2010 Nebraska State Fair

DOG SKILL-A-THON
Department F
Division 500, Class 5
Superintendent: Mary Brinkman

DOG SKILLATHON RULES
NOTE TO EXHIBITOR AND EXTENSION OFFICE: Please follow the rules carefully. Contact the Superintendent if you have any questions.
GENERAL RULES:
A. 4-H members are eligible to participate in the Dog Skill-a-thon regardless of project enrollment.
B. All participants must be enrolled in 4-H by June 15th of current year and be 10 years of age as of January 1 of current year.
C. The skill-a-thon will be performed at the State Fair. Location Grand Island.
D. This is an individual contest. No teams.
E. YOU DO NOT NEED A DOG TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONTEST.
F. While a contest is in progress, contestants shall not communicate with others, except as directed by the Superintendent of the contest. Participants will be informed of regulations at the beginning of each contest.
G. Past high point individuals (i.e., Gold Medal Winners) may compete for individual honors.

PRE-REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES: You must pre-register with your county extension office by the required deadline in order to participate. 4-H members involved in all state judging contests are required to pay a non-refundable entry fee of $5.00 per person.
AGE DIVISIONS: Intermediate (10-13 yrs of age) Seniors (14-18 yrs of age)
DRESS CODE:
Exhibitors are required to wear the official State Fair 4-H t-shirt. 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 hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn. Exhibitors shall not display any local, county or club identification.
AWARDS
4-H members participating in judging, skill and identification contests will be recognized as follows:
Individuals:
P-B-R-W to all contestants.
Medals:
Senior Division:
Champion High Point-Gold; Reserve High Point-Silver; 3rd High Point-Bronze.
Junior Division:
Champion High Point-Gold; Reserve High Point-Silver; 3rd High Point-Bronze.
Placing ribbons-1st through 10th High Points, will be awarded in both Junior and Senior divisions.
Results:
Results tabulated and submitted by the Superintendent to the State Fair Judging Contest Coordinator are final.

Results of the 1st through 10th high point individuals will be posted after the contest. Other results will be available on the 4-H web page after the State Fair as provided by the contest superintendent.

GUIDELINES:

The contest will consist of a series of stations with hands-on activities and written tests that are designed to test your dog knowledge. The focused breed group for 2010 is the TOY group. Stations for 2010 will cover:

- Breed identification pictures from the Toy Group
- Conformation
- Dog Body Language
- Grooming
- Parasites
- Nutrition

RESOURCES AND STUDY GUIDES:

- 4-H Dog Manuals (Manuals 1 & 2 for Juniors; Manuals 1, 2, & 3 for Seniors)
- American Kennel Club Breed Book
- www.akc.org