

DEPT. 9-J DOGS

Open to 4-H members enrolled in **Dog** project or members of other youth groups doing equivalent work.

Dog exhibitors may also exhibit in Department 10-J, Class B - Animal Exhibits Without Live Animals.

- All dogs, 5 months and older, are required to be inoculated for rabies. Proof of current vaccination must be brought to the fair. Failure to present proof of vaccination will result in immediate dismissal of the animal from the fairgrounds.
- Puppies must be at least 6 months old.
- No handler will be allowed to discipline or manhandle any dog at the show site. The judge reserves the right to disqualify any dog or exhibitor for inappropriate behavior.

CLASS A - DOG SHOWMANSHIP

Open to all dog exhibitors. Judging will be based on handling of dog, exhibitor's appearance, grooming of dog and knowledge of dogs. Conformation of dog is not considered. Females in season may not be shown.

Blue 3.00 Red 2.50 White 2.00 Pink 1.50

1. SENIOR - Open to exhibitors grades 9 and up
2. INTERMEDIATE - Open to exhibitors grades 6 to 8
3. BEGINNERS - Open to exhibitors grades 3 to 5
4. NOVICE – Open to first year dog exhibitors – any age. Recommended for older first year dog exhibitors. (No Trophy).

CLASSES B-C

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All dogs in the obedience ring must wear a properly fitted collar. No special training collars, such as electronic collars or prong collars, will be permitted. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar. Each dog must be equipped with a 6 foot leather or nylon leash with only a metal snap.

CLASS B - DOG OBEDIENCE

All dogs receiving a qualifying score (170 points) shall advance to the next level the following year. Dogs may repeat a level if they do not receive a qualifying score.

A dog which has received its CD or its equivalent in any organization by June of this year must compete in Graduate Novice. A dog receiving its CDX or its equivalent in any organization by June of this year must compete in Pre-Utility. Pre-Utility dogs may not have any legs toward UD.

1. Beginner Pre-Novice A (Optional) – Exhibitor has had no previous experience in training a dog and dog has had no previous training. All work on leash.
 - Heel and figure 8
 - Sit for exam
 - Recall
 - Sit/Stay

2. Beginner Pre-Novice B (Optional) - Exhibitor has had previous experience in training a dog but is now training an untrained dog, an inexperienced exhibitor is showing a previously trained dog or exhibitor and dog have previous experience showing in Beginner Pre-Novice class. All work on leash.
 - Heel and figure 8
 - Sit for exam
 - Recall
 - Sit/Stay
3. Pre-Novice A - Exhibitor and dog have no previous experience showing in Pre-Novice class. All work on leash.
 - Heel and figure 8
 - Stand for examination
 - Recall
 - Long sit (1 minute)
 - Long down (3 minutes)
4. Pre-Novice B - Exhibitor has previous experience showing in Pre-Novice class and/or dog has previous experience being shown in Pre-Novice class. All work on leash.
 - Heel and figure 8
 - Stand for examination
 - Recall
 - Long sit (1 minute)
 - Long down (3 minutes)
5. Novice - For exhibitors showing a dog that has qualified in one of the Pre-Novice classes.
 - Heel on leash and figure 8
 - Recall (off leash)
 - Stand for examination (off leash)
 - Heel off leash
 - Long sit (1 minute – off leash)
 - Long down (3 minutes – off leash)
6. Graduate Novice - For exhibitors showing a dog that has qualified in the Novice class.
 - Heel on leash
 - Stand for exam (off leash)
 - Heel free and figure 8 (off leash)
 - Drop on recall
 - Long sit (3 minutes – handler out of sight)
 - Long down (5 minutes – handler out of sight)
7. Pre-Open - For exhibitors showing a dog that qualified in the Graduate Novice class. All exercises off lead.
 - Heel free and figure 8
 - Drop on recall
 - Retrieve on flat
 - Broad jump
 - Long sit (3 minutes – handler out of sight)
 - Long down (5 minutes – handler out of sight)

8. Open - For exhibitors showing a dog that qualified in the Pre-Open class.
 - Heel free and figure 8
 - Drop on recall
 - Retrieve on flat
 - Retrieve over high jump
 - Broad jump
 - Long sit (3 minutes – handler out of sight)
 - Long down (5 minutes – handler out of sight)

9. Pre-Utility - For exhibitors showing a dog that qualified in the Open class.
 - Signal exercise
 - Directed jump (high jump only)
 - Retrieve over the high jump
 - Moving stand
 - Directed retrieve

10. Utility - For exhibitors showing a dog that qualified in the Pre-Utility class.
 - Signal exercise
 - Directed jump (high jump and bar jump)
 - Scent discrimination
 - Directed retrieve
 - Moving stand

A Grand and Reserve Dog Obedience Champion will be selected based on the two highest scores. In the event of a tie, the Grand Champion will be awarded to the exhibitor showing in the highest level of obedience.

CLASS C – RALLY OBEDIENCE

Rally classes will be exhibition only for the Amherst Fair. Ribbons will be awarded, but no premiums will be paid.

All dogs receiving a qualifying score (70 points) shall advance to the next level the following year. Dogs may repeat a level if they do not receive a qualifying scores.

A dog which has received its RN or its equivalent in any organization by June of this year must compete in Rally Advanced. A dog receiving its RE or its equivalent in any organization by June of this year must compete in Rally Excellent

1. Novice (on leash) - For first year rally exhibitors
2. Advanced (off leash)
3. Excellent (off leash)

A Grand and Reserve Rally Obedience Champion will be selected based on the two highest scores. In the event of a tie, the Grand Champion will be awarded to the exhibitor showing in the highest level of obedience.