

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H/FFA DOG SHOW PREMIUM

El Paso County Fair Contest Requirements

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**July 15th, 2023 Dog Show Check-In 8:00 AM:
Obedience, Showmanship, and Rally in Whittemore Building**

2023 Dog Agility (Time and Location TBA)

Eligibility for 4-H/FFA El Paso County Fair

- 4-H youth club or FFA members must be in good standing
- Properly enrolled in the CSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program in El Paso County via 4HOnline or local FFA chapters
- Paid membership fees in full
- Have met Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training requirements

Invite to FFA Members: Any FFA member wishing to exhibit under the 4-H Livestock Departments at the El Paso County Fair will follow the 4-H entry and exhibit process. FFA exhibitors/instructors are asked to contact the Colorado State University Extension, El Paso County Office to inquire about participation requirements and the online Fair Entry process.

GENERAL RULES

1. **Pre-entry** is required for all 4-H General, 4-H Consumer Science, 4-H Cloverbud and 4-H Animal exhibits. All exhibits/animals must pre-entered into the online FairEntry system. FairEntry system opening and entry deadline details will be announced in the El Paso County 4-H Newsletter. 4-H families will use their "4honline.com" username and password to log into the fair entry system. FFA families should contact the CSU Extension, El Paso County Office to be provided a username and password. More

detailed information about registering and payment will be posted on the website and in the 4-H newsletter.

For help with computer pre-entry, call the CSU Extension Office at 719.520.7698

Exhibits must be entered by June 9, 2023. A late entry period will be from June 10-13, 2023, in which \$25.00 late fee per family will be assessed. **After June 13, 2023, absolutely no entries will be accepted.**

Once registration is complete and submitted by the family for all members participating in county fair, it will be sent to CSU Extension 4-H staff for approval. Once approved, payment instructions will be sent via email. Payment **SHOULD NOT** be sent until all classes are approved by CSU Extension staff.

Payment must be **received by 4:00 p.m. Thursday June 15, 2023.**

It is the member's responsibility to check with the Extension office to make sure the **entry and payment** was completed by the deadline.

2. **Fees:** All classes are \$5.00 per exhibitor per dog for each class entered for Obedience, Rally, and Agility (except showmanship which is free)
3. All 4-H youth members must show their dog in the showmanship contest. However, extenuating circumstances may be addressed to the Dog Superintendent and CSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent as soon as possible.
4. Only registered entrants will be permitted to groom or provide any kind of care to the dogs once they have entered the fairgrounds except in the interest of the safety of the child and the well-being of the animal. The 4-H youth should provide the primary care for the exhibit. Immediate family members and El Paso County 4-H Leaders can help with education or safety providing the 4-H member of said project is present and working/helping. Violations of this rule will be handled as follows: First violation – verbal warning; second violation – written warning; third violation – dismissal from the fairgrounds.
5. Where appropriate, premiums will be awarded to first, second and third place participants. First place will be awarded \$5.00, second place will be awarded \$3.00, and third place will be awarded \$2.00.
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7. **4-H Cloverbud:** 4-H members age 5-7, are not permitted to show or exhibit any animals.
8. All youth must have completed the **Animal Care and Housing Form** for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects and **Code of Show Ring Ethics**. All forms must be submitted to club leaders by the re-enrollment club member fee payment deadline or as soon as a new 4-H member joins prior to the May 1, fair eligibility deadline.
 - The 4-H member must have **care and custody of their animal** at their home on

record (which is indicated on the Care and Housing Form) with the CSU Extension Office throughout the project. If this changes then they must update their Animal Care & Housing Form on file with the CSU Extension Office as soon as the animal is at another location. Temporary housing should not exceed 72 hours without notifying the Extension Office.

9. Follow the **record book** guidelines as outlined by the CSU Extension Office to earn project completion status.
10. Leased 4-H Project Animals: Dog project **CANNOT** be leased
11. **Use of alcoholic beverages or drugs by youth exhibitors** will NOT be tolerated on either the Fairgrounds or in the fairgrounds camping area. Youth members, leaders, parents, and other adults participating in 4-H programs will abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco during 4-H events and activities. It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the 4-H Code of Conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules.
12. **All exhibitors are required to clean-up** after their project animals including any excrement or mess that the animals make while in the fairgrounds. It is important to maintain an exhibit area that is clean and attractive for the general public visiting the fairgrounds. Prompt clean up is important!
13. **Violations of any rules** will be handled as follows: First violation – verbal warning; second violation – written warning; third violation – dismissal from the show.
14. **Fair treatment** concerns must be filed in writing on the Fair Treatment Challenge Form with the CSU Extension 4-H staff person on duty at the fairgrounds accompanied with a fee of \$100 in cash (no checks) within 24 hours of the incident. Challenges can only be submitted by youth exhibitors. Please see the Fair Treatment Protocol attached to the Fair Treatment Challenge Form for further information and procedures.
15. **All judges' decisions are final.**
16. Any behavior that is considered negative on the part of the exhibitor, family members of the exhibitor, or leaders, directed toward any show official, Fair Board member, fair staff, 4-H staff, 4-H exhibitor or their parents will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.
17. There is a camping area available for use on a first come first serve basis and camping permits should be purchased in advance from the El Paso County Fair Office. All 4-H and FFA members staying in the camping area must be accompanied by an adult. No dogs are permitted in the camping area without first receiving Fair Board approval. Additional camping regulations, rules and requirements are at the discretion of Fair management.

18. **No vehicle** other than “Official Cars” will be permitted inside the fenced area around the barns and livestock arena after Monday at noon. Vehicles for the purpose of hauling feed and supplies will not be permitted on the fairgrounds.
19. Dates of approved current and effective **vaccination** of the dog for rabies and parvovirus must be uploaded on the *4HOnline with the Dog ID information* by May 1st. It is strongly recommended that all backup dogs be registered. The state may have a later deadline than El Paso County’s May 1st deadline. *It is recommended that all dogs be vaccinated for kennel cough (Bordetella). If the dog’s vaccinations are not current, a written statement from your veterinarian stating why not, must be attached to the entry form.*
20. Bitches in season and lame dogs **will not be allowed to compete**. No bitch in heat, obviously pregnant or lactating bitches will be allowed to compete.
21. Handlers **must own their project dog** individually or in partnership with a parent or guardian during the complete duration of the project.
22. Exhibitors may **exhibit any number of dogs**, but only one dog per class for showmanship. Multiple dogs may be used in rally, agility, and obedience. Sits and downs will be handled for multiple dogs on judge discretion.
23. Individual dogs can only be shown once per class. Individual dogs cannot be shown by 2 handlers in the same class.
24. Dogs must be **trained and shown primarily by the 4-H exhibitor** during the complete duration of the dog project.
25. **Trial requirements** for the El Paso County Fair will be the same as Colorado State Fair Contest Requirements.
26. Each 4-H member will take a **written test** regarding general knowledge of the dog project. There will be a Junior, Intermediate and Senior level exam. This test score will also be used toward Premier Exhibitor.
27. The handler **must have complete control of the dog at all times**. Any dogs showing signs of aggression toward people or other dogs anywhere on the show grounds either inside or outside the show ring may be asked to leave for the general safety of all. The Dog Superintendent and/or the 4-H Youth Development Agent can make this request. If made, the dog must be immediately removed from the grounds. If a question arises regarding such a request, it will be reviewed by a committee of three, consisting of the 4-H Youth Development Agent, a Dog Superintendent, and a dog show official be it a volunteer or the judge, their decision will be final.
28. The **judge must disqualify any dog that attempts to attack** any person in the ring. He/she shall excuse a dog that attacks another dog in the ring or that appears dangerous to other dogs in the ring.

29. Adults may handle a dog to **prevent a fight or when the dog is unmanageable** to the 4-H exhibitor.

30. **Health Requirements:** All animals must be free of contagious or infectious diseases and in good condition. Animals that appear malnourished or unhealthy may be excused from the premises. If medication is required on any animal before or during the fair (including tranquilizers and injectable vitamins), the 4-H Youth Development Agent must be contacted before medication is administered and provided with written documentation by a licensed Veterinarian. Administering medications approved by the FDA for human use but not for veterinary applications is ground for disqualifications. All animals may be examined upon arrival for evidence of infections or contagious disease, and if such is found, they will be held in quarantine until examined by a veterinarian. The exhibitor is responsible for calling a practicing veterinarian for animal treatments. The Superintendent has the right to call for services of a veterinarian for the treatment of sick animals if the exhibitor is not available. The fee for veterinary services must be paid for by the exhibitor prior to the release of the animal from the fairgrounds. If drugs are administered, the Dog Superintendent, 4-H Youth Development Agent & Official Fair Veterinarian must be notified.

31. **ATTENTION - IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics** of animals shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in the competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all exhibits in any event at a show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine examples. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and action proceeds, and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all animal shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors in competitive events.

- Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating to your animal is prohibited.
- Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or show officials.
- Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the fairs or

shows. The act of entering an animal in a show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in events, which culminates with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medications, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with burden of the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or show premises, all treatment involving the use of drugs, and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

COLORADO STATE FAIR REQUIREMENTS

(See State Fair Contest Requirements for Complete Rules)

1. Exhibitor must have an up-to-date record book, exhibited in at least one 4-H dog show and have entered in El Paso County Fair.
2. The highest score from the required dog show and the El Paso County Fair show will be totaled. The four highest scores from each class will determine selection for exhibitors to officially represent El Paso County. Per state regulations, qualifying scores are as follows: 170 and above in showmanship, 170 and above in obedience, 70 and above in rally, and 70 and above in agility.
3. ALL Non-Qualifying or NQ scores will be included in the tabulations to determine who goes to state.

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (CGC)

Fee: None

The CGC visitation program offers many growing opportunities for 4-H members, all of which help develop desirable traits. 4-H members gain lifelong skills and assets by putting the 4-H project to work for others benefit. Members learn to volunteer and provide service to the community. They also learn the patience to teach their dog lifelong good citizen skills while at the same time earning a certificate that evaluates these skills.

There are now 3 levels in the AKC CGC program. Each level growing you and your dogs skills as team. All of these programs will allow your dog to earn his title even if not registered with AKC. Each title has a test with 10 specific steps required to earn the title.

You are encouraged as you progress in the 4-H dog program to try each one of these titles. In future years if you want to continue to participate in the CGC program we may limit the number of years you can participate without moving up a CGC level.

Listed with each is a link that will take you to the

test for the specific level. They are:

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>

AKC Community Canine/Advanced CGC (CGCA)

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/akc-community-canine/>

AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen (CGCU)

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/akc-urban-canine-good-citizen/>

Eligibility

1. Dogs and handlers must be enrolled in El Paso County 4-H.
2. Dogs must be at least one year of age.
3. The dog must be owned by the handler or in partnership with the handler's family and live in the family household.
4. The dog must be current on all shots/vaccinations and licensing required by the County and City of residence.
Verification must be provided at class registration.
5. The dog may not be pregnant or nursing puppies, nor may bitches be in season. This rule applies to all community visits.

Participation Requirements

1. Complete the required training necessary to earn a CGC Certificate, either by enrolling in a CGC class, or ordering the CGC training information from www.akc.org and training your dog.
2. Pass the required AKC CGC test to earn your CGC certificate from a registered AKC CGC Evaluator. **All dogs going on field trips/community visits must pass this test.** Handlers must have proof of CGC certification and shot records when performing visits.

3. Members must participate in a minimum of three CGC visits, one being a nursing home.
4. All junior participants (4-H ages 8-10) must have a parent or guardian present on all visits.
5. Dogs must be cleaned and groomed for all visits.
6. Handlers must follow the 4-H dress code and they must wear rubber soled, closed-toe shoes. No slip on shoes, crocs, sandals, etc.
7. All handlers should use a 2, 4, or 6-foot leather or nylon lead. Length should be based on size of dog and handler for best control.
8. NO retractable leashes!
9. All dogs should be equipped with a buckle or slip (choke) collar for best control.
10. All handlers must bring clean up supplies and poop bags for any accidents.

El Paso County Fair Exhibit Requirements

1. Complete the participation requirements listed above and complete all dog project requirements.
2. Submit by 2:00 PM on Exhibit Day (Friday before El Paso County Fair) a tri-fold poster board that describes your activities/learning process in CGC.
3. Display boards (show boards) for fair must be tri-fold boards that measure 4 ft. wide x 3 ft. tall. They should be made of lightweight cardboard, but not poster board. Pre-cut boards are available at most craft and shopping centers. No part of your display may extend beyond these boundaries.
4. Awards
 - a. 1st year for dog – CGC Bandanna and CGC Rosette
 - b. 2nd year for handler– CGC Leash
 - c. 3rd year for handler – CGC T-shirt
 - d. 4th year for handler - CGC Pin

SMALL ANIMAL MASTER SHOWMAN CONTEST

Fee: None

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Small Animal Showmen will be determined through a Master Showmanship Contest. (4-H and FFA members will participate in this contest as appropriate.)

1. The Champion and Reserve Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior showmen from each of the small animal divisions (cavy, poultry, rabbit, dog, and cat) will compete in the Small Animal Master Showman for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors.
2. If the same person wins Champion or Reserve Champion in more than one species, then they must show the species for which they earned the higher award. If they earned the same award (for example, Champion in two or more species), then they must inform the show superintendent which species they would like to show at the end of day on Monday. The species which the multiple champion does not select to represent in Master Showman will then be offered to the third or fourth place overall in that species to compete in Master Showman.
3. Separate Master Showman contests for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will be held.

DOG AWARDS

(All of these awards will be given at Achievement Awards)

**Dog Versatility and Handler Versatility may NOT be won by the same person, Handler Versatility takes precedence over Dog Versatility.*

1. 4-H Handler Versatility Award

This award is intended to recognize the achievements of those handlers that excel in the many aspects of the 4-H Dog Project. It also takes into account those members that show strong leadership skills, community service excellence, club involvement, and which overall embody the motto of 4-H, "To Make the Best Better." It is based on completion of application. With the award going to the one with the highest points on the application. The completed application is due to the Colorado State University Extension Office in El Paso County no later than September 30. Please review the full rules written in the application.

2. 4-H Dog Premier Exhibitor Award

All Exhibitors are encouraged to enter. Entries for this division should be made in FairEntry Premier Exhibitor is awarded to the exhibitor that best combines several aspects of the 4-H dog project experience. There will not be any distinction between ages.

The Following Criteria and points will be used:

- **Showmanship Score:** 0-10 points
1st place = 10 points, 2nd = 8 points, 3rd = 6 points, etc.
- **Record Book Score:** 10 points (100% - 10 points, 89% - 8.9 points, etc)
- **Quiz Score:** 25 points (or actual score on quiz)
- **Interview:** 0-25 points
 - Will be held at County Fair

3. 4-H Dog Versatility Award

This award is intended to recognize the achievements of talented dogs that excel in many disciplines, including showmanship, obedience, rally, and agility. The dog with the highest combined outside and El Paso County 4-H Fair scores for three of the four disciplines listed above, will earn this award.

Showmanship Awards

1. First through sixth place ribbons will be awarded in Showmanship for scores of 170 or above.
2. Special awards will be given to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Grand Champions and other special awards will be given to the Reserve Grand Champions. (Grand Champions are members who earn the highest score in their age category in novice and open classes combined.)

Obedience Awards

1. First through sixth place ribbons will be awarded for scores over 170 that have received 50 percent or more of the maximum point value of each exercise
2. Special awards will be awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion for the Beginner Novice Division, Novice Division, and Grad Novice/Advanced Division.

Rally Awards

1. First through sixth place ribbons will be awarded for scores 70 and above
2. Special awards will be given to the High Point Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions in Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent (excellent includes those competing in adv/exe combined), and Masters.

Agility Awards

1. Green qualifying ribbons given to every participant with a qualifying score of 70 and above.
2. First through sixth place ribbons will be awarded for scores 70 and above.
3. All participants scoring 70 and above will get a blue ribbon, those scoring 40 to 69 will get a red ribbon, and those scoring 39 and below will get a white ribbon.
4. Special awards will be given to the Jumpers Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions.
5. Special awards will be given to the Standard Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions.

4-H Dog Sportsmanship Awards

You may nominate individuals for an Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Nomination applications can be picked up in the 4-H Information Booth, on the county website or in the El Paso County CSU Extension Office. There will be four divisions in which nominations will be accepted; Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult (for 4-H parents/volunteers). Nomination applications can be dropped off or mailed to the CSU Extension Office by the **first Friday in October**. Various qualities should be considered when selecting nominees such as helping others, positive attitude, cooperation, punctuality, work ethic, conduct, and others as seen fit. Sportsmanship Awards will be awarded at El Paso County 4-H Achievement Celebration in the fall.

SHOWMANSHIP

Trail Rules:

1. A show collar and show lead are required to participate.
2. Unless it is a health or safety issue for the exhibitor or dog, all appropriate dogs will be tabled for showmanship (see Tabled Breed List in the Colorado State Contest Requirements). It is always left to the judge's discretion.
3. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice classes are for those members who are in their first year in the 4-H dog project and have no prior outside showmanship experience as determined by the county. If prior experience is determined by the county, the exhibitor must move into open class competition in his/her appropriate age group.

General Tips for Showmanship:

1. No grooming equipment will be allowed in the showmanship ring at any time.
2. Depending on what you are wearing in the showmanship ring, use proper kneeling etiquette. If you are in a skirt, it is best to kneel on both knees. If you are wearing pants, it would be appropriate to kneel on only one knee.
3. Members with smaller breeds will be expected to show their dogs on a table. Judges will take into consideration the size and physical abilities of the handler. A list and guidelines for tabling breeds can be found in the project manual on pages 108 & 109. A more complete list is available on the American Kennel Club website at www.akc.org.
4. If the member is showing a mixed-breed dog; they should determine what breed their dog most resembles and show in the manner of that breed. If you have a mixed breed dog, you can go to AKC website and look at different pictures of the breeds of dog to decide which breed your dog looks most like.
5. No dog tags should be on the dog when showing in the ring. Only the correct equipment for a showmanship class should be used. It is very important that your dog wear tags at all times, except when in the show ring.

Classes:

CLASS 499: Puppy Class Showmanship (Non Regular Class to meet showmanship requirements)

This class is for members of all ages. You can enter this class with puppies between the age of 4 to 9 months after they receive the required vaccinations (Rabies & Parvo). If you have an of age dog, you must also enter regular showmanship. This class is for young dogs getting their first taste of showmanship. Each handler and puppy will enter the ring individually. This is a PASS/FAIL. Class no scores are given. Handler should know basic showmanship procedures.

CLASS 500: Junior Novice Showmanship

This class is for members who are 8 – 10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

CLASS 501: Junior Open Showmanship

This class is for members who are 8-10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.

CLASS 502: Intermediate Novice Showmanship

This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

CLASS 503: Intermediate Open Showmanship

This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.

CLASS 504: Intermediate Advanced Showmanship

This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship. Any member who has placed 1st through 10th at Colorado 4-H State Fair in Intermediate Open Showmanship must enter Intermediate Advanced Showmanship

CLASS 505: Senior Novice Showmanship

This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

CLASS 506: Senior Open Showmanship

This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.

CLASS 552: Senior Advanced Showmanship

This class is for members who are 14-18 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year. Any member who has placed 1st through 10th at Colorado 4-H State Fair in Senior Open Showmanship must enter Senior Advanced Showmanship.

OBEDIENCE

Please refer to the Colorado 4-H State Fair guidelines and AKA Guidelines for rule clarifications and scoring for all obedience classes.

Dog/Handler Eligibility:

1. After once earning a qualifying score in competition as a 4-H project dog at the County or State Fair, that same dog is no longer eligible for exhibition in the same division at any following County or State Fair, except Pre Open, Open and Utility classes.
2. A dog with any other rally or obedience title is disqualified from entering the class for which degree was awarded, or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the El Paso County 4-H Fair. In this case the dog is eligible for entry in the same class. Rule 1 takes precedence over this rule.
3. Any dog 7 years or older may be show in the veterans division. Dog shown as a veteran are not eligible for any other obedience classes. It is the choice of the member, the member's parent and the member's trainer and/or veterinarian as to giving a dog veterans designation. Veteran dogs will compete only against other veteran dogs for ribbons and awards. Their scores will not count toward awards in any other obedience division. (Refer to Colorado 4-H State Fair Rules for more complete details of the Veteran Division)

Trail Rules:

1. All 4-H obedience classes will be patterned after the latest AKC obedience guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Some exercises and rules may have been adapted from AKC to better serve the youth of this program.
2. Allowed collars include: Flat or rolled leather with snap or buckle closure, Fat or rolled nylon collar with snap or buckle closure, Metal slip chain (Choke chain). Leashes MUST be 6 ft in length for beginner novice and novice classes. The six-foot leash must be nylon or leather, no chains.
3. No dog tags can be on the dog when showing in the ring. This includes name tags, rabies tags, or anything else that hangs from the dog's collar. It is very important that your dog wear tags at all times, except when in the show ring.

Classes:

BEGINNER NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

CLASS 509: Puppy Class

Puppy classes will be for puppies which are not ready for regular obedience classes. The purpose of this class will be to introduce obedience commands to a puppy without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will introduce the puppy to dog shows in a positive manner, thus setting the puppy up for a lifetime of enjoyment in the show ring.

CLASS 510: Pre-Beginner Novice A

This class is open only to exhibitors and their dogs in their **first year** of dog Obedience training work.

CLASS 511: Pre - Beginner Novice B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Pre-Beginner Novice Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Beginner Novice A Obedience.

CLASS 512: Beginner Novice A

This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Beginner Novice training with no prior experience in Beginner Novice Obedience Dog training.

CLASS 513: Beginner Novice B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Beginner Novice Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Beginner Novice A Obedience Dog training.

NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISON

CLASS 514: Novice A

This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Novice training with no prior experience in Novice Obedience Dog training.

CLASS 515: Novice B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Novice Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Novice A Obedience Dog Training.

CLASS 516: Novice Veterans

GRADUATE NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

CLASS 517: Pre Graduate Novice A

This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Pre Graduate Novice training with no prior experience in Pre Graduate Novice Obedience Dog training.

CLASS 518: Pre Graduate Novice B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Pre Graduate Novice Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre Graduate Novice A Obedience Dog Training.

CLASS 519: Pre Graduate Novice Veterans

CLASS 520: Graduate Novice A

This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Graduate Novice training with no prior experience in Graduate Novice Obedience Dog training.

CLASS 521: Graduate Novice B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Graduate Novice Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A Obedience Dog Training.

CLASS 522: Graduate Novice Veterans

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE DIVISION

CLASS 523: Open A

CLASS 524: Open B

CLASS 525: Open Veterans

CLASS 526: Graduate Open A

CLASS 527: Graduate Open B

CLASS 528: Graduate Open Veterans

CLASS 529: Utility A

CLASS 530: Utility B

CLASS 531: Utility Veterans

RALLY

Trail Rules:

1. A dog with any other rally or obedience title is disqualified from entering the class for which degree was awarded, or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the El Paso County 4-H Fair. In this case the dog is eligible for entry in the same class.
2. All 4-H Rally classes will be patterned after the latest AKC obedience guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Some exercises and rules may have been adapted from AKC to better serve the youth of this program.
3. All jump heights will conform with current (as of 2011 rules and regulations) AKC height and broad jump recommendations.
4. Walk-throughs will be announced. Youth will not be allowed to walk through the pattern at any time other than the official walk-through time.
5. Please refer to the Colorado State 4-H Dog Project Rally Obedience Rules and Regulations for Exhibitors, Judges and Stewards for complete information.
6. No dog tags can be on the dog when showing in the ring. This includes name tags, rabies tags, or anything else that hangs from the dog's collar. It is very important that your dog wear tags at all times, except when in the show ring.

Classes:

CLASS 532: Rally Novice A

This Class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Novice Training with no prior experience in Rally Novice Dog Training.

CLASS 533: Rally Novice B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Novice training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Novice A.

CLASS 534: Rally Intermediate A

This Class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Intermediate Training with no prior experience in Rally Intermediate Dog Training.

CLASS 535: Rally Intermediate B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Intermediate training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Intermediate A.

CLASS 536: Rally Advanced A

This Class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Advanced Training with no prior experience in Rally Advanced Dog Training.

CLASS 537: Rally Advanced B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Advanced training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Advanced A.

CLASS 538: Rally Excellent A

This Class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Excellent Training with no prior experience in Rally Excellent Dog Training.

CLASS 539: Rally Excellent B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Excellent training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Excellent A.

CLASS 540: Rally Advanced/Excellent A

This Class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Advanced/Excellent Training with no prior experience in Rally Advanced/Excellent Dog Training.

CLASS 541: Rally Advanced/Excellent B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Advanced/Excellent training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Advanced/Excellent A.

CLASS 542: Rally Masters A

This Class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Masters Training with no prior experience in Rally Masters Dog Training.

CLASS 543: Rally Masters B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Masters training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Masters A.

AGILITY

- Dog agility is a sport in which a handler directs a dog through an obstacle course in a race of both time and accuracy. It is a team sport between the dog and handler that helps build a bond and confidence.
- Agility is a State Fair qualifying event
- Dogs must be at least 12 months to participate in foundation agility and at least 15 months to compete in Novice and above classes.
- Vet approval is needed before participating in any 4-H agility program. Vet and trainer signatures are required for any competition (Forms will be provided)
- Handler and dog must know basic commands at the time of competition. Foundation teams must pass an off leash test before every competition in order to compete.
- Two family members may share a dog, but there is a maximum of 4 runs per dog per day.
- Before the competition begins, the handler will walk the course (without their dogs).
- Any dog whose hair covers its eyes, must have its hair pulled back to prevent an obstructed view.
- Food, toys or any other training devices are not allowed on the course.
- BUCKLE COLLARS and tabs (4-6 inches) are allowed for the foundation and novice classes. Buckle collars are allowed in all classes but it is preferred your dog wears no collar for safety reasons.
- Handlers MUST wear rubber soled, closed toe shoes (Aka tennis shoes)
- There are 2 different course types in agility: Jumpers and Standard. Competitors may compete in both types.
- The Classes are broken into Foundation, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Veterans (for dogs 7 years and older).
- To advance in class levels, (from Novice to Intermediate for example), a dog/handler team must have earned a qualifying score (or "Q") at the County Fair Agility Trial OR proof of a qualifying score from an outside organization (AKC, ASCA, etc). A passing score is 70 or above out of a possible 100 points.

FOR COMPLETE LIST OF CURRENT RULES PLEASE GO TO:
<https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairContestReq-Cat-Dog.pdf>

Prize Summary

Photo Sharing: All participants receive a participation ribbon.

Canine Good Citizen:

- 1st year- CGC Bandanna
- 2nd year- CGC Leash
- 3rd year- CGC T-shirt
- 4th year- CGC Pin

Premier Exhibitor: An award will be given to the Champion

Small Animal Master Showman: Award given by SAAC

Showmanship:

1. First through sixth place ribbons will be awarded in Showmanship for scores of 170 or above.
2. Special Awards will be given to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Grand Champions and other special awards will be given to the Reserve Grand Champions. (Grand Champions are members who earn the highest score in their age category in novice and open classes combined.)

Obedience:

1. First through sixth place ribbons will be awarded for scores over 170 that have received 50 percent or more of the maximum point value of each exercise.
2. Special Awards will be awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion high point Beginner Novice Division, Novice Division and Grad Novice/Advanced Division.

Rally:

1. First through sixth place ribbons will be awarded for scores 70 and above.
2. Special awards will be given to the High Point Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions in Novice, Advanced, Excellent (excellent includes those competing in adv./exe. combined).

Agility:

3. Green qualifying ribbons given to every participant with a qualifying score of 70 and above.
4. First through fourth place ribbons will be awarded for scores 70 and above.
5. All participants scoring 70 and above will get a blue ribbon, those scoring 40 to 69 will get a red ribbon, and those scoring 39 and below will get a white ribbon.
6. Special awards will be given to the Jumpers Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions.
7. Special awards will be given to the Standard Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions.