

# 4-H Dog Show

**Date: Saturday, July 13, 2019**

**Where: Union County Fairgrounds**

**Time: 8:00 AM**

*Please arrive around 7:30 AM to get signed in*

**The Union County Fair (UCF) 4-H Dog Show follows The Ohio State Fair (OSF) Dog Show rules and regulations.** Detailed rules are available at [www.go.osu.edu/dog](http://www.go.osu.edu/dog). Exhibitors and parents are encouraged to review the OSF rules for detailed explanations. Information is also available in the Dog Resource Handbook (201R). A basic summary of rules and considerations is provided below. This summary is not intended to address all questions because the OSF Dog Show rules are comprehensive. The primary difference between UCF and OSF rules is that females in heat ARE permitted to compete at UCF 4-H Dog Show.

## **Classes to sign-up in and descriptions for Union County:**

### **Dog Obedience:**

Dog Obedience is the competition in which precision of the dog/handler team is evaluated. Exercises are listed based on the respective class core sheets. Key points of the classes are included below. Details class descriptions are provided in the Dog Resource Handbook (201R) and the OSF Dog Show website. Progression through classes is also detailed on the OSF Dog Show website.

**Beginner Novice A** – No prior experience for the Dog **AND** 4-H'er. All training should be completed by 4-H. Can only show in this class one time. Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Sit for Exam on Leash, Sit/Stay on Leash (45 seconds), Recall on Leash. The Heel on Leash exercise uses signs, rather than verbal commands from the judge. The Recall on Leash does not include a Finish. All exercises are performed individually.

**Beginner Novice B** – Dog **OR** 4-H'er has prior experience and dog does not have any obedience titles nor has competed in any obedience trials as of July 1, 2019. Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Sit for Exam on Leash, Sit/Stay Leash Dropped (handler walks around ring), Recall off Leash. The Heel on Leash exercise uses signs, rather than verbal commands from the judge. The Recall off Leash does not include a Finish. All exercises are performed individually.

**Pre Novice** – Very beginning level of obedience all on leash no prior experience above Beginner Novice training and no obedience titles. Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Stand for Exam on Leash, Recall on Leash, Long Sit on Leash (1 min), Long Down on Leash (1 minute). The Heel on Leash exercise uses verbal commands from the judge. The Recall on Leash includes a Finish. The Long Sit and Long Down are performed as a group.

**Novice A** – First year on and off leash, dog cannot have any CD title legs, can only show in this class one time

**Novice B** – Same as Novice B, dog can have up to 2 CD legs

**Novice A,B** – Heel on Leash and Figure 8, Stand for Exam, Heel Free, Recall, Sit Stay-Get Your Leash, Group Exercises- Sit Stay and Down Stay (each 1 minute). The Stand for Exam and subsequent individual exercise are performed off leash. Both Group Exercises are performed on a 6-foot leash.

**Graduate Novice A** – First year in Graduate Novice on and off leash, jumps, can only show in this class one time.

**Graduate Novice B** – Same as Graduate Novice for dogs or 4H'ers that have previously compete in this class.

**Graduate Novice A,B** – Heel Free and Figure 8 off Leash, Drop on Recall, Dumbbell Recall, Dumbbell Recall over High Jump, Recall over Broad Jump, Stand Stay-Get Your Leash. All exercises are performed off leash. Jump height and width are based on the dog's height at its withers and classifications are listed on the OSF Dog Show website.

**Open A,B** – Heel Free and figure 8, Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit), Drop on Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve over High Jump, Broad Jump, Stand Stay-Get Your Leash. All exercises are performed off leash. Jump height and width are based on the dog's height at its withers and classifications are listed on the OSF Dog Show website.

**Graduate Open A,B** – Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination (1 article), Go Out, Directed Jumping, Moving Stand and Exam, Directed Retrieve. All exercises are performed off leash. Jump height is based on the dog's height at its withers and classifications are listed on the OSF Dog Show website.

**Utility A,B** – Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination (2 articles), Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Exam, Directed Jumping. All exercises are performed off leash. Jump height is based on the dog's height at its withers and classifications are listed on the OSF Dog Show website.

**Rally Obedience** – all levels will show on the same course this year and on leash.

**Levels and Classes** Level refers to a Rally sub-category, such as Rally Novice. Class refers to the two classes within the Rally sub-category. The letters "A" and "B" refer to the experience of the youth and dog. "A" classes are for handlers or dogs with NO training or showing experience prior to the county's current project year. "A" classes can never be repeated by the same youth, regardless of what dog is shown. "A" classes can never be repeated by the same dog, regardless of what youth shows that dog. "B" classes can be repeated by the same youth regardless of what dog is shown, and by the same dog, regardless of who shows that dog, provided the youth and/or dog are not the class winners. Handlers or dogs winning first place in a "B" class, must move to the next level the next project year. A dog must move to a higher level, once that dog begins performing at that higher level.

Rally is a type of dog obedience competition that used signs, rather than verbal commands from the judge, to direct the sequence of class exercises. The exhibitor and dog are scored on accuracy of skills demonstrated, as well as the time required to complete the course. Precision is evaluated, but perfect heel position is not required. Time for course completion is only used in the case of ties for awards. Images and descriptions of Rally signs on available at <https://akc.org/sports/rally>.

**Rally Novice A** All exercises are judged on leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.

**Rally Novice B** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Novice Level prior to the county's current project year. Exhibitors and dogs have not yet progressed to the Rally Intermediate A Level or higher. Once winning this class, the exhibitor and/or dog must move to Rally 18 Intermediate A at the very minimum the next project year. Exhibitors who place second (2nd) through fifth (5th) in three (3) Rally Novice B classes at the Ohio State Fair in the same year or over an accumulate period of time with the same dog must move to Rally Intermediate A at the very minimum. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2019 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair.

**Rally Novice A and B** There are 10 to 15 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) stationary signs per class. The course is performed on-leash. There are no jumps in this class.

**Rally Intermediate A** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who have not had any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate Level prior the county's current project year. If they have any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate Level prior to the county's current project year, they must show at the Rally Intermediate B Level at the very minimum. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, they must move to Rally Intermediate B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in the Rally Intermediate B class at the very minimum. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2019 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair. There are 12 to 17 signs with a minimum of 3 and maximum of 7 stationary signs. There will be a minimum of 3 Advanced levels signs. The course is performed on-leash. There are no jumps in this class. Start and Finish are not included in the sign count.

**Rally Intermediate B** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has shown in Rally Intermediate A or has had any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate level prior to the county's current project year. Once winning this class, the exhibitor and/or dog must move to Rally Advanced A at the very minimum the next project year. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2019 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair. There are 12 to 17 signs with a minimum of 3 and maximum of 7 stationary signs. There will be a minimum of 3 Advanced levels signs. The course is performed on-leash. There are no jumps in this class. Start and Finish are not included in the sign count.

**Rally Advanced** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who have not had any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate Level prior the county's current project year. If they have any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate Level prior to the county's current project year, they must show at the Rally Intermediate B Level at the very minimum. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, they must move to Rally Intermediate B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in the Rally Intermediate B class at the very minimum. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2019 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair. There are 12-17 signs with a minimum of 3 and maximum of 7 stationary signs. There will be a minimum of 3 Advanced level signs, plus one required jump. All signs are performed off leash. Start and Finish are not included in the sign count. Jump height is determined by the Dog's height at its withers and categorized on the OSF Dog Show website.

**Rally Excellent** All signs are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Excellent must have between 15 to 20 stations (Start, Finish and Call marker not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary exercises. The dog is required to jump twice utilizing one or two jumps. Courses shall have a minimum of two (2) Advanced level stations and a minimum of three (3) Excellent level stations, plus the two (2) required jumps and the Sit Stay sign. All signs are performed off leash. Jump height is determined by the dog's height at its withers and categorized on the OSF Dog Show website. Start, Finish and Call signs are not included in the sign count. Unlike in the Rally Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced Classes, in Rally Excellent, handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog.

### **Showmanship (Project 201S):**

Showmanship is the competition in which handlers have the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of dogs, while skillfully handling their dog. The conformation of the dog is not evaluated, thus mixed breed and purebred dogs are both eligible to be shown. Detailed descriptions of Showmanship components are available in the Dgo Resource Handbook (201R) and on the OSF Dog Show website.

**Junior A** 8-11 years of age, as of January 1 of the current project year – NO prior experience for either dog AND 4-H'er, dog should be trained solely by 4-H'er.

**Junior B** 8-11 years of age, as of January 1 of the current project year – second year and more

**Intermediate A** 12-14 years of age, as of January 1 of the current project year – never shown in showmanship

**Intermediate B** 12-14 years of age, as of January 1 of the current project year – second year and more

**Senior A** 15-18 years of age, as of January 1 of the current project year – never shown in showmanship

**Senior B** 15-18 years of age, as of January 1 of the current project year - second year and more

All exhibitors are judged on an Interview using 6 questions, Handler Appearance and Attitude, Grooming and Handling (individual and group gaiting). Showmanship questions are published on the OSF website. Answers to the questions are in the Dog Resource Handbook (201R). The showmanship judge will select questions for judging. Handling patterns will be determined by the judge.

**Items to bring with you:**

1. Your dog
2. Dog bag with your leashes, collars, water, bowl, treats and clean up items for your dog. Water or drink for you. Bag with collar and leash appropriate for the project (obedience vs. showmanship), water bowl, water, showmanship bait, items to clean up after your dog, brush, comb
3. Chair for you
4. Crate or blanket for your dog
5. Union County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate, County license (written form)
6. Vaccine Form

**Rules:**

1. The Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims document is mandatory for ALL 4-H dog project members who are enrolled in dog projects where they have a 4-H project dog(s). ALL youth enrolled in 4-H dog projects are required to sign the **2019 Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims document**, as well as a parent or guardian is required to sign this document, before youth are allowed to participate in any 4-H dog activities with their dogs. This document must be signed each year a youth enrolls in a 4-H dog project and is to be kept on file at the county Extension office.
2. Dogs must be current on vaccines through the day of the UCF Dog Show. The only acceptable forms to prove vaccine status include the "Union County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate" or the comparable form on the OSF website. Only vaccinations administered by a licensed veterinarian are acceptable. The forms are available for download at the UCF and OSF websites. The form needs to be available for review at the UCF dog Show, if requested.
3. Dogs must be owned by the 4-H member or the family's immediate family. Dogs must be in the continual care of the 4-H Member for the duration of the project beginning April 1.
4. Only domestic dogs, not wolf or wolf hybrids may be used in 4-H Dog Projects. Dog(s) must be 6 months old by the county show date for all projects.
5. Dogs must be licensed in Union County, or their county of residence for youth enrolled across county lines. A written copy of the license (not just the tag) need to be available for review, if requested.
6. Individuals who violate any rule and/or exhibit poor sportsmanship during The Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show will be disqualified from showing.

7. Individuals are not permitted to have any discussion with judges at any time throughout the Dog Show. (This does not include discussions or questions during Obedience or Rally Briefings or Walkthroughs.)
8. Judges' judging and scoring decisions are FINAL

### **Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

1. Any exhibitor or other person(s) abusing a dog will be removed from the fairgrounds.
2. The judge or show officials will dismiss from the ring any exhibitor abusing the dog, which will result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal from the Fairgrounds.
3. Judges and/or show officials have the right to deduct points from the Sportsmanship category on the exhibitor's score sheet if unsportsmanlike conduct is displayed at any time throughout the 4-H Dog Show prior to or during judging.
4. Judges and/or show officials have the right to disqualify any participant exhibiting poor sportsmanship at any time throughout the 4-H Dog Show from showing, participating in activities, or from receiving any awards.
5. Any handler who willfully interferes with another competitor or that competitor's dog will be excused from competition.
6. Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals verbally and/or physically abusive or threatening to show personnel will be removed from the Fairgrounds, and exhibitors will be disqualified.
7. Show officials have the right to order the removal from the Fairgrounds anyone showing unsportsmanlike conduct.

### **Other**

1. Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the Fairgrounds.
2. Dogs must be kept on leash while on the Fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging.
3. Dogs must be kenneled in designated areas.
4. Exhibitors must clean up after their dogs.
5. Dogs must not be left unattended. The safety of the project dog is the responsibility of the 4-H exhibitor and his/her parents. Space for crating is available. Dogs are to remain on leash, except when being judged.
6. Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong/pinch collar, or electronic collar while being exhibited. Equipment (collar, leash and dumbbell) and bait are to be used appropriately, as described on the OSF website. Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong/pinch collar or electronic collar while on the show grounds. Bait (food and/or toy) is only permitted in the showmanship ring. Littering the ring with bait is considered unsportsmanlike and can be penalized.
7. Only the exhibitor's dog, exhibitor, and show officials are permitted in the show ring area at any time throughout the show.
8. Discussion and/or confrontation with judges may result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal of individuals from the Fairgrounds.
9. Female dogs in season may be shown at the end of the show. Please let dog committee know. (This is a Union County only exception) Dogs are to be health and free of sickness, disease and parasites. **At the UCF 4-H Dog Show, female dogs in heat are eligible to compete.** They will be exhibited at the end of the show. They need to be crated separate from other dogs to avoid being a distraction. Pregnant or lactating dogs are not eligible to show. Only dogs entered in the UCF 4-H Dog Show are permitted at the show site.
10. All class exercises are to be conducted according to OSF regulations on the Ohio 4-H Dog Program website. Description of classes, score sheets and judges' commands are provided. "A" level classes are for inexperienced dog and/or handler in that class. "B" level classes are for experienced dog and/or handler in that class. Class eligibility and progressing through classes

are described on the OSF website. Scoring guidelines and score sheets are available on the website for review.

11. Union County Fair (UCF) Dog Show classes are placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. A “High Scoring Dog” award will be presented to the exhibitor and dog team with the highest combined obedience and showmanship scores. The same dog must be shown in all three classes with the same exhibitor to be eligible.
12. Expectations for dog appearance, grooming and behavior are the same at UCF and OSF. Dogs that foul the ring with urine vomit or feces will be penalized. Aggressive or unsafe dogs must be removed from the show site.
13. Safety and sportsmanship expectations for youth exhibitors and supporters are the same at UCF as OSF. Exhibitors who are heavy-handed toward their dog is poor sportsmanship will be penalized. Judges’ decisions are final. Only the 4-H exhibitor, dog, judge and show personnel are permitted in the show rings. All youth must have a “Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities” form on file with the Union County Extension Office. Score sheets will be available at the end of the show.
14. Handler appearance needs to be appropriate for dog shows. Youth are to be neat, clean and well groomed. Shoes need to have closed-toes and rubber soles. Further descriptions of acceptable attire are available at the OSF website and in the Dog Resource Handbook (201R).
15. Training is to be done by the 4-H youth. Assistance is encouraged, but the youth must handle the dog for the majority of the instruction. Only the 4-H member can train the dog in any type of training discipline after April 1. Youth exhibitors and dogs that compete in any Licensed or Member Trials outside 4-H should refer to the OSF website for 4-H class eligibility rules. No one other than the 4-H exhibitor is permitted to show the project dog in any type of competition, included fun matches, after April 1. Fun match exhibition by the 4-H member is permitted and encouraged.
16. Additional verbal commands and/or hand signals are penalized during Obedience exercises (aside from specific situations), but are permitted between exercises. Verbal encouragement is permitted in Rally Classes. Touching the dog during judging is not allowed in either Obedience or Rally Classes. Touching the dog is permitted in showmanship.

For further rules and regulations please see:

<https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources>