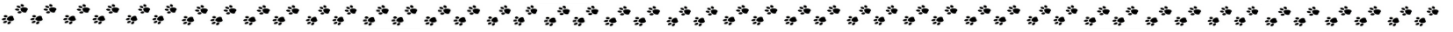




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2024-2025 El Paso County 4-H Dog Project



Welcome to the 2024-2025 4-H Dog Project Information Meeting!



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Dog Project Positions

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4-H Dog Project Communication Channels

Information for the 4-H Dog Project is sent out by 4-H newsletter and by BAND App. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address in 4HOnline.

A Monthly Newsletter is sent out with all the current information and is also posted on the El Paso County CSU Extension website: <http://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/>

We have a BAND App group to share info, ask questions, disseminate information, an events calendar and more. Please note, this is our primary channel of communication to the entire project, if you don't join this group you may miss some information. A BAND App group is only viewable by those in the group. To join the group, you must be enrolled in El Paso County 4-H and be accepted by an administrator of the group.

The name of the group is: **El Paso County 4-H Dog Project**

To be invited to the group, scan the QR code below or type the invite link into your browser. You must request to join and answer the membership questions to be accepted by an admin.

Invite Link:

<https://band.us/n/a4a696j2tfu8F>



Go to page 2 of the Dog Project Orientation Packet for contact information of people that can help with any questions.



4-H Pledge, Motto and Slogan

4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
and My health to better living,
For my club, my community, my country and my world

4-H Motto

To Make the Best Better

The 4-H motto encourages youth to do their best and improve the next time, so their “best” becomes “better.” Members stretch their abilities and capacities to reach their full potential.

4-H Slogan

Learn by Doing

Definition of VOLUNTEERISM

The act or practice of doing volunteer work in community service

One Hour, One Event, One Committee

Mock Dog Show Committee “Learn by Doing”

4-H Members (Upper level Intermediate if enough experience or Senior level) will plan and run the Mock Dog Show held on April 20, 2024, including handling all judging.

4-H Pre-Fair Dog Show (May 31st) “My Hands to Larger Service”

Volunteer roles:

Registration and Scoring Tabulations, should be good in excel

Judges – securing judges/judges hospitality

Trophies/Ribbons

Grounds/Ring Set up

Raffle – helping get contributions and running

raffle Concessions – organizing concessions and

running Clean up

El Paso County Fair 4-H Dog Show (June 21st and 22nd 2024) “For My Club, My Community...”

Tasks same as 4-H Pre-Fair Dog Show above as well as Assistance Superintendents to learn each show phase.



Rules for the 4-H Dog Project

- Dogs must be owned by the El Paso County 4-H member.
- Dogs must be trained and shown primarily by the 4-H member.
- Recommended age to start training puppy's is 4 months.



- Cloverbuds age 4-H youth (5-7) are not permitted to show or exhibit any animals.
- Be aware that youth members showing dogs have clothing requirements.
- Updated vaccinations are required: including Rabies and Parvo. Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccine is recommended.
- You must show proof of vaccinations on your "State Dog ID" form. It is due by April 30, 2024, hard copy and uploaded onto 4HOnline (see page 12 for more info).
- Dogs in heat, pregnant, or lactating will not be allowed to participate in classes or in any dog shows. The 4-H member can still attend classes without the dog.
- 4-H members can exhibit multiple dogs, but only one dog per class in obedience, and one dog in showmanship. Multiple dogs can be used in Rally and Agility.
- El Paso County 4-H Fair exhibitors are expected to have an up-to-date record book which may be requested for review prior to the County Fair.
- El Paso County 4-H Fair exhibitors are expected to participate in at least one dog show prior to County Fair in July. Most Colorado counties host 4-H dog shows. 4-H members can do the Dog Project, without showing their dogs.

Showmanship

Showmanship is concerned with how well the dog is shown by the handler. The dog's conformation or it being purebred is of no importance. The emphasis is on the handler's presentation of the dog standing still and in motion. The handler must convey knowledge and understanding of the dog's breed or the breed chosen as that which the dog most resembles. The handler should present the dog according to the chosen single breed standard.

The handler and dog appear to be part of a team. They work well together, move fluidly, and give an overall picture of being one unit. If a dog moves out of place or makes an error, a good handler is award of this.

The handler quickly and efficiently adjust for the fault and resumes his/her presentation of the dog.

- 4-H "Showmanship" judges the handlers presentation and knowledge of their dog's breed (based on AKC standards). All mixed breeds, pure breeds, intact, and fixed dogs are eligible.
- Members of smaller breeds will be expected to show their dogs on a table.
- A show collar and 4 foot lead are required to participate.
- Members exhibit their dog in class by the age of the 4-H member as of Dec. 31st of the previous year:
 - * Junior Showmanship is for members who's 4-H age is 8-10 years.
 - * Intermediate Showmanship is for members who's 4-H age is 11-13 years.
 - * Senior Showmanship is for members who's 4-H age is 14-18 years.
 - * "Novice" means it's your first year showing.
 - * "Open" means it's your 2nd or more years showing.



Showmanship Categories

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| - Junior Novice | - Junior Open |
| - Intermediate Novice | - Intermediate Open |
| - Senior Novice | - Senior Open |
| - Intermediate Advanced | - Senior Advanced |

- All exhibitors participating in the El Paso County 4-H Fair Dog Show **MUST** show one dog in Showmanship, in order to show in any other categories including: obedience, rally, and agility.
- Dogs should be bathed and groomed.
- Handlers should be bathed and groomed.
 - * Boys - dress shirt, tie, slacks, dress shoes.
 - * Girls - blouse, skirt or slacks, comfortable closed toed dress shoes.
 - * **NO HEELS.** You must be able to run without your shoes falling off or tripping over your feet.
 - * Suit jackets always look nice, but they're not required.

A Showmanship qualifying score is 170 points, or above out of 200.

Obedience

AKC definition of Obedience:

“Dogs, by nature, are pack animals with a well-defined social order. As you and your family become your dog’s pack, your new dog will look to you - the leader of the pack - for guidance.”

“Much like people, every dog is different. Some are hyperactive. Some are laid-back. Some are serious. Others are silly. Some are shy, and yet others have too much confidence. Regardless of these differences, training is necessary for all dogs and beneficial to your entire family.”

- A training collar (choke collar) and a 6ft leash are required. (Leather is recommended).
- No buckle collars, slip leads, pinch collars, or harnesses are allowed in the show ring.
- Earning a qualifying score in competition (county or state fair), means that same dog is no longer eligible to enter in that same obedience class. The handler and dog must move to the next level of obedience.
- All 4-H obedience classes will be patterned after the latest AKC obedience guidelines. Except AKC registration is not required for 4-H.

Implemented in 2022 the obedience classes are as follows:

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| - Puppy Class | -Graduate Novice |
| - Pre- Beginner Novice | -Open |
| - Beginner Novice | -Graduate Open |
| - Novice | -Utility |
| - Pre-Graduate Novice | |



Each class is then broken down further:

For example: Pre-Beginner Novice A; Pre-Beginner Novice B

“A” means: It’s the handler’s and the dog’s first year in that class.

“B” means: It’s the handler’s and the dog’s 2nd or more year in that class. They entered “A” previously but did not receive a qualifying score.

- There is a Veteran’s division for each level of obedience: Novice, Pre-Graduate Novice, Graduate Novice, Open; Graduate Open, & Utility.
- Any dog 7 years or older may show in the Veterans division.
- An obedience qualifying score is 170 points, or above, out of 200.



Rally

- Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler completes a course that has been designed by the rally judge. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience.
- Earning a qualifying score in competition (county or state level), means that same dog is no longer eligible to enter in that same rally class. The handler and dog must move to the next level of rally.
- All 4-H rally classes will be patterned after the latest AKC rally guidelines. Except AKC registration is not required for 4-H.
- All jump heights conform with the AKC height and broad jump recommendations.
- Walk-throughs (without the dogs) will be announced prior to each class showing.

Rally classes are as follows:

Rally Novice; Rally Intermediate; Rally Advanced; Rally Excellent; Rally Advanced/Excellent; Rally Masters.

Each class is then broken down further:

For example: Rally Novice A & Rally Novice B or Rally Excellent A & Rally Excellent

B. "A" means: It's the handler's and the dog's first year in that class.

"B" means: It's the handler's and the dog's 2nd year in that class. They entered "A" previously but did not receive a qualifying score.

- A Rally qualifying score is 70 points, or above, out of 100.



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.
- Dogs must be at least 12 months old to compete in foundation classes and minimum of 15 months for all other classes. It is recommended that larger breeds be 18 months old.
- All 4-H members are required to consult their vet before beginning agility training for signs of hip dysplasia, disc problems, or for being overweight, etc.
- Handler and dog must know basic commands at the time of competition.
- Any breed or size of dog can compete.
- 2 family members may share a dog, but there are a maximum of 4 runs per dog per day.
- Before competition begins, the handlers (without dogs) can walk through the course.
- If possible, a warm-up jump outside the ring should be available for handlers and dogs.
- Any dog who's hair covers its eyes, must have its hair tied back to prevent an obstruction of vision.
- Food, toys, whistles, stopwatches, fanny packs or other training devices are not allowed on course.
- A buckle collar and tab are allowed for foundation classes.
- Dress code: handlers must wear rubber soled, closed toe shoes.
- There are 2 classes in agility: Jumpers, and Standard. Competitors can compete in both.
- The classes are then broken down into Foundation, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Veterans. To advance in class levels, (from Novice to Intermediate for example) a handler must have a passing score from the State Agility Competition a passing score is 70 points out of 100 or a title from an outside organization.



Canine Good Citizen

All breeds of dogs who have been trained to obey basic obedience commands and who can remain calm when faced with distracting situations in public places, are welcome to try to earn a Canine Good Citizen Certificate.

- Dogs are tested on 10 skills:

- Accepting a friendly stranger
- Appearance and grooming
- Walking through a crowd
- Coming when called
- Reactions to distractions
- Sitting politely for petting
- Walking on a loose leash
- Sit, down, and staying on command
- Reaction to another dog
- Supervised Separation



- Dogs must be at least one year of age.
- Members must pass the required test to earn a CGC certificate.
- Members must participate in a minimum of 3 nursing home visits.

Dog Drill Team

All new 4-H members are welcome!

The 4-H Dog Drill Team is a fun activity for dogs and 4-H members to participate in. Having fun is the primary goal!

Teaching dogs and their handlers better training techniques through fun is a great way to get 4-H members working harder to achieve the training results they want without realizing how hard they are working.

The El Paso County 4-H Dog Drill Team works on routines to participate in parades throughout the year. With simple but entertaining tricks and uniforms, the members and dogs have a great time.

All 4-H members with well-behaved dogs are welcome to participate whether enrolled in the Dog Project or not.

Join our Dog Drill Team for the Festival of Lights Parade! We will again participate in the Parade of Lights December 7, 2019. Everyone enrolled in the 4-H dog program are welcome to participate. Dress up your dog and yourself and prepare to march in the Colorado Springs Community Parade of Lights. March in formation with your dog doing circles and counter marches. We also decorate a float to go with our group. Parents, we need a lot of helpers! Please consider volunteering.

You must attend at least two practices prior to the parade on December 9th. Those who attend all rehearsals will get to learn special drill team moves.

To sign up and get times and locations, contact Alicia at allnatural74@gmail.com or Amber at amber.hansen07@gmail.com.

We will march on the road outside, so dress warm if it is cold weather.



Upcoming Dog Shows



Mock Dog Show – April 19, 2025. This is a fun show to get your feet wet! This will take place at the El Paso County Fairgrounds in Calhan, CO.

Dog Project Committee Pre-Fair 4-H Dog Show – May 31, 2025. Open to all 4-H members from other counties. This will take place at the El Paso County Fairgrounds in Calhan, CO.

- Great Prizes
- Concessions
- It counts towards your show requirement.

El Paso County Fair 4-H Dog Show – June 21st and 22nd, 2025. The Really Big One! This one could qualify you for the Colorado State Fair 4-H Dog Show.

It includes Showmanship/Obedience & Agility/Rally classes. Remember, Showmanship is required.



Dog Training Classes

Look for locations, times and class dates on the dog BAND AP

4-H Volunteer — Amber, Sabrina and Jennifer's Classes Watch the BAND AP for dates and locations.

Local Training Facilities* —There are many dog training options with private facilities, Petco, PetSmart, Canine Solutions, Peyton Performance. Always be sure to ask for a 4-H discount!

Pawzabilities- Sabrina Christie 4hgirl.sc@gmail .com or call 719-351-7256. 4-H discount offered

Colorado Springs Dog Training Center
719-499-8294

Alicia Christie- Canine Good Citizen and Trick dog trainer and certifier

* Dog training facilities listed above **are not endorsed**, supported or regulated by CSU Extension or El Paso County/Colorado 4-H.



Dog Project Record Books

A Record Book is required to earn project completion.

Dog Project Record Books 101

You can find your e-record a couple of ways: The CSU Extension El Paso County 4-H Website, <http://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-member-and-volunteer-resources/> has a link under Project List, E-Records, Project Manuals, & Tip Sheets. This will take you directly to the State CSU Extension website which has all the project e-records. Just scroll down until you see the Dog Record Books and click on the appropriate record book according to age: Senior, Intermediate, or Junior. Another option is to just go directly to the State website link and follow directions above at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/>

It is recommended that you download or at least take a look at the dog record book score sheet.

Helpful Tips:

- Keep all your records!
- Keep all your score sheets!
- Take pictures throughout the year of your dog project. You will need a minimum of 4 project related pictures for your record book. That will show project progress.
- Track your pet's costs and save ALL receipts (food, vet bills, training, toys, supplies of any kind).
- Keep a record of dates and cost of all dog events you attend (classes, shows, community service, etc.).
- Keep track of mileage, you will need to record this as an expense.
- Save a dog food nutrition label from the bag, you will need this information for your record book (you can usually print this from the internet if you forget).
- Complete all pages and questions. If a question doesn't apply to you, then indicate "N/A".
- Date things appropriately! (If it was supposed to be signed or filled in at the beginning of the project year then don't date it at the end of the year!)
- Check your math, because we will!
- HAVE FUN WITH YOUR PROJECT!!!! Do not procrastinate too much or you will get stressed to complete this book at the last minute and it won't be fun.

**If you have any questions, you can contact Alicia Christie at
719-351-6098 or email at allnatural74@gmail.com**

El Paso County 4-H Record Book Clinic

The Colorado State 4-H website will soon be updating their e-record guide, and you can certainly use their guide as well, however please note, that in some cases they require additional pages where our county only requires the additional dog names on the page, you will not be penalized if you choose to follow the state guidelines.

You only need one record book for your dog project, if you have more than one dog in the project they will ALL be included in the ONE book. Fill in ALL spaces if you do not know the answer then write “unknown” or if it doesn’t apply, write “N/A”, in some cases it is also acceptable to estimate. BUT NEVER LEAVE AN ANSWER BLANK!!! Enter all information in date order.

COVER: Don’t stress too much if you have problems with the format, you will NOT be penalized if the formatting is off, this has been an ongoing problem, mostly with the graphics at the top, just be sure ALL information is filled out correctly. You only need one cover page; **ALL DOGS** used in the project must be listed under Animal Name. Start Date: is when you started your project, not when you started your record book; his can be the start of the 4-H year or when you first started doing anything project related. End Date: This is when you completed your record book; for most people this will be shortly before Sept. 1st. You must include the State Fair in your record book if you compete at State Fair. Be sure all blanks are filled in, and all signatures are signed and dated appropriately, at start of project or when the record book is completed.

Humane Treatment Policy: You only need one form but list all dog names at the top.

Project Goals: This page should be completed at the start of your project; be sure to read all definitions and instructions before filling this page out. You are only doing one project, so you don’t need to have a separate sheet for each dog, but you can list goals for specific dogs or your project in general.

Important Names and Contact Information: You only need to fill this out once, if you use more than one vet, list both, under other, I suggest listing people like your dog project leader or anyone else who played an important role in your project.

General Dog Care (Jr & Int): You will need a separate one for each dog in your project.

Dog Inspection Log (Int & Sr): You will need a separate one for each project dog. First inspection should be done early in project, second inspection should be done closer to end of project; be sure to date each at the top and write comments (you are not just checking them off or initialing).

Body Condition Score (Sr): You will need a separate one for each project dog. Be sure to fill in all information.

Feeding Record: You will need a separate one for each project dog. Be sure to save a feed label for this page, Jr’s will need to attach it to the page: Int & Sr’s will need to refer to it in order to answer the questions. If you do not have a feed label you can usually find one on the internet. Be sure to answer ALL questions!



- ❑ **Health Record:** You need a separate one for each project dog. This is for a health record; things that a veterinary would do like vaccinations or examinations, this is not for your routine hygiene you perform at home, like bathing or trimming toenails (unless done by a vet). Be sure and list treatment in date order.
- ❑ **Colorado Dog ID:** You MUST complete this in 4HOnline, CSU Extension El Paso County 4-H requires that this be done by April 30, 2024, one for each project dog. Follow the instructions printed in the record book, I suggest you get it done early and do not wait until the last minute. You will need to upload a picture of your dog and your dog's shot record if you need help with this please contact the El Paso County CSU Extension Office at 719-520-7698, or your dog leader, or any member of the Dog Project Committee. You will also need to print at least 3 copies of the Dog ID form from 4HOnline: one to put in your record book, one copy for the CSU Extension Office (at the latest, you may hand this in at the MOCK show on April 20, 2024), and you will also need a copy to take with you to all shows you attend. Print extra copies!
- ❑ **Supplies & Equipment:** You will only need one list for your project. Please read the instructions; replacement value can be determined by how much you paid new, or by how much it would cost you to buy a new or used one. We are not going to be looking things up and pricing them, but we will check your math, and your list should be reasonable.
- ❑ **Expense Record:** *Read the instructions!* Be sure to include 4-H registration, even if you are taking more than one project. Save receipts for everything you buy related to your project even if it is not for your dog. And don't forget mileage expenses from your activity log and vet expenses from things listed in your health report. We will check your math.
- ❑ **Income:** List all project related income, like show premiums or dog sitting; do not list things like allowance or money earned for chores, unless you use the money toward your dog project. If there is no income, write "No income" DO NOT LEAVE THE QUESTION BLANK!
- ❑ **Show/Event Log:** You only need one log, just be sure to list the dog's name for each event. Read the instructions! Don't leave blanks!
- ❑ **Activity Log:** Read the instructions! I will especially be looking for things I know you were required to do, like demonstrations, community service, club meetings, etc. Mileage can be calculated by government rate or your actual MPG.
- ❑ **Dog Training Evaluation Log:** You must have a separate one for each project dog. Read the instructions! And don't forget fill in beginning and ending dates.
- ❑ **Goal Evaluation:** Answer ALL questions!
- ❑ **Photographs:** These may be placed on scrap book pages or just printed on a blank sheet of paper; follow the instructions given in the record book. If you would like to add more photo's, you may use front and back of both pages, but please limit your pictures to only those related to your dog project, and don't forget to caption each picture.



4-H Story: This is your story, there is no right or wrong story, as long as it pertains to your dog project, and it is age appropriate. Just be sure to follow the guidelines provided and try to include the answers to the questions listed somewhere in your story.

Project Completion: Be sure and have ALL signatures and dates; Leader can be club leader, Dog Project leader, or a member of the DPC, advisory committee, if leader is unavailable, just do not leave it blank!



Colorado 4-H Dog ID

Dog IDs due by April 30, 2025

This form is in 4HOnline. You will need to have a Dog ID for each dog you have in your 4-H dog project. If you did the Dog ID in 4HOnline last year, you would need to go in and update any information. You will also need to upload a picture of your dog and the dog's shot records. Please contact the El Paso County CSU Extension Office, or a member of the Dog Project Committee, if you need help with this process. Directions are also available on the CSU Extension El Paso County 4-H Website, <http://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-member-and-volunteer-resources/>, under 4-H Instructions and Guides.

You will need to print the Dog ID form from 4HOnline and put it in your e-record where indicated. It is recommended that you make at least 3 copies of this form, one to turn in, one for your record book and one to take with you to all shows you attend.





4-H DOG DIVISION

Revised 10/20/23
Subject to Change

El Paso County Fair Contest Requirements

Dog Project Fair Superintendent: TBD

The 4-H Dog Division is limited to only those youths properly enrolled in the El Paso County 4-H program for the current year.

2025 El Paso County Fair 4-H Dog Show

Fees: All classes are \$5.00 per exhibitor per dog for each class entered for Showmanship, Obedience, Rally and Agility.

General Rules

1. Please read the complete general rules and the dog rules found in the 4-H Dog Division El Paso County Fair Contest Requirements. Go to the CSU Extension El Paso County 4-H Fair resource webpage <http://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-member-andvolunteer-resources/>
2. Please note: The El Paso County 4-H Dog Project follows the State Fair 4-H Dog Trial rules and classes for many of county-level events. Please refer to state fair guidelines for rule clarifications and scoring for all obedience classes
3. Per 2023 State Fair Rules: 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. AKC rules for Obedience and Rally can be found here: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>
4. Fair Entry payments for all Dog Department class registrations can be paid by check or cash only. The check should be payable to the Small Animal Advisory Committee.
5. 4-H Cloverbuds members, 4-H age 5-7, are not permitted to show or exhibit any animals.
6. **Only registered El Paso County 4-H members 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.**
7. All judges' decisions are final.
8. 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.
9. Fair Treatment Challenge must be filed in writing on the Fair Treatment Challenge Form with the Extension Agent responsible for the activity where the incident occurred accompanied with the fee of \$50 in cash (no checks) within 24 hours of the incident. Challenges can only be submitted by 4-H members. Please see the Fair Treatment Protocol attached to the Fair Treatment Challenge Form for further information and procedures.
10. Any violation of the following rules will automatically result in disqualification with no recourse: **a)** the natural hair color of the animal cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. Any animal when rubbed with a cloth or glove, which shows evidence of artificial color, will be disqualified. **(b)** Any entries adding artificial hair or hair-like substances will be disqualified **(c)** The showing of animals of an ineligible age or showing unethically fitted animals is prohibited. **(d)** Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method, which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body.
11. The showing of animals of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted animals is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, any animal having been operated upon or tampered with, for the purpose of concealing faults or with the intent to deceive will be disqualified and dismissed from the grounds. No administration of behavior-modifying drugs of any type, including alcohol,

to any animals on the Fairgrounds will be permitted under any circumstances. Violators of this rule will be disqualified and dismissed from the Fairgrounds. An animal judged to be unsafe by the committee and superintendents may be dismissed from the Fair- grounds.

12. If, in the opinion of the 4-H Dog Project Committee or 4-H Youth Development Agent, an exhibitor does not take proper care of his/her animal(s) and area, after proper warning, the exhibitor may be dismissed from the Fairgrounds. Additionally, if any exhibitor or their families mistreat animals, the exhibitor may be dismissed from the Fairgrounds. *Violations of this rule will be handled as follows: First violation – verbal warning; second – dismissal from the Fairgrounds.*
13. Any behavior that is considered negative on the part of the exhibitor, family members of the exhibitor, or leaders, directed toward any show official, 4-H staff, 4-H exhibitor or their parents will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.
14. Any exhibitor dismissed from the Fairgrounds will forfeit all premiums.
15. Use of alcoholic beverages or drugs by 4-H members will NOT be tolerated on either the Fairgrounds or in the 4-H and FFA camping area.
16. Appropriate attire for showing will be required, as defined by the 4-H dress code.
17. Each exhibitor is required to clean up after their own animals including any excrement or mess that your animal makes while in the Fairgrounds.
18. 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 4-H Dog Project Committee, 4-H Youth Development Agent & Official Fair Veterinarian must be notified.
19. 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 absolutely 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.

- a. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating to your animal is prohibited.
- b. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or show officials.
- c. Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the fairs or shows.
- d. The act of entering an animal in a show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and/or 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.

- e. Any surgical procedures or injection of any foreign substances or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
 - f. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
 - g. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
 - h. No owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
 - i. This application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
 - j. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notice to members.
 - k. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorized with jurisdiction over such infractions.
20. There is a camping area available for use by 4-H and FFA members and their immediate families. Space is on a first come first serve basis and camping permits should be purchased in advance from the 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.
21. No vehicle other than "Official Cars" will be permitted inside the fenced area around the barns and livestock arena after Mon- day at noon. Vehicles for the purpose of hauling feed and supplies will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds.
22. Dates of approved current and effective vaccination of the dog for rabies and parvovirus must be provided on the *State 4-H ONLINE Dog ID Sheet* by April 30st. It is strongly recommended that all backup dogs be registered. The state may have a later deadline than El Paso County's April 15, 2025, 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.

- 23. 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.
- 24. Handlers must own their project dog individually or in partnership with a parent or guardian during the complete duration of the project.
- 25. 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
- 26. Individual dogs can only be shown once per class. Individual dogs cannot be shown by 2 handlers in the same class.

27. Dogs must be trained and shown primarily by the 4-H exhibitor during the complete duration of the dog project.
28. Dogs must be shown in at least one 4-H dog show prior to El Paso County Fair in the division in which you are showing. Copies of the score sheets must be turned in to the CSU Extension Office **no later than the second Thursday of July. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to make sure score sheets are turned in.** Trial requirements for the El Paso County 4-H Fair will be the same as Colorado State 4-H Fair Contest Requirements.
29. 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.
30. Armbands for all shows will be picked up the day of the show at check in.
31. The handler must always have complete control of the dog. 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.
32. 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.
33. Adults may handle a dog to prevent a fight or when the dog is unmanageable to the 4-H exhibitor.

Colorado State 4-H 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 4-H Fair.
2. The highest score from the required dog show and the El Paso County 4-H 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 and 70 and above in rally.
3. ALL NQ or Non-Qualifying scores will be included in the tabulations to determine who goes to state.

4-H Dog Photo Sharing

Chair: TBD **Fee:** None

Rules:

1. Submit photos on El Paso County Tabletop Exhibit Day at the El Paso County Fairgrounds (Normally the Friday before Fair).
2. The subject of the photo must be your project dog.
3. 4-H members may only submit one photo for the 4-H Dog Photo Contest.
4. The 4-H exhibitor must take the photo.
5. Color or black & white photos will be accepted.
6. Any size up to 8" x 10" is acceptable.
7. The photo must be in a stand-up frame.
8. The exhibitors name, age and club must be on the back of the frame.
9. Categories are: Cloverbuds*, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. (*Cloverbuds may take a picture of a family dog.)
10. All participants receive a participation ribbon.



4-H Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Chair: Alicia Christie **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.

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. NO retractable leashes!
8. All dogs should be equipped with a buckle or slip (choke) collar for best control.
9. All handlers must bring clean up supplies and poop bags for any accidents.

El Paso County 4-H 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 light-weight 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



Trick Dog Titles

Chair: TBD

Trick dog titles are an opportunity for the 4-H member and the dog to form a strong bond working together to learn new tricks. The dog titles are based on the Kyra Sundance Program of "Do More With Your Dog". To earn the 1st Trick Dog Title the member and dog must learn 15 tricks. 8 of these 15 tricks are suggested for the first title thru our 4-H program. Things like Heel, Sit, Come. Basics you must learn for the beginning obedience classes. (Asterisked on the chart below.) The last 7 tricks are the choice of each member from the tricks listed.

Each Dog/Member Team must present their trick either in person or via a video to a Trick Dog Instructor. Try this Facebook link for an online FREE training class to learn your tricks. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WoofermuttTRICKSTARSNovice/> or Contact Cindy Still for an in person class at 719-440-23169 or email woofermutt@gmail.com

1 POINT	
balance cookie on nose	laundry basket (upturned)
balance ball	leg weave
balance beam	logic test (cookie on a string)
barrel racing (go around)	mail carrier (carry note)
baton jumping	memory game (buckets)
carry my purse	muffin tin game
cavalettis	newspaper (from open mailbox)
clik & cap jump wraps	open a door
close a door	paper-covered hoop /blind jump
*come	pawprint painting (with easel)
crawl	paws up on an object
crawl tunnel	paws on my arm
directional casting	pedestal
discern object names (3 items)	peekaboo!
doggy push-ups (down/stand)	perch work
*down	pick a card from a deck
drop it / give	* place (finish to my left side)
fetch (bring close to you)	platform jump
fetch-to-hand	pull on a rope
figure-8s through my legs	ring a bell to go outside
find hidden treats	roll out a carpet with nose
flyball box	roll over
flying disc	shake hands (either paw)
follow pointed finger	shell game (nose at correct pail)
food refusal / leave it	* side (swing finish to my left)
get your leash	* sit
hand signals (3 behaviors)	sit pretty / beg
hand signals (6 behaviors)	soccer (push a ball)
head cock	speak / bark on cue
* heel at left side, automatic sit	spin circles
hide and seek (look for you)	* stacking (for conformation)
hockey goalie / catch a toy	* stay
hold object in mouth (5 sec.)	take a bow
honk a bike horn	target mat / go to mark
hoop jump	target stick (nose-touch)
jump for joy	teeter-totter
jump over a bar	touch my hand (nose-touch)
jump over my knee	tunnel
jump through circled arms	walk on a loose leash
kennel up	wave goodbye
kisses	which hand holds the treat?
ladder work (on ground)	wobble board, donut



Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship Contest

Superintendent: TBA

Assistant Superintendent: TBA

Date/Time: TBA **Fee:** None

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Small Animal Showmen (including Miniature Horse and Dog) will be determined through a Round Robin 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, llama/alpaca, poultry, rabbit as well as dog and miniature horse) will compete in the Small Animal Round Robin for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors. Any member that does not show in Round Robin will forfeit their ribbons and premiums, unless their absence is approved prior to the show by their species superintendent.
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 their final show. The species which the multiple champions does not select to represent in Round Robin will then be offered to the third or fourth place overall in that species to compete in Round Robin.
3. Separate Round Robin contests for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will be held.
4. Each entry can earn a maximum of 10 points on their ability to groom their own animal and 100 points on their ability to show their own animal, and 100 points for their ability to show EACH of the other species as broken down on the score sheet.

Project Awards

The Three Highest Awards, Dog Project Members Can Earn that are based on their project's success.
(Listed in Order of Importance)

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 El Paso County CSU Extension Office no later than September 5th. Please review the full rules written in the application. Application located at <http://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-member-and-volunteer-resources/>

2. 4-H DOG PREMIER EXHIBITOR*

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 to tabulate the Premier Exhibitor.**

- a. Showmanship Score at El Paso County 4-H Fair
- b. Record Book Score
- c. Quiz Score (Quiz given at El Paso County 4-H Fair)
- d. Interview Score (Interview given at El Paso County 4-H 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. All of these awards will be given at a time determined by the Dog Superintendent, in the fall of the year, following the 4-H year when they were earned.

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



Showmanship Awards

1. First through tenth 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.)
3. Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions are required to participate in the county Round Robin Contest. (See above Round Robin Description) Currently you must have special permission not to attend Round Robin or forfeit your ribbons for Grand and Reserve Grand prizes, Ribbons and Premium Money.

Obedience Awards

1. First through tenth 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 High Point in Trail Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion for the Beginner Novice Division, Novice Division and Grad Novice/Advanced Division.

Rally Awards

1. First through tenth 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 tenth 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. Rosettes will be given to Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions for Regular Standard and Veterans Standard.
5. Rosettes will be given to Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions in regular Jumpers and Veteran Jumpers.
6. Rosettes will be given to the Foundation Agility Dogs 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

Trial Rules:

1. A show collar and 4-foot 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 ages of 4 and 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

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 veteran's 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)

Trial 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 pro-gram.
2. Entered dogs must wear a slip collar (choke collar) and be always on a six-foot leash except when in the obedience ring. No buckle collars, no slip leads, no pinch collars, no harnesses. 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:

Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Awards for Beginning Novice Obedience Division

BEGINNER NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

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.

Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Awards for Novice Obedience Division

NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION



CLASS 514: Novice A

This class is open to members with no prior experience in Novice Dog Training.

CLASS 515: Novice B

This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above who have never received a blue ribbon at a previous County or State Fair in this class. This class includes members with previous obedience training who are working with a new dog.

CLASS 516: Novice Veterans

Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Awards for Grad Novice and Advanced Obedience Division (Called Advance Division for El Paso County 4-H Fair)

GRADUATE NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

CLASS 517: Pre-Graduate Novice A

This class is open to members with no prior experience in Pre-Grad Novice Dog Training. This class was previously called "Grad Novice A".

CLASS 518: Pre-Graduate Novice B

This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above of Pre-Grad Novice 4-H Dog Training. This class was previously called "Grad Novice B".

CLASS 519: Pre-Graduate Novice

Veterans CLASS 520: Graduate Novice

A

This class was previously called "Pre-Open". The name has been changed to more closely follow AKC class names. This class is for members in their 1st year of Grad Novice training.

CLASS 521: Graduate Novice B

This class was previously called "Pre-Open". The name has been changed to more closely follow AKC class names. This class is for members in their 2nd or higher year of Grad Novice 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

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

Rally

Trial 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 pro- gram.
3. All jump heights will conform with current (as of 2023 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 for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally Novice obedience who have not received a blue ribbon at any County or State Fair and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in Rally Novice A for one year.

CLASS 533: Rally Novice B

This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Novice Obedience with the same dog used in the Rally Novice A Class or who is starting a dog that has never competed in Rally. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at County or State Fair or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association.

CLASS 534: Rally Intermediate A

Rally Intermediate A is for members in their first year of Rally Intermediate Training who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Intermediate at County or State Fair, and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in Rally Intermediate A class for one year.

CLASS 535: Rally Intermediate B

This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Intermediate Obedience. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at County or State Fair, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association.

CLASS 536: Rally Advanced A

Rally Advanced A is for members in their first year of Rally Advanced Training who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Advanced at County or State Fair, and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in Rally Advanced A class for one year.

CLASS 537: Rally Excellent A

Rally Excellent A Class is for members who are in their first year of Rally Excellent training who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Excellent at County or State Fair, and/or have not received an equivalent title for any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for one year.

CLASS 538: Rally Excellent B

This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Excellent Obedience. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at County or State Fair, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association.

CLASS 539: Rally Advanced/Excellent A

This class is for members who have received a blue ribbon in Rally Excellent at County or State Fair or who has received the equivalent of an Excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their 1st year of Advanced/Excellent training.

CLASS 540: Rally Advanced/Excellent B

This class is for members who have received a blue ribbon in Rally Advanced/ Excellent at County or State Fair or who has received the equivalent of a Rally Advanced/ Excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their 2nd year or above of Advanced/Excellent training.

CLASS 541: Rally Masters A



Rally Masters A is for members in their first year of Rally Masters Training who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Masters at County or State Fair, and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in Rally Masters A class for one year.

CLASS 542: Rally Masters B

This class is for members who have received a blue ribbon in Rally Masters at County or State Fair or who has received the equivalent of a Rally Masters title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their 2nd year or above of Masters training.

Agility

Dog/Handler Eligibility:

1. Dogs must be at least 12 months old to compete in foundation classes and minimum of 15 months for all other classes. It is recommended that larger breeds be 18 months old.
2. All 4-H members are required to consult their vet before beginning agility training for signs of hip dysplasia, disc problems, or for being overweight, etc.
3. Foundation handler and dogs must know basic commands and perform off lead at each time of competition Off leash heeling includes, forward, left turn, right turn, about turn and halt with automatic sit. The Recall. And at the judge's discretion may be asked for fast, slow normal and a down. Dog and handler will be tested before competing at each venue. See details in rules below.
4. Any breed or mixture of breeds and/or size dog is allowed to compete.

Handler & dog teams must earn each title before progressing to the next level class.

Standard Handler and Dog Equipment:

1. Buckle collars ONLY.
2. No leashes but tabs **MUST** be used in foundation classes and **can** be used in Novice classes. (TAB - 4" leather or nylon tab that snaps onto collar of choice, gives you a handle for the dog. No loop as can get paw caught.)
3. For safety reasons, handlers must wear rubber soled, closed toe shoes. No flip-flops, slip-ons, sandals, crocs etc. allowed.

Individual Class Rules, Scoring, Jump Height Requirements and Equipment

The information that has been shared to this point is intended to give you an overview of 4-H agility. The following discussion and tables will explain in detail what a handler and dog must do in each class obtain a qualifying score. Jump heights, rules for all levels (Foundation, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Veterans) and both class types (Jumpers and Standard) as well as judges scoring for earning that passing score will be explained. There will also be an equipment list defining each piece and its specifications.

Jump Height

To determine the jump height, the height of the dog at the withers (top of shoulder) is measured. When measuring the dog should be standing square on a flat surface. A ruler should be placed on top of the dog's shoulders at the withers. This is the height of the dog. By using the table below, you can determine your dog's jump height.

Jump Heights based on the dog's shoulder measurement are as follows:

The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form. Entries will be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, from either high to low or low to high.

It is the handler's responsibility to know the appropriate jump height for their dog. Changes in jump height will not be allowed once the entry has been received, unless the Judge determines that the dog, for physical reasons, should not be jumping at the entered height. If unsure of your dog's jump height, please ask a leader or instructor prior to entering a show to verify your dog's jump height.



Regular Jump Heights

Dog's Height	Jump	Broad Jump Width
7" or under at the withers	4"	8"
11" or under at the withers	8"	16"
14" or under at the withers	12"	24"
18" or under at the withers	16"	32"
22" or under at the withers	20"	40"

Preferred Jump Heights (veteran and foundation dogs)

Dog's Height	Jump	Broad Jump Width
11" or under at the withers	4"	8"
14" or under at the withers	8"	16"
18" or under at the withers	12"	24"
22" or under at the withers	16"	32"

Class Level Advancement

To advance in Class levels a handler/dog team must earn a qualifying score (70 or above) at the State Fair dog agility trial.

General Course Information

1. Agility takes up a lot of room. The maximum number of obstacles used on a course should take into consideration how big of an area is available. Areas in which courses are set up should be at least 60 feet by 70 feet or close to it. As the classes advance a larger space is desirable. It will be up to the judge setting up the course to determine if the space is adequate.
2. Indoor courses must have flooring which provides both traction and cushion! (Thick matting or another surface) It is recommended that 4-H dog agility groups check with kennel clubs or training centers in their area, if they are seeking appropriate indoor facilities.
3. The course will be clearly marked with a start/finish line.
4. Each obstacle will be marked with a number. Handlers and dogs will be required to follow the course in numerical order.
5. Before competition begins, the handlers (without dogs) will be allowed to walk through the course to become familiar with the course. The walk through is restricted to the handlers only and is limited to 10 minutes.
6. If possible, a warm-up jump outside of the ring should be available for handlers and dogs. Handlers should be considerate of others in taking turns at the warm-up jump.
7. Any dog whose hair covers its eyes and may interfere with its vision of the obstacles may tie the hair back.
8. Food and toys are not permitted on the course.
9. Handlers are not permitted to have whistles, stopwatches, fanny packs or other training devices on the course.
10. The handlers may be on either side of the dog while running the course.
11. A dog's time starts whenever any part of the dog crosses the start line. Its time will end when any part of the dog crosses the finish line.
12. Course time will be used only for determining tie breakers for placements.

Chart of Obstacle Requirements for Standard Classes

Class	Foundation	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Notes
Total Obstacles	8-10	10-14	14-16	16-18	
Total Jumps	3-5 ²	4-8	5-10	6-13	Includes all bar, double, triple, tire and broad jumps

A-Frame	0	1	1	1	
Pause Table	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	
Open Tunnel	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	
Dog Walk	1	1	1	1	
Bar Jumps	3-5 ^{1,2}	4-6	4-8	4-10	
Tire Jump	0	1	1	1	
Double Jump	0	0	0-1	1-2	
Weaves	0	6	6	12	
Seesaw	1	1	1	1	
Triple Jump	0	0	0	1	
Broad Jump	0	0-1	0-1	0-1	

¹Only wingless jumps may be used in Foundation

²Minimum of 3 bar jumps in Foundation

Chart of Obstacle Requirements for Jumpers Classes

Class	Foundation	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Notes
Total Obstacles	8-10	10-12	14-16	16-18	
Total Jumps	5-9	6-12	7-14	10-17	Includes all bar, double, triple, tire and broad jumps
Bar Jumps	5-9 ¹	6-11 ¹	7-13	9-16	
Double Jump	0	0	0-1 ²	1 ³	
Broad Jump	0	0-1	0-1 ²	0-1 ³	
Open Tunnel	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	
Tire Jump	0	0	0-1	0-1	
Triple Jump	0	0	0	1	

¹Winged jumps may not be used in Foundation or Novice

²Either a Broad Jump OR a Double Jump may be used in Intermediate

³Either a Broad Jump, Double Jump, or both must be used in Advanced

Scoring

Standard Faults - charged at 5 points:

(Note that only 1 deduction of each type may be assessed per obstacle. For example, 2 refusals of an obstacle is assessed 5 points total.)

- Knocking a bar off a hurdle - Applies whether it was the dog, the handler, or the leash that knocked the bar down.
- Touching the dog - Incidental touches not aiding the dog are expected and not charged.
- Dog steps on or walks over the Broad Jump
- Outside help or interference - Such as someone telling the handler which obstacle is next, any commands or cues to the dog etc. 5 points up to elimination, depending on severity.
- Handler touching any obstacle Handler jumps over the jump with the dog
- Dog goes between the tire and the frame (dog must complete the tire jump properly to avoid the major fault of omitting the obstacle)
- Anticipation of table count - Dog gets off before the judge finished saying the word "go".

Major Faults - charged at 10 points:



- Omitting any obstacle - Includes being told by the judge to omit the obstacle because of the four-paw safety rule. It also includes such things as the handler omitting an obstacle by choice or by error or crossing the finish line before the last obstacle is completed correctly.
- Wrong course - Taking an obstacle in the wrong order or going the wrong direction over an obstacle (including back-weaving three or more weave poles). If all 4 paws of a dog touch an obstacle not in sequence or in the wrong direction will be charged with a wrong course.
- Uncorrected improper entry to weave poles or failing to correct a skipped weave pole (Incorrect performance of an obstacle)
- Missed Contact Zone when exiting the equipment. (Yellow or contrasting color zone)
- Bailing off the seesaw - Before it tips down and touches the ground.
- Bailing off the dog walk - Before beginning the descending plank
- Failure to correct on pause table - For any dog that jumps off before the beginning of the word "go".

Elimination (incomplete):

- Dog who stops working and fails to resume within a reasonable time or leaves the ring without immediately returning under control
- Dog out of control
- An extreme amount of outside help
- An excessive amount of touching the obstacles or the dog
- Fouling the course
- Handler requests to leave the ring before completing run

Elimination: (these offenses shall be immediately reported to the Trial chair).

- Poor sportsmanship - including, but not limited to...swearing, treating a dog harshly, complaining loudly about judges or other exhibitors, using treats in the ring, failure to omit and go on to the next obstacle when instructed to do so by the judge.
- Abuse of dogs anywhere on the show grounds.
- A dog that attacks or threatens to attack a human or another dog.

Prize Summary

Photo Sharing: All participants receive a participation ribbon.

Canine Good Citizen:

Awards

- 1st year for dog – CGC Bandanna and CGC Rosette
- 2nd year for handler – CGC Leash
- 3rd year for handler – CGC T-shirt
- 4th year for handler - CGC Pin

Trick Dog Titles: Ribbon and Certificate for completion of tricks.

Premier Exhibitor: An award will be given to the Champion Premier Exhibitor.

Small Animal Round Robin: Award determined by the Small Animal



Committee. **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:

1. Green qualifying ribbons given to every participant with a qualifying score of 70 and above.
2. First through fourth 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. Rosettes will be given to Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions for Regular Standard and Veterans Standard.
 1. Rosettes will be given to Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions in regular Jumpers and Veteran Jumpers.
 2. Rosettes will be given to the Foundation Agility Dogs Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions.



Notes



ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

You could become a 4-H Dog Project Committee Member!

Help us with events:

- Mock Dog Show
- 4-H Pre-Fair Dog Show
- El Paso County Fair 4-H Dog Show
- Festival of Lights & St. Patrick's Day Parades
- Concessions Fundraisers

We need leaders!

- Be sure to share your other skills!

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer, go to the El Paso County website at <http://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/volunteer-with-4-h/> or call the CSU Extension Office at 719-520-7698 for more information.

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Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. If you have a disability for which you seek an accommodation, please notify the CSU Extension El Paso County 4-H Office ten days prior to the event.

