

DEPARTMENT 9 JUNIOR DOG



Co-Superintendents – Michelle Glandt & Brenda Reuter
All dogs must have distemper and rabies shots

MEMBERS ENROLLED IN DOG CAN ALSO EXHIBIT ITEMS LISTED IN DEPARTMENT 10 (these are non-animal items)

Dog Project Eligibility: All exhibitors showing a dog must turn in a completed Animal ID & Vet Check Information Form (found in the back of the Fair Guide & Premium Book) along with a copy of the most current shot records to the Dog Project Superintendent by June 30th.

Members enrolled in the Dog Project can also exhibit non-animal items listed in Department 10 – Junior Animal Science/Small Pets

Dog Participation Rules & Guidelines for all classes

1. The dog is in good health and is current on rabies & distemper shots. A Vet ID/Check Information form and shot records have been turned into the Dog Project Superintendent prior to the Fair.
2. The handler and dog must demonstrate a successful sit/stay, down/stay and the ability to control the dog when stationary or on leash. It is strongly suggested that the youth and dog successfully complete at least one year of obedience training before moving to agility.
3. The dog must have the ability to be peacefully approached by other dogs and handlers.
4. Any breed or mixture of breeds and/or size of dog is allowed to compete.
5. Family members may share a dog, but there is a maximum number of four runs per dog per day.
6. The discretion of the instructor determines whether the dog/handler team is ready to exhibit OFF leash.
7. The dog may not be pregnant or nursing puppies at the time of competition. Bitches in heat may not compete.
8. Dogs must be at least 12 months old to compete in agility. It is recommended that larger breeds be at least 18 months old as their growth plates in their bones are still developing until the average age of 14 months.
9. Dogs 18 months and younger and 7 years and older are encouraged to jump at least one height lower than their measured jump height.

Class Jump Heights:

- 4" – for dogs up to 10 inches at the shoulder
- 8" – for dogs 10 - 14 inches at the shoulder
- 12" – for dogs 14 - 18 inches at the shoulder
- 16" – for dogs greater than 18 inches at the shoulder

Premiums:

1st \$4.50 2nd \$3.50 3rd \$2.50 4th \$1.50

CLASS A – PRE NOVICE

Member's Grade

3-7 8-13

Item No.

Item No.

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Pre-Novice A – This is the first year the exhibitor has trained a dog. ON leash. Stand for examination, heel, figure 8, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (3 min.).

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Pre-Novice B – Exhibitor has had previous experience in training a dog but is now training an untrained dog OR an inexperienced trainer is showing a previously trained dog. ON leash – Stand for examination, heel, figure 8, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (3 min.).

Class B – Obedience – All Dog Project exhibitors in grades 3-13

Item No.

1. **Novice** – ON leash heel, figure 8, stand for examination. OFF leash heel, recall, long sit (1 min.), down (3 min.)
2. **Graduate Novice** - ON leash heel, stand for examination. Off leash heel, figure 8, drop on recall, long sit 3 min.) and down (5 min.) with handler out of sight.
3. **Pre-Open** – OFF leash heel, figure 8, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, broad jump, long sit (3 min.) and down (5 min.) with handler out of sight.
4. **Open** – OFF leash heel, figure 8, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, broad jump, long sit 3 min.) and down (5 min.) with handler out of sight.
5. **Pre-Utility** – OFF leash signal exercise, retrieve over high jump, directed retrieve, directed jumping, high jump only and moving stand.
6. **Utility** - OFF leash signal exercise, scent discrimination (leather & metal), directed retrieve, directed jumping and moving stand.

Class C – Obedience – Other All Dog Project exhibitors in grades 3-13

Item No.

1. **Brace** – One handler & two dogs. ON leash heel, figure 8, stand for examination. OFF leash heel, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (3 min.).
2. **Team Pre-Novice** – Four team members plus one alternate. ON leash heel, figure 8, stand for examination, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (3 min.).
3. **Team Novice** – Four team members plus one alternate. ON Leash heel, figure 8, stand for examination. OFF leash heel, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (3 min.).

Premiums: 1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.50 3rd \$2.00 4th \$1.50

Class D – Showmanship

Judged on the skill of the exhibitor in handling, grooming & conditioning the dog. Conformation of dog will not be considered.

Item No.

1. Junior, grade 3-6
2. Intermediate, grades 7-9
3. Senior, grades 10-13

Class E – Costume Contest (Ribbons & trophy, no premiums)

Judging takes place at Fair before Agility Show and is based on most original and most fitting costume for both the dog and the handler. Audience votes for favorite.

Item No.

1. Costume Contest, All project members in grades 3-13

Premiums (Classes F, G):

1st \$4.50 2nd \$3.50 3rd \$2.50 4th \$1.50

Class F – Dog Agility Can sign up for 1 JTT AND 1 Standard class.

10. Jumps/Tunnels/Table JTT A & B – Course consists of 7-10 obstacles with a course time of 50 seconds.
11. Standard Pre-Novice A & B - Course consists of 10-15 obstacles (A-frame, dog walk, weave poles, jumps, tunnel, chute, table) with a course time of 75 seconds.

Members Grade:

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JTT Level A – The dog and/or handler is new to Agility. The course will be run ON Leash.

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JTT Level B – The dog and handler is in their second year of agility training. Course is run ON or OFF leash at the discretion of the instructor.

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Standard Pre-Novice A – First year exhibitors. Course is run ON leash.

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Standard Pre-Novice B - Second year exhibitors. Course is run ON or OFF leash at the discretion of the instructor.

Class G – Dog Agility – All Dog Project exhibitors in grades 3-13

Can sign up for 1 JTT **AND** 1 Standard class.

- Jumps/Tunnels/Table JTT Novice – Course consists of 7-10 obstacles with a course time of 50 seconds.
- Standard Novice & Advanced A & B- Course consists of 10-15 obstacles (A-frame, dog walk, seesaw, weave poles, jumps, tunnel, chute, table, tire swing) with a course time of 75 seconds.

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1. **JTT Novice** – More than 2 years of training for the dog/handler team. Course is run ON or OFF leash at the discretion of the instructor and the team has not had a qualifying score.
2. **Standard Novice** - Third & Fourth year exhibitors. Course is run ON or OFF leash at the discretion of the instructor.
3. **Standard Advanced A** - Fifth year of Agility classes. Course is run ON or OFF leash at the discretion of the instructor. Additional obstacles will include double & triple bar jumps and 12 weave poles.
4. **Standard Advanced B** - For exhibitors in their second or more year at the Advanced level. Course is run ON or OFF leash at the discretion of the instructor. Additional obstacles will include double & triple bar jumps and 12 weave poles.

Class H – Critter Hunt (Prizes, no premiums)

The exhibitor and dog will work OFF leash together to have the dog locate 1 or 2 tubes containing a live critter (typically a rat). Tubes are hidden in or beside bales of straw. Decoy tubes are also hidden that have critter litter and empty. The handler must call out “Rat” when they feel that the dog has indicated it has found the tube(s) with the critter. In addition, the dog must go through a straw bale tunnel and climb onto the bales with all 4 paws on the bales at one time. The timer will be stopped once all three requirements have been completed or the time limit is up. If the exhibitor runs out of time, an NQ score will be given rather than a timed score. **Critters are handled humanely and their safety is ensured with enclosure inside a perforated tube and the attention of a Critter Wrangler.

Item No.

1. **Instinct** – First year for exhibitor or dog. Three tubes; one with a critter, one with litter and one empty that are not hidden and laying in a row in plain sight. Time limit of 1 minute to find the tube with the critter. The dog does NOT need to do a tunnel or climb.
2. **Pre-Novice** – First year exhibitor or dog. Child and/or instructor decides whether the dog is ready for Pre-Novice. 3 tubes (with critter, with litter, empty) are hidden in bales of straw. The dog MUST do a tunnel, a climb and find the critter tube. Time limit is 2 minutes.
3. **Novice** – Second & Third year for exhibitor and dog. 3 tubes (with critter, with litter, empty) are hidden in bales of straw. The dog MUST do a tunnel, a climb and find the critter tube. Time limit is 2 minutes. **May stay in Novice class up to 2 yrs.
4. **Open** - 4 tubes (2 with critters, 1 with litter, 1 empty) are hidden in bales of straw. The dog MUST do a tunnel, a climb and find both critter tubes. Time limit is 2 1/2 minutes.