance (10%), grooming and conditioning of dog (20%), coordination of the dog and handler (50%), and general knowledge (20%). Classes are divided into age divisions.

G-700-010 Intermediate SHOWMANSHIP- (10 – 13 year olds)
G-700-020 Senior SHOWMANSHIP- (14 – 18 year olds)

Division 701, OBEDIENCE CLASSES

BEGINNING NOVICE-All exercises must be performed on a six-foot leash. Dogs must heel including figure 8; Stand for examination; come on recall; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes.

G-701-010 BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION A - Handler and the dog being shown are both in their first year of county, state 4-H, or any other dog show experience. Dog being shown may not have completed an AKC "leg" toward a "CD" degree. For example, an exhibitor in their second year of county competition is not eligible for Division A, even though this is the first year at State Fair.
G-701-020 BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION B - Beginning dogs with experienced handlers and dogs that have not earned a purple in Division A or B. Handlers may repeat this class until the dog has earned a purple ribbon or award.
G-701-030 NOVICE - Dogs must heel on leash including figure 8; stand for examination off leash, heel free; come on recall off leash, long sit for one minute off leash and long down for three minutes off leash.
G-701-040 GRADUATE NOVICE - Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off leash; heel free including figure 8; drop on recall; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes both with handler out of sight.
G-701-050 OPEN-All exercises off leash. Heel free and figure 8; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes, both with handler out of sight. Refer to Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Shows for jump heights/distances.
G-701-060 UTILITY - The dog will perform five exercises- the signal exercise; the scent discrimination exercise with leather and metal objects; the directed retrieve; moving stand and examination; directed jumping. Exhibitors must supply their own scent articles and gloves for the directed retrieve.

Division 702 , AGILITY CLASSES

PROCEDURE- Exhibitors may enter one Agility class. Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in "Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Shows". Refer to "Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Shows" to determine class entry.

G -702-010 Level 1 Pre-Beginning Agility A
G -702-020 Level 1 Pre-Beginning Agility B
G -702-030 Level 2 Beginning Agility A
G -702-040 Level 2 Beginning Agility B
G -702-050 Level 3 Intermediate Agility

G -702-060 Level 4 Advanced Agility