



4-H INVITATIONAL DOG SHOW

Sponsored by the K-9 KIDS 4-H CLUB



WHO'S INVITED: All Florida 4-H Dog Project Members
Ages 8 – 18 as of 9/1/16

DATE & TIME: Saturday, May 13th, 2017
Check-in Begins – 9:00 am. **Judging Begins - 10:00 am**

PLACE: Manatee County Fairgrounds
Mosaic Arena
1402 14th Ave West, Palmetto, FL 34221
All classes will be held in an outdoor, covered arena with a packed dirt floor.

FEES: \$20.00 per dog

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: On time entry postmarked by May 3rd, 2017. Late entry email only May 4th – 7th, 2017 with a \$5 late fee. **No day of show entries, additions or changes.**

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. This show is open to any Florida 4-H Dog Project Member with an up-to-date record book (record books are not required at show).
2. Each dog entered must have been worked with or trained by the handler showing it.
3. Dogs must be entered in a class comparable to their level of training regardless of the level of handler.
4. A dog may be shown by only one person for each area - Showmanship, Obedience, Agility and rally - except in Brace and Team. A dog may be shown in one showmanship, one obedience (not counting Brace, Team & Rally Novice), one rally and one agility class.
5. Each exhibitor may enter only one showmanship class, regardless of the number of dogs he or she is showing in other areas.
6. All dogs must have current inoculations.
7. Dogs may be pure-bred or mixed-bred. All dogs must be at least 6 months of age by May 13th, 2017 except dogs entering agility classes must be fifteen (15) months old by May 13th, 2017.
8. Basic, Sub-Novice and Beginner Novice dogs must be shown on six-foot leads.
9. Dogs in obedience classes must be shown using martingale, flat buckle or snap collars. Dogs in agility classes must either wear flat buckle, snap collars or may run without a collar. Collars may not have tags. Dog may wear no more than one collar.
10. Any female dog in season or any dog that is injured will not be permitted to compete or to remain on premises.
11. If a pre-registered dog is unable to compete, a replacement may be used providing that the handler has also worked with this dog. The replacement must be entered in a class appropriate to its level of training regardless of the class the pre-registered dog was entered. Please email Patty Martin at c_pmartin@verizon.net or call 941-720-4731 if a replacement is necessary.
12. Dogs must be kept on lead, except during classes that require otherwise.
13. Exhibitors/ owners are liable and responsible for their dog's behavior and must be in control of their dog at all times. Any misbehaving or aggressive dog may be excluded from participation.
14. While on the show grounds, no one other than the 4-H exhibitor may handle, train, work, or groom his or her dog. Parents may hold dogs while exhibitors are changing clothes, etc. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification from all classes.
15. Obedience classes will be held according to AKC Obedience regulations as modified by 4-H.
16. Classes may be split into Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions if entries warrant. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the show committee.
17. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded for each class. Additional prizes will be awarded for Best of Show (\$20), highest combined score (\$15) for Junior, Intermediate and Senior Levels. Cash premiums will be awarded for 1st (\$5), 2nd (\$3), and 3rd (\$2) place in Showmanship, Rally, Agility, and Obedience (excluding Team and Brace). Additional prizes for Team, Brace may be awarded as donations/ prizes are available.
18. A 4-H Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the county which accumulates the most points. The winning county will retain this trophy for one year. At the following year's show, it will be turned over to that year's winner. The scoring for this trophy will be: 1st Place - 5 pts, 2nd Place - 3 pts, 3rd Place - 1 pt. Showmanship, Obedience, Agility, and Rally class will count for trophy.
19. No dogs are to be left unattended in cars without adequate shade and ventilation. Any dog found unattended without proper shade, ventilation and under stress will be removed at its owner's expense as deemed necessary by our 4-H advisors.
20. Owners are responsible for picking up after their dogs.
21. Practice will not be allowed in the show rings before, during or after the show without the consent and direction of the K-9 Kids Manatee County 4-H Leaders.
22. If a protest is made, it must be accompanied by a \$50 deposit, which will become property of the Manatee County 4-H if the protest is not sustained.
23. Any questions regarding the show may be directed to Patty Martin [941.720-4731] at c_pmartin@verizon.net.

24. An email confirmation will be sent after registration closing. Please check online entries closely or print your email address clearly on your entry form. If you do not receive an email confirmation by May 8th, 2017, please contact Patty Martin at c_pmartin@verizon.net or 941-720-4731. Once this confirmation has been received, please report any discrepancies to Patty Martin at c_pmartin@verizon.net by May 9th, 2017. **NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**

The Manatee County 4-H Dog Committee reserves the right to evict from the grounds anyone exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct or otherwise unacceptable behavior. Show management also reserves the right to cancel or combine classes.

CLASSES

SHOWMANSHIP: Handlers will be judged on teamwork and presentation of their dog-grooming, posing and gaiting. Appropriate attire and show lead required.

BASIC – For beginning handlers and beginning dogs in their first year of showing. All participants, whether or not they place must move to Novice class during their second year of showing.

NOVICE – For experienced handlers with beginning dogs or beginning handlers with experienced dogs. For handlers who have shown for one or more years. (May not have shown in AKC shows.) Any exhibitor who has won this class at a state level show must move up to the advanced level.

ADVANCED – For handlers who have shown in showmanship at AKC dog shows three or more times, and/ or who have won first place in any Novice class at any previous 4-H Dog Show.

EXCELLENT – Handlers who have placed first (with competition) in Junior Showmanship at three (3) or more AKC (UKC,CKC, or other venue) Dog Shows or Handlers who have placed first in 4-H Advanced Showmanship at two (2) State Level dog Shows (with competition).

OBEDIENCE: Obedience will be judged according to AKC Obedience Regulations as modified by 4-H. Acceptable collars include metal and nylon training collars, flat buckle and martingale style collars. No tags or attachments allowed.

BASIC – For beginning handlers with beginning dogs in their first year of showing. Dogs to be shown on 6ft lead. Dogs that have not yet completed Novice Work. Dogs must not have CD's.

SUB-NOVICE A – No dog that has an AKC or UKC title in rally or obedience may compete in sub-novice classes. For experienced handlers with beginning dogs or beginning handlers with experienced dogs. For handlers who have shown for one or more years. Dogs to be shown on 6ft. lead. Except dogs with rally or obedience titles.

SUB-NOVICE B – For handlers who have competed at Obedience or who have won first place in Sub-novice A at any previous State Level Dog Show.

Exercises for BASIC and SUB-NOVICE (all on lead)

Individual: Heeling and Figure-8, Stand for Exam, Recall on lead

Group: Long Sit for 1 minute, Long Down for 3 minutes

BEGINNER NOVICE – For handlers and dogs who are training for Novice off-lead classes, this is an AKC class for Ready for off-lead work. Exercises include: Individual: Heel on Lead, Figure 8 on Lead, Sit for Exam, Recall Off Lead and Sit/Stay Off Lead (with walk around the ring), Plus one group exercise three minute Down on Lead.

NOVICE A – For handlers and dogs ready to compete in novice exercises, except for dogs with novice obedience titles or handlers who have won first place in Novice A at State Level Youth Dog Show. A Novice title in Obedience requires that dog and handler compete in Novice B.

NOVICE B – For handlers showing dogs ready to complete in novice exercises with obedience titles. For handlers and dogs who have shown on Obedience competition at Obedience trails or have won first place in Novice A at any previous State Level Dog Show.

Exercises for NOVICE A and B

Individual: Heeling and Figure-8 (on-lead), Stand for Exam (off-lead), Heel Free (off lead), Recall (off-lead)

Group: Long Sit for 1 minute, Long Down for 3 minutes (off-lead)

NON REGULAR OBEDIENCE CLASSES

BRACE – Dogs may have different owners. May be different breeds, but similar in size. Class will be judged using the Novice exercises. Only dogs capable of the off-lead exercises may be entered. Dogs must be coupled using the same leash.

TEAM – Consists of four handlers with four dogs who work simultaneously. Class will be judged using Sub Novice exercises. For a Team entry to be valid, all team members must be listed on the entry form.

RALLY – All exercises are judged on leash with a flat buckle collar, martingale (limited slip) collar. No prong collars, shock collars, harnesses, or head collars allowed. **No tags or attachments are allowed.** The non-regular Rally class must have between 10 – 15 stations in Basic. All signs should be numbered sequentially with no more than five (5) stationary exercises per class. Stationary exercises are any signs indicating a “Halt” or no forward motion. Start and Finish signs will not be considered as a station.

The team of dog and handler move continuously with the dog under control at the handler's left side, however perfect "heel position" is not required. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs. They perform the exercises indicated by a numbered sign at each station. After the judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence correctly.

Unless otherwise specified, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Handlers may not touch their dog or make physical corrections. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands or intimidating signals will be penalized.

- 1. BASIC:** Basic is for first year handlers with beginner dogs. If the dog has earned any qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience from any venue they are not eligible to compete in Basic, regardless of the handler's level of experience. Basic Rally will compete on the same course and with the same requirements as Novice.
- 2. NOVICE:** Novice is for 2nd year or greater handlers or dogs with qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience from any non-4-H venue. All exercises are judged on leash, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and must be long enough to provide adequate slack. Rally Novice must have between 10 to 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of five stationary exercises per class. Signs 1 – 36 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.
- 3. ADVANCED:** Advanced is for handlers ready to perform off lead. Dogs who have earned a novice level rally title in another venue must compete in Advanced. All exercises are judged off leash and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Advanced must have between 12 to 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of three Advanced level stations plus one required jump per class. Allowed jumps are the high jump, bar jump and broad jump. Signs 1 –118 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.
- 4. EXCELLENT:** Excellent is for dog and handler teams ready to perform off lead at a more advanced level. Dogs who have earned a qualifying score at the Excellent, or similar level, from any organization must enter this class. All exercises are judged off leash except the Honor exercise. Handlers must provide a 6-foot leash when participating in the Honor exercise. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Excellent must have between 15 to 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of three Advanced level stations and a minimum of two Excellent level stations, plus the two required jumps and the Honor exercise per class. Unlike in the Rally Novice and Advanced classes, in Rally Excellent, handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections.

AGILITY: For handlers and dogs with agility training only, please. A handler walk-through will be permitted before competition begins. **Dogs without formal agility training and/or dogs unfamiliar with obstacles may not be entered.** No tags or attachments allowed on collar.

BASIC – Dogs to be worked ON-LEAD over a simple design course of 12 – 16 obstacles. Obstacles may consist of: A-Frame (apex at 4’11”), Dog-Walk, Pipe Tunnel, Closed Tunnel (Chute), Bar Jumps, 8” table for 8” & 12” dogs, and 16” table for 16” & 20”, 24” dogs. Course time will be used only to break ties.. For dogs and handlers in their first year of showing.

SUB-NOVICE – Dogs to be worked ON-LEAD over a simple design course of 12 – 16 obstacles. Obstacles may consist of: A-Frame (apex at 4’11”), Dog-Walk, Pipe Tunnel, Closed Tunnel (Chute), Bar Jumps, 8” table for 8” & 12” dogs, and 16” table for 16” & 20”, 24” dogs. Course time will only be used to break ties.. For experienced dogs with beginning handler or beginning dog with experienced handler and for handlers and dogs in their second or higher year of showing.

NOVICE – Dogs to be worked OFF-LEAD over a simple design course of 12 – 16 obstacles. Obstacles may consist of: A-Frame (apex at 4’11”), Dog-Walk, Pipe Tunnel, Closed Tunnel (Chute), Bar Jumps, 8” table for 8” & 12” dogs, 16” table for 16” & 20”, 24” table for 24” dogs. Course time will only be used to break ties.

ADVANCED – Dogs to be worked OFF-LEAD over a more complex obstacle course of 15 – 18 obstacles. Obstacles may consist of: A-Frame (apex at 4’11”), Dog-Walk, Teeter, Pipe Tunnel, Closed Tunnel (Chute), Bar Jumps, Double Bar Jump, Tire Jump, 6 Weave Poles, 8” table for 8” & 12” dogs, 16” table for 16” & 20”, 24” table for 24” dogs. Course time will only be used to break ties. .

All Agility classes will be divided into the following jump height divisions, as based on AKC regulations:

Jump Heights (measured from ground to dog’s withers.)

* Each dog’s height may be verified at check-in unless an official 4-H Jump Height Card is presented. Dogs who are 9 years or older may jump one jump height lower. Please read the general rules regarding dogs under 15 months old.

4"	Dogs measuring 8" and under
8"	Dogs measuring 11" and under
12"	Dogs measuring 14" and under
16"	Dogs measuring 18" and under
20"	Dogs measuring 22" and under
24"	Dogs measuring over 22"

Agility Scoring will be out of 200 Points with the deductions made for the following:

5 Point Deductions: Handler touching obstacle, displaced bar, on-off table, anticipating table count, wrong course, refusals

10 Point Deduction: Missing contact, handler assistance including but not limited to: pulling dog on the lead at any time, pushing dog into tunnel, etc

20 Point Deduction: Omitting one obstacle.

50 Point Deductions to Elimination: excessive handler or outside assistance, poor sportsmanship, continual nipping or Mild aggression, dog being out of control or ceasing to work.

Maximum of 30 Points: fouling the ring

Elimination: dog attacking owner, judge or ring help; and dog not familiar enough with equipment (making it unsafe to continue) as determined by the judge, using toys/ food in ring

Additional Agility Rules

- **Dogs must wear flat collars** (Buckle or Snap) **or run without a collar.** No tags or attachments allowed.
- Dogs on lead must have a 6' lead.
- Handlers may NOT jump with their dogs.
- Dogs in the 24” on-lead Basic and Sub- Novice classes will jump 20”.
- The table position for each class will be position less.
- Deductions will be taken for each occurrence of pulling, tugging, grabbing, or otherwise aiding or hindering the dog’s performance with or without a leash.

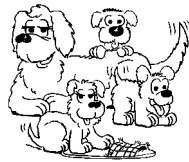
* In the event of three refusals at any obstacle, the judge shall direct the handler to the next obstacle.

* Dogs who have been eliminated will be asked to leave the course.

DIRECTIONS

Directions from I-75: Take exit 224 onto US 301 westbound. It becomes 10th Street West in Palmetto. Continue to 14th Avenue West. (You will cross both US 41/Business 41.) Turn right on 14th (northbound) and continue to the Fairground entrance, on the right (look for big arena).

From Pinellas County: I-275 south over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge (\$1.00 toll). Take exit US 19 South, to the left just after you pass the Northbound tollbooths. Where US 19 splits into US 41/Business 41, take the Business 41 branch to the right. Turn right onto 17th Street West in Palmetto. Turn left onto 14th Avenue and continue to Fairground entrance on the left (look for big arena).





VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE FORM

**It takes a lot of work to put on a show like this.*

If you can offer volunteer assistance please list all names on this form. Thank You

Exhibitor Name: _____ County: _____

Daytime Phone Number: () _____ Email: _____

Please indicate how you can help. *No experience necessary.* Please list the name (s) of person (people) volunteering next to the area they wish to help in.

TASK	NAME
Gate Steward (help keep order at the gate)	
Showmanship Ring Crew (organize sheets, tally scores)	
Obedience/Rally Ring Crew (organizes sheets, tally scores or serve as posts)	
Agility Ring Crew (reset jumps and straighten chute during an agility class)	
Timer (times each run in an agility class)	
Scribe (records judge's scoring during an agility class)	
Assistant Scribe (coordinates with gate steward and organizes scribe sheets)	
Wherever Needed	
Table Help	

If your child and/or child's dog have a problem with you being in the ring you can step away while they are doing their thing!

MAIL ENTRY FORM & VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE FORM TO:

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