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The following rules, established and approved by the *Portage County 4-H/Junior Fair Dog Committee* and the *Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board*, are binding upon all Portage County Junior Fair exhibitors. Changes may be made as needed by the *Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board*.

Dog Project Requirements

It is **MANDATORY** that **ANY** 4-H club, with one or more members taking a Dog Project/s, have at least ONE advisor representative enrolled and fully participating in the Dog Committee. Fully participating is defined as attending and volunteering for fundraisers, demonstrations, Fair activities, and other approved and accepted activities made by the Dog Committee. In addition, dog clubs must have club advisor representation in at least six (6) of the monthly Dog Committee meetings per year. Extenuating circumstances are considered by the Dog Committee and will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Any advisor wishing to enroll in the Dog Committee, must go through a “Review and Evaluation Committee” interview prior to enrollment.

The Dog Committee hereby adopts “Robert's Rules of Order” for all meetings. All Dog Committee meetings are open to the public, as well as parent and youth representatives, but they do not have the right to vote on motions during the meeting. Each active and chartered club retains the right to two (2) votes per motion.

Project Eligibility

1. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H, and at least age 8 and in the third grade as of January 1st of the current year, with the last year of eligibility, or participation, in 4-H being the year in which the individual turns 19.
2. Youth must be enrolled in the correct Dog Project to show in classes at the *Portage County Randolph Fair* as follows:
 - * *You and Your Dog* – Project No. 201D – to show in You and Your Dog or You and Your Dog Interview classes;
 - * *Obedience* – Project No. 201O – to show in Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, Brace, Team and/or Rally classes;
 - * *Showmanship* – Project No. 201S – to show in Showmanship classes;
 - * *Performance Dog* – Project No. 201P – to show in Agility, Drill Team or Freestyle;
 - * *Working Dog* – Project No. 201W – to show in the Assistance Dog and 4-H Pet Pals classes;
 - * *Dog Achievement Program* – Project No. 202 – for youth that do not have access to a dog club or volunteers with dog experience and for those who are not interested in competing; this is an on- line project
 - * *All About Dogs* – Project No. 200 – for beginning level members who are not ready to take a 4-H dog project that requires owning a dog.

- ** Note: Youth must also be enrolled in *4-H Pet Pals* - Project No. 230 to be eligible to show in the 4-H Pet Pals classes.
 - ** Note: 4-H members can be enrolled in any 4-H Dog Project to participate in the poster contest, the Canine King and Queen contest, Dog Bowl and/or Costume Class.
3. FFA members are eligible to show provided they meet school FFA Dog Project requirements. FFA members must follow the *Portage County Randolph Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules* and entry requirements and is hereinafter responsible to abide by the same rules and standards incorporated into this document.
 4. Any FFA member raising a Pilot Puppy or other type of Assistance Dog may compete in the Assistance Dog class at the **Ohio State Fair ONLY** and in accordance with all *Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules*.
 5. "Permission to Participate" forms must be signed yearly and turned into the Extension Office by April 1st of each year along with enrollments.

Project Completion Requirements

In order for Portage County Dog Project members to be eligible for project completion, they must complete a list of requirements. Dog Project members have two (2) ways to achieve project completion each year. They can complete their Dog Project with or without participation at the *Portage County Randolph Fair*.

Required for Dog Project Completion with NO Jr. Fair Participation (member will NOT participate in the *Portage County Randolph Fair*)

1. Member must enroll in a dog project by the enrollment deadline of April 1st
2. "Permission to Participate" forms MUST be signed by April 1st.
3. Any changes or corrections to your project enrollment needs to be made by April 15th.
4. A Dog Project and Record Book is required for members enrolled in the You & Your Dog projects, an All About Dogs book is required for members enrolled in the All About Dogs project, and a DAP Record Pages book is required for members enrolled in the Dog Achievement Program.
5. All project dog/s ownership must in place, and out of trainers hands, by April 15th.
6. Dog Skillathon and/or Educational Seminars are MANDATORY.
7. Participation in a Dog Committee fundraiser is MANDATORY.

Required for Dog Project Completion AND Jr. Fair Participation (member is eligible to participate in the *Portage County Randolph Fair*)

1. Member must enroll in a dog project by the enrollment deadline of April 1st
2. "Permission to Participate" forms MUST be signed by April 1st.
3. Any changes or corrections to your project enrollment needs to be made by April 15th.
4. A completed Dog Project and Record Book is required for members enrolled in the You & Your Dog projects, a completed All About Dogs book is required for members enrolled in the All About Dogs project, and a completed DAP Record Pages book is required for members enrolled in the Dog Achievement Program.
5. All project dog/s ownership must in place, and out of trainers hands, by April 15th.
6. Dog Skillathon and/or Educational Seminars are MANDATORY.
7. Participation in a Dog Committee fundraiser is MANDATORY.
8. A copy of your dog/s current vaccination records (must show proof of veterinarian administered DHLPP and Rabies) and a copy of a current Portage County Dog License are MANDATORY.

9. Temperament Testing is MANDATORY for all new handler/dog teams; must pass two (2) years in a row.
10. Agility height measuring (for those enrolled in the Agility project) is MANDATORY.
11. Class entry forms and fees are due by the June Dog Committee meeting.
12. Participation in at least half of your club's training dates.

Ownership

The exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family (mom, dad, brother, sister, grandma, grandpa, uncle, aunt, and/or including the corresponding step and half relations, living in the same household) MUST own the Project Dog/s in order to participate in the *Portage County Randolph Fair* and/or the *Ohio State Fair*. Ownership of an Assistance Dog/s is respective of each applicable organization. All ownership should be in place by April 1st of each year. No hardship cases will be considered. No sharing of dogs may occur in Obedience competitions at the County level. State Fair rules differ from county rules; please refer to the *Ohio State Fair* rules regarding ownership. State rules can be found at www.go.osu.edu/dog .

Dog License (mandatory)

All dogs must be currently licensed in the exhibitor's county of residence to participate at the *Ohio State Fair* and the *Portage County Randolph Fair*. A copy of this certificate must be submitted to the club advisor by April 1st of each year. If a kennel license is issued, each dog must be assigned an individual tag number and the number shall be noted on the dog license registration form prior to submission to the advisor.

Vaccination & Health Records (mandatory)

Current Rabies vaccinations are mandated for all Junior Fair Dog Projects by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio State 4-H Dog Program. The Ohio State 4-H Dog Program also mandates the following vaccinations: Distemper (CVD), Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Para Influenza (CPT), Parvovirus (CPV); or otherwise at the discretion of the attending veterinarian. Bordetella is highly recommended, but not required. A copy of this certificate must be completed and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. A copy of this certificate is to be given to your club advisor. If any other vaccinations are later adopted and mandated by the USDA and/or the Ohio State 4-H Dog Program, the *Portage County Dog Committee* automatically adopts and adds said requirements.

Long Forms (check-in sheets)

All dogs exhibiting at the *Portage County Randolph Fair* must be recorded on the Long Form (check-in sheet) and turned in to the Extension Office by July 1st of each year. The Extension Office will then check the form to be certain that all required paperwork has been submitted. **Required paperwork will include, but is not limited to, copies of the dog license, shot records, rabies number and a current Temperament Test.** Females in season are NOT permitted to be shown, in any event, and they are not permitted anywhere on the Fairgrounds while in season.

Skill-a-thon (mandatory)

Skill-a-thon attendance and participation is mandatory for all Dog Project members and will be held on a date prior to the *Portage County Randolph Fair*. All Dog Project members are required to attend and participate on the day designated by the *Portage County Dog Committee*, unless they present a valid excuse to their club advisor. There will be at least one (1) make-up date to be decided upon by the Skill-a-thon sub-committee.

The Dog Committee often approves other educational opportunities that may exempt members from taking the Skill-a-thon; examples of this would include a dog CPR and/or 1st aid class, and/or participation on the county Dog Bowl Team. The Dog Committee must approve any exemption and the member must provide proof to the

committee of their participation in any said approved exemption. If a Dog Project member fails to take the Skill-a-thon, or participate in and provide proof of a Dog Committee approved exemption, on either the designated test day or the make-up date, they will not be allowed to show their Project Dog at the *Portage County Randolph Fair* in any class.

It is required that all Dog Project members have a Dog Resource Handbook to study from. Skillathon requirements (such as posters, book work, etc.) will be determined by the Dog Committee yearly.

Temperament Testing

Each handler/dog team must go through the Portage County Temperament Test to attend and participate in any Portage County dog show. All handler/dog teams must go through the Temperament Test and pass a total of two (2) times in two (2) consecutive years. If the dog tested was under one year of age at the time of the testing, that handler/dog team will need to go through the Temperament Test and pass a total of three (3) times in three (3) consecutive years. This will be final unless any advisor sees that a dog is behaving in a questionable manner, then an advisor can ask that the handler/dog team attend and participate in the Temperament Test again.

Each handler/dog team should have a six (6) foot lead, and dog treats, as the tester will use a treat during the test. **No muzzles, harnesses or prong collars are to be used during Temperament Testing.** At any time the tester believes that a dog or handler is becoming too stressed, the test will be stopped. No arguing is permitted with the tester and this decision. The team may continue the test at a later date and any parts tested and passed will not be re-done, however, the portions of the test that were not completed or inadequate will be tested or re-tested (not to exceed 3 tries on one test date). The evaluator has the final say as to whether or not the handler/dog team has passed the Temperament Test per the written evaluation form.

The following is a description of test items:

1. **“Accepting a friendly stranger”**- The handler will stop and greet the tester and the dog will be ignored. The dog will need to stay calm and at the handlers side.
2. **“Accepting Petting”**- The dog will accept petting from one person and will receive an overall exam by making eye contact, touching the head, feet, tail and nose and other sensitive areas.
3. **“Appearance and grooming”**- The handler/dog team will be required to be clean and hair brushed. The handler will be attentive to their animal while it is being examined. (role play with your dog like you are at the Fair).
4. **“Dog is out for a walk”**- The dog will walk beside the handler with a loose leash and the dogs attention is on the handler. The handler/dog team will be asked to stop 3-4 times and they are to maintain control.
5. **“Walking in a Crowd”**- The handler will walk their dog through a crowd. The dog may show interest in the crowd and individual people but should be attentive to the handler. The dog should have a loose leash but not a long one.
6. **“Reaction to Distractions”**- This activity will be combined with item #5. There will be a visual distraction (wheelchair, crutches, walker, stroller, etc.) in front of and behind the dog an auditory one. The dog may react to these items and be interested but show no aggression or fear to these items. The dog may jump or be startled for the auditory sound. The tester will be looking at reaction and recovery time.
7. **“Recall”**- The handler will ask their dog to sit or down. The handler will walk to the end of their six (6) foot leash, the tester will ask the handler to call their dog. The dog should return with no more than three (3) calls.
8. **“Reaction to a Neutral Dog”**- The person with the neutral dog will pass the handler/dog team. The dogs will be on the outside of the handlers. The handlers will stop briefly, say hello and

shake hands. The handlers will then proceed on. The dogs are not to interact with each other. There will two (2) neutral dogs present at testing, a large dog and a small dog; some dogs react differently to different sized dogs.

9. **“Supervised Separation”** - The dog will be left with an unknown person while the handler leaves the dog and is completely out of sight for two (2) minutes. The dog will remain calm showing limited separation anxiety and remain quiet. The dog may become anxious at first but will be watched to see if it recovers in a timely fashion.

Fund-raising for the Dog Committee

All 4-H clubs with dog projects are a part of the Dog Committee and it is a requirement for the dog project members to participate in all Dog Committee fund-raisers.

Rules for Fair

1. Each Dog Project member (handler) may exhibit one or more dogs at the *Portage County Randolph Fair*. Dog Project members may carry and train more than one dog project.
2. Entry forms must be turned in by the June Dog Committee meeting. Failure to do this will result in the handler/dog team not being permitted to show at the *Portage County Randolph Fair*.
3. All dogs must pass the Temperament Test before the Dog Committee’s June meeting in order to show at the *Portage County Randolph Fair* in any class. The Dog Committee will assure there are several test dates before their June meeting.
4. No person other than the handler may train or work the dog that is part of the team after April 1st (with the exception of an advisor for demonstration purposes only). This includes parents, relatives, friends and siblings. Handlers may have assistance with lead breaking.
5. A dog that has been trained by someone other than the handler, must be out of the trainer's hands by April 1st of the current year.
6. Handler/dog teams must remain in the show area until his or her class is completed and the awards have been presented.
7. On the day of the show, handler/dog teams cannot change the class they entered. Any changes must be made one week prior to the start of the *Portage County Randolph Fair*. At the *Portage County Randolph Fair* an exhibitor may show in Obedience, Showmanship, You & Your Dog, Rally (if available) and Agility. All members and a parent will be required to sign all Fair class entry forms agreeing that they have been provided a copy of the rules for each class they have entered and that they understand the rules and what is required of them in that class.
8. A class with only one handler/dog team will be scored the same as a full class.
9. No dog that is known to bite may be part of a handler/dog team as an Ohio 4-H Dog Project.
10. All handler/dog teams will arrive at the approved check in time and will ONLY enter and exit the Fairgrounds through the designated gate with the proper show day “dog walk” passes.
11. It is suggested that all handler/dog teams provide their own crate for their dog/s.
12. Handlers are to provide their dog/s with a water bowl and water, if they do not then they will not be allowed to stay and/or participate in the show for that day.
13. Dog owners/handlers are to be with their dog/s at all times and are NOT permitted in any other area of the Fairgrounds except the designated show area/s.
14. Advisors, Fair Board Officials and Extension personnel have the right to dismiss any handlers, parents and/or dogs at any time during the show if any of the said rules are broken.
15. Junior Fair exhibitors in respective activities and classes are expected to perform in those events and demonstrate those skills which are listed in the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules,

in the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook, Ohio 4-H Dog Project and Record Book, and on the various dog 4-H judging score sheets. Score sheets used in judging are posted under Resources at <http://www.go.osu.edu/dog> . These score sheets must be used for evaluating 4-H dog projects. ** Note: All applicable score sheets will have the current year at the bottom of the score sheet.

16. All Dog Project members must attend at least half of their club's training's in order to participate at the *Portage County Randolph Fair* in any class.

Safety and Sportsmanship

1. Exhibitors must adhere to the Code of Conduct while attending all 4-H club activities and the *Portage County Randolph Fair* in all events. The Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced. The responsibility of knowing and understanding any and all rules pertaining to the *Portage County Randolph Junior Fair* shall belong to the Junior Fair exhibitor and their parents/legal guardian. Anyone attending events as an exhibitor, advisor, volunteer, parent, spectator, superintendent, judge, committee member or Fair official must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct and according to the Rules and Regulations of the *Portage County Agricultural Society, dba Randolph Fair*. The Code of Conduct and Rules are not limited to the show ring, but are applicable to any location on the fairgrounds and to any event held at the *Portage County Randolph Fairgrounds* including, but not limited to, meetings, workshops, clinics, contests, shows, county fair, etc.
2. Each Dog Project member will keep his/her dog on a leash or crated (but not tied) while present at judging, except when participating in the ring during judging. Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dog while on the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors are expected to clean up after their dogs.
3. The 4-H advisors, Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board and Show Officials will have the rights and responsibilities to order the removal of any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior, or any exhibitor or other persons abusing or neglecting the dog from the Fairgrounds.
4. Any dog that bites someone (handler, advisor, other members, or visitors) during their time at the Fair must be reported to the Dog Superintendent. Depending on the Fair Board's ruling, the dog may be dismissed from the Fairgrounds for the remainder of the Fair.
5. Exhibitors and parents will display good sportsmanship at all times; including but not limited to, being courteous and respectful to the judges, stewards and other exhibitors and spectators. Any unsportsmanlike conduct (inside or outside the ring) will result in points being deducted from that category on the handler/dog team's score sheets.
6. Judges' decisions are final. Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals are not permitted to talk with judges at any time during the Dog Show, except during Agility or Rally briefings and walk-throughs. Discussion and/or confrontation with judges may result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal of individuals from the Fairgrounds.
7. Dogs with health and/or other physical limitations should not be trained or shown in any class without consulting a veterinarian. County and/or State Officials/judges and/or advisors have the authority to stop the performance of any dog whose soundness they question.

Class Fees

Each exhibitor enrolled in a registered Dog Project, excluding Cloverbuds, must pay the set fee for each class entered (excluding Pet Pals, Costume Class and Poster Contest) for the *Portage County Randolph Fair*. This fee will be due July 1st.

Judges

The Dog Committee will hire and instruct judges and have written procedures and rules. Judges for the Fun Show shall be paid at the rate approved by the Dog Committee in accordance with *Portage County Senior Fair Board* recommendations. This includes, but is not limited to, the following classes: Obedience, Showmanship, Agility, Rally (if available) and You and Your Dog.

Handlers Appearance

Exhibitors should be neat and clean in appearance. Shorts, bare midriffs, tank tops, miniskirts, low-cut blouses, inappropriate shoes (ex: high heels, sandals, flip flops, clogs and dirty tennis shoes) are not permitted. Clean tennis shoes are acceptable and recommended at the *Portage County Randolph Fair*. Apparel with slogans, with the exception of club names, etc., is not permitted and clothes may not be torn or ragged. Hats of any type are not permitted. Youth with long hair should tie it back to keep it from interfering with handling or the judge's view.

Dogs Appearance

Dogs should be clean, well brushed and free of mats, with nails of proper length, clear eyes and clean ears, in good physical condition appropriate for the dog's age. If purebred, they are not required to have a regulation show clip. Exhibitors are permitted to have show dogs professionally groomed prior to the show and will not be penalized. Instead, all handlers are to understand what "proper" grooming consists of and why it is important and necessary.

Hair in Dog's Eyes

Any dog whose hair surrounding the eyes, ears, or beard interferes with its performance may have its hair tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes. Ribbons or bows are not permitted.

Fouling the Ring

A 25-point deduction will be made for any dog fouling the ring. The exhibitor and his/her dog are not to be excused from the ring. Judging is to continue once the area is properly cleaned. Fouling includes urine, feces or vomit. In exceptionally poor ring conditions, judges should confer with the show committee and other judges to determine scoring if fouling should occur.

Scores/ Ties/ Score Sheets

Scores will be accessible within a reasonable amount of time after the show has completed. Exhibitors who are tied for the top five (5) places in Obedience, Showmanship, Rally and You and Your Dog classes should remain until all classes in the same category are judged, in case of further ties. Failure to stay will mean a forfeiture of a possible placing. A run-off may be necessary to determine the placing.

Ties will be broken as follows:

Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, Pre-Novice and Novice Obedience:

When two (2) or more exhibitors have the same overall scores, the scores in the first exercise will be compared. The exhibitor with the highest score in the first exercise will receive the highest placing, and so forth. If all exhibitors have the same score in the first exercise, the scores in the second exercise will be compared, and so forth until the ties are broken. If the scores remain equal throughout all the exercises, including the exhibitor's appearance, dog's appearance and overall sportsmanship, then the judge will determine and specify a heeling pattern for each handler/dog team to perform.

Graduate Novice and above levels of Obedience:

Ties will be broken by the handler/dog teams performing an exercise specified by the judge.

Rally:

All handler/dog teams will be timed. Times will be used only in the event of ties for placement. Ties will be broken by the fastest time, with the fastest time winning.

Showmanship:

When two (2) or more exhibitors have the same overall score, the score achieved in the handling section will first be compared. The exhibitor with the highest score will receive the highest placing and so forth. If all the exhibitors have the same score in the handling section, then the scores in the Interview section will be compared, followed by the scores in the Handler Appearance & Attitude section, and then the scores in the Grooming section until ties are broken. If the scores are equal throughout all sections, with Grooming being the last section compared, ties will be broken by the exhibitors and their dogs performing a Handling exercise as specified by the judge.

You and Your Dog:

When two (2) or more exhibitors have the same overall score then the score achieved in the interview section will be compared and the highest score will receive the highest placing. If the exhibitors have the same interview score then the score in the exhibitor's record form section will be reviewed. If these scores are equal then the scores in the next exercise will be reviewed and so forth. If all scores are identical, exhibitors will be asked three (3) tie breaking questions. The exhibitor correctly answering the most questions will receive the higher placing.

Class Descriptions

The *Dog Resource Handbook* contains all of the following class information and it is recommended that all Dog project members have a copy.

Showmanship Project Rules

1. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Showmanship Project #201S.
2. Exhibitors may ONLY show one (1) project dog in Showmanship.
3. Sharing of one (1) dog by two (2) exhibitors is permitted, provided they meet ownership requirements, have been temperament tested as a handler/dog team, and are not entered in the same class. This applies at the county level ONLY.
4. Dogs with health and/or other physical limitations should not be trained or shown in any class without consulting a veterinarian. County and/or State Officials/judges and/or advisors have the authority to stop the performance of any dog whose soundness they question.

Collars and Leashes

Acceptable showmanship collars while in the show ring include: nylon or very small chain link slip collars, or combination lead and collar, such as a martingale. Nothing shall be hanging from the collars. Leashes may be fabric or leather and long enough to allow easy handling of the dog. Chain leashes are not acceptable.

Use of Bait

Use of bait is permitted in the Showmanship ring. Bait that makes noise is NOT permitted.

Exercises to be performed in all Showmanship classes include: (1) Interview; (2) Handler Appearance & Attitude, (3) Grooming, and (4) Handling. Showmanship Questions: For the Interview, six age-appropriate questions will come from the Ohio 4-H *Dog Resource Handbook*. A bank of questions, without answers, will be posted yearly at <http://www.go.osu.edu/dog>

The patterns you will be asked to perform in the Handling portion of the class can be found in your *Dog Resource Handbook*.

Showmanship Junior A

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 8-11 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. The exhibitor has not had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1st of the current year. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Junior B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 12 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Showmanship Intermediate B.

Showmanship Junior B

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member who has shown in Showmanship Junior A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1st of the current year. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 8-11 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class can return to this class with the same dog every year provided age requirements are met.

Showmanship Intermediate A

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 12-14 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. The exhibitor has not had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1st of the current year. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Intermediate B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 15 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Showmanship Senior B.

Showmanship Intermediate B

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member who has shown in Showmanship Intermediate A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1st of the current year. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 12-14 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class can return to this class with the same dog every year provided age requirements are met.

Showmanship Senior A

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 15-18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. The 4-H or FFA member has not had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1st of the current year. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Senior B.

Showmanship Senior B

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member who has shown in Showmanship Senior A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1st of the current year. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 15-18 as of January 1st of the current year. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class can return to this class with the same dog every year provided he/she meets the age requirements.

Showmanship classes are as follows:

Junior Showmanship A or B (ages 8-11)

Intermediate Showmanship A or B (ages 12-14)

Senior Showmanship A or B (ages 15-18)

S.E.N. Showmanship (special educational needs) - all ages; this is a modified class

****Note:** All “A” classes are for the inexperienced handlers.
All “B” classes are for the experienced handlers.

Obedience Project Rules

1. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Obedience Project #2010.
2. Handlers may ONLY show one (1) project dog in the following obedience classes: S.E.N., or Beginner Novice A.
3. Handlers are permitted to show multiple project dogs in any of the following classes, provided they meet class requirements and have been temperament tested as a handler/dog team, but they CANNOT show two (2) project dogs in the same class: Pre-Novice, Novice A, or Novice B. The Beginner Novice B class is the only exception; more than one project dog may be entered.
4. Handlers are permitted to show multiple project dogs in any of the Advanced Obedience classes, provided they meet the class requirements and have been temperament tested as a handler/dog team: Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open.
5. There is to be NO sharing of dogs in any Obedience class.
6. These rules apply at the county level ONLY. County rules differ from State rules. Please refer to the *Ohio State Fair Rules* for a complete list of rules and exercises that are required to be performed in each Obedience class at <http://www.go.osu.edu/dog>.
**** Exercise descriptions can also be found in your *Dog Resource Handbook*.**
7. The Ohio 4-H Dog program follows the *American Kennel Clubs* descriptions for the Obedience class exercises. The descriptions are taken from the AKC Obedience Regulations and used with permission from the AKC.
8. Dogs with health and/or other physical limitations should not be trained or shown in any class without consulting a veterinarian. County and/or State Officials/judges and/or advisors have the authority to stop the performance of any dog whose soundness they question.

Collars and Leashes

Obedience collars include a well-fitted plain buckle collar, a quick release collar, a safety choke collar (martingale) or a slip collar of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two (2) rings (one on each end). Fancy collars, harnesses, halties, studded collars, pinch collars, collars with prongs (banned, only used during trainings), spiked on the inside or the outside, electronic collars or any other special training collars as well as collars that are either too tight or too large which causes the collar to hang down unreasonably in front of the dog, are NOT PERMITTED. Nothing shall be hanging from the collar. Leashes may be made of either fabric or leather and MUST be 6-foot in length in Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, and Pre-Novice classes. For Novice, Graduate Novice, Open and Graduate Open classes, the leash needs to be only of sufficient length to provide adequate slack in the “heel on leash” exercise. Chain leashes are NOT acceptable.

Use of Bait

Food, treats, or toys are NOT permitted in an Obedience show ring during obedience classes.

Obedience class progression:

An inexperienced handler with an experienced dog goes with the ability of the exhibitor at the advisors discretion; this applies at the County level ONLY.

Beginner Novice A

Youth may ONLY show one (1) project dog in Beginner Novice A. This class is for the beginning

exhibitor. The exhibitor has not had any prior obedience experience before April 1st of the current year. Beginner Novice A youth are NOT permitted to show the same or different dog in any other obedience class. YOUTH CANNOT REPEAT THIS CLASS.

Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice

Youth may show in Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice, decided upon according to skill level and preference. The same dog is NOT permitted to be shown in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year, however, youth may show two (2) different dogs, one in each class. This is at the County level ONLY. These classes are for the exhibitor who has shown in Beginner Novice A or has had experience at the Beginner Novice level before April 1st of the current year, and they have not yet progressed to Novice level or higher.

- a. Youth may move back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice, from year to year, until winning first place in one of those classes.
- b. Once a youth wins Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice, they may go to the other option or move up to Novice.
- c. Once/if a youth wins BOTH Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice (not in the same year), they MUST move to Novice, unless they are showing a different dog that is eligible to show in these classes.
- d. Once a handler/dog team has experience or is showing at the Novice level, they must move to the Novice level. Once at the Novice level, the handler/dog team CANNOT go back to Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice.

Novice Level and Class Information

Youth may show one (1) project dog at the Novice level, provided the youth meets class eligibility requirements.

Novice A

In this class the handler/dog team has not had any prior experience at the Novice level before April 1st of the current year. Once a handler/dog team shows in this class, they must move to Novice B at the very minimum.

Novice B

This class is for the handler/dog team who has shown in Novice A or has had experience at the Novice level before April 1st of the current year. They have not yet progressed to Graduate Novice A or higher. The first place winner must move to Graduate Novice A or higher with that same dog.

Advanced Obedience

Youth may show two (2) project dogs in each of the following Obedience classes: Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, and Utility, provided youth and dogs meet eligibility requirements. Youth showing two (2) dogs in "A" classes must meet the requirements of the youth not having any previous experience at that respective obedience level. Youth CANNOT repeat the "A" class, and must move to the "B" class in that respective level at the very minimum. If a youth wins the first place trophy, s/he must move to a higher level with the same dog; however, can continue to show at the same "B" level with the other dog, providing meeting eligibility requirements. Exception: Youth/dog team winning Open B may repeat this class until ready to move to Graduate Open A. Youth winning Graduate Open B may repeat this class until ready to move to Utility A. A youth is NOT permitted to show one dog in an "A" class and another in a "B" class of the same level.

Graduate Novice Level and Class Information

Graduate Novice A

In this class the exhibitor has not had any prior experience at the Graduate Novice level before April 1st of the current year. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduate Novice B at the very minimum.

Graduate Novice B

This class is for the exhibitor who has shown in Graduate Novice A or has had experience at the Graduate Novice level before April 1st of the current year. They have not yet progressed to Open A class or higher. The first place winner must move to Open A or higher with that same dog. If an exhibitor places in Graduate Novice B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at State provided the county requirements have been met.

Open Level and Class Information

Open

In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Open level before April 1st of the current year. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Open B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in the Open B class at the very minimum.

Open B

This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Open A or has had experience at the Open level before April 1st of the current year. They have not yet progressed to the Graduate Open level or higher. If an exhibitor and/or dog wins first place or places in Open B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at state provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Graduate Open level. Dogs shown in this class are not permitted to show in any lower levels of dog obedience.

Graduate Open Level and Class Information

Graduate Open A

In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Graduate Open level, or a higher level of dog obedience, before April 1st of the current year. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduate Open B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must then be shown in Graduate Open B.

Graduate Open B

This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Graduate Open A or has had prior experience at the Graduate Open level, or a higher level of dog obedience before April 1st of the current year. They have not yet progressed to the Utility A level or higher. If an exhibitor and/or dog wins first place or places in Graduate Open B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at state provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Utility level. Dogs shown in this class are not permitted to show in any lower levels of dog obedience.

Obedience classes are as follows:

Obedience S.E.N. (special educational needs) – all ages; this is a modified class

Beginner Novice A – for inexperienced handlers

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Beginner Novice B – for experienced handlers

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Pre-Novice – for experienced handlers

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Novice A – for inexperienced handlers

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Novice B – for experienced handlers

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Graduate Novice A – for inexperienced handlers

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Graduate Novice B – for experienced handlers

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Open A – for inexperienced handlers

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Open B – for experienced handlers

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Graduate Open A – for inexperienced handler

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Graduate Open B – for experienced handlers

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Rally Project Rules AKC Rally information, including rules and signs, can be found at http://www.akc.org/dog_shows_trials/rally/index.cfm .

1. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Obedience Project #2010.
2. The Ohio 4-H Dog program follows the *American Kennel Clubs* descriptions for the Rally class exercises. The descriptions are taken from the AKC Rally Regulations and are used with permission from the AKC.
3. Sharing of one (1) dog by two (2) exhibitors is permitted, provided they meet class and ownership requirements and have been temperament tested as a handler/dog team. This applies at the county level ONLY.
4. Exhibitors may show multiple project dogs per Rally level, provided they meet class requirements and have been temperament tested as a handler/dog team.
5. Dogs with health and/or other physical limitations should not be trained or shown in any class without consulting a veterinarian. County and/or State Officials/judges and/or advisors have the authority to stop the performance of any dog whose soundness they question.

Use of Bait

Food, treats, or toys are NOT permitted in any Rally show ring during Rally classes.

Collars and Leashes

Rally collars include a well-fitted plain buckle collar, a quick release collar, a safety choke (martingale) collar or a slip collar of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two (2) rings (one on each end). Fancy collars, harnesses, halties, studded collars, pinch collars, collars with prongs (banned, only used during trainings), spiked on the inside or the outside, electronic collars or any other special training collars as well as collars that are either too tight or too large which causes the collar to hang down unreasonably in front of the dog, are NOT PERMITTED. Nothing shall be hanging from the collar. Leashes may be made of either fabric or leather and long enough to provide adequate slack. Chain leashes are NOT acceptable.

All dogs entered in a Rally Advanced “A” or “B” class or a Rally Excellent “A” or “B” class will need to provide their jump heights on their entry forms. Jump heights for Rally (these differ from Agility) are as follows:

Height of Dog at Withers	Height to be Jumped
Less than 10 inches	4 inches
10 inches to less than 15 inches	8 inches
15 inches to less than 20 inches	12 inches
20 inches and over	16 inches

Rally class progression:

An inexperienced handler with an experienced dog goes with the ability of the exhibitor at the advisors discretion; this applies at the county level ONLY.

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. “A”

classes are for first-year youth with NO experience. “A” classes can never be repeated by the same youth, regardless of what dog is shown. “B” classes can be repeated by the same youth regardless of what dog is shown, provided the handler/dog team are not the class winners. If/when a handler/dog team wins first place in a Rally Novice B class, the youth and dog must then move to the Rally Advanced A class provided they can safely perform all exercises off lead. If they cannot safely perform all exercises off lead then they MUST move to the Rally Intermediate A class. Once winning a Rally Intermediate class, the exhibitor is encouraged to move to the Rally Advanced A class, however, they can remain in the Intermediate level till able to perform all exercises off leash. If/when a handler/dog team wins first place in a Rally Advanced B class that team must then move to the Rally Excellent A class.

Rally classes are as follows:

Each “A” and “B” class is broken into age groups; this applies at the County level ONLY.

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Rally S.E.N. (special educational needs)— ON lead class - all ages, this is a modified class

Rally Novice A, B - ON lead class

Rally Intermediate A, B – ON lead class

Rally Advanced A or B - OFF lead class

Rally Excellent A or B – OFF lead class

Rally Novice

All exercises are judged on leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Novice A and B must have 10 to 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) stationary exercises per class.

Rally Novice A

This class is for the exhibitor with no prior experience showing at any Rally level before April 1st of the current year.

Rally Novice B

This class is for the handler/dog team who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Novice level before April 1st of the current year. They have not yet progressed to the Rally Advanced A level or higher. Once winning a Rally Novice B class, the handler/dog team must move to Rally Advanced A at the very minimum the NEXT project year.

Rally Intermediate

All exercises are judged on leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Intermediate A and B must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three (3) Advanced level signs. 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 before April 1st of the current year. If they have any training or showing

experience at the Rally Intermediate A level before April 1st of the current year, they must show at the Rally Intermediate B level at the very minimum. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she 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.

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 before April 1st of the current year. Once winning this class, the exhibitor and/or dog must move to Rally Advanced A at the very minimum the next project year, provided they can safely perform all exercises off leash.

Rally Advanced

For Rally Advanced classes, all exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Advanced A and B must have between 12 -17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary exercises per class. Courses shall have a minimum of three Advanced level stations plus one required jump per class.

Rally Advanced A

This class is for the handler/dog team who has not had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before April 1st of the current year.

Rally Advanced B

This class is for the handler/dog team who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before April 1st of the current year. Once winning this class, the handler/dog team must move to Rally Excellent A at the very minimum the NEXT project year.

Rally Excellent

All exercises 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 to Heel marker not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary exercises. 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 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.

Rally Excellent A

This class is for the handler/dog team who has not had prior experience showing at the Rally Excellent level before April 1st of the current year.

Rally Excellent B

This class is for the handler/dog team who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Excellent level before April 1st of the current year. Once winning this class, the handler/dog team may stay in this class indefinitely.

Timing

All performances will be timed. Timing will begin when the judge gives the order "Forward" and will end when dog and handler cross the Finish sign. Times will be used only in the event of ties for a placement. The maximum course time for Rally classes is four (4) minutes. A handler/dog team who exceeds the 4-minute time limit will not be eligible for placings/awards.

Agility Project Rules

1. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Performance Dog Project #201P.
2. Dogs exhibited in Agility must be 18 months or older to participate. Any dog 18 months of age or younger, provided they are at least 6 months old as of the date of show, is considered a puppy and can only enter the "Puppy Class". This applies at the county level ONLY. State Fair rules differ from County rules.
3. Exhibitors may enter any number of project dogs in 4-H Agility, as long as they have been temperament tested as a handler/dog team, and are permitted to enter more than one (1) project dog per 4-H Agility class. Youth showing in 4-H Agility may show the same or different project dog/s in other classes provided they meet those class eligibility requirements.
4. Sharing of one (1) dog by two (2) exhibitors is permitted, provided they meet class and ownership requirements and have been temperament tested as a handler/dog team. This applies at the county level ONLY.
5. Dogs with health and/or other physical limitations should not be trained or shown in Agility without consulting a veterinarian. County and/or State Officials/judges and/or advisors have the authority to stop the performance of any dog whose soundness they question.
6. To participate in classes, shows and demonstrations, exhibitors must agree they will not attempt any piece of equipment they have not been trained unless under supervision.
7. Due to safety reasons, in order for exhibitors to show their project dogs in any Agility class at the *Portage County Randolph Fair*, exhibitors MUST attend at least 50% of the agility training's that are offered through the county.

Safety and Sportsmanship

1. Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the Fairgrounds. Dogs must be kept on a leash while on the Fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging. Dogs must be kenneled in designated areas. Exhibitors are expected to clean up after their dogs. Dogs are not permitted outside the show ring area and kennel area. Dogs must not be left unattended.
2. Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior will be removed from the Fairgrounds.
3. Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong collar or electronic collar while on the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their dogs are seen wearing muzzles, prong collars or electronic collars.
4. Any dog not under its handler's control will be excused from competition.
5. Only the exhibitor's dog, exhibitor and show officials are permitted in the show ring area at any time throughout the show.
6. The judge or show officials may dismiss from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior or any exhibitor abusing the dog. A. any dog that snaps, attempts to attack or attacks any person or dog while in the show ring will be excused, B. the judge will excuse any dog that appears dangerous to other dogs, C. this may result in disqualification of exhibitor and/or removal of the dog and/or exhibitor from the Fairgrounds.
7. Any exhibitor or other person/s abusing or neglecting a dog will be removed from the Fairgrounds.
8. Any handler who willfully interferes with another competitor or that competitor's dog will be excused from competition.

9. 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.
10. Judges and/or show officials have the right to disqualify any participant exhibiting poor sportsmanship from showing, or from receiving any awards, at any time during the dog show.
11. Show officials have the right to order the removal from the Fairgrounds of anyone showing unsportsmanlike conduct.
12. Training aids, toys, and/or treats are NOT permitted on the competition course at any time, including judge's briefing, walk-through and competition runs.

Handler's Appearance

Exhibitors should be neat, clean and well-groomed in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog shows. Clothing should not distract, limit or hinder the judge's view of the dog. Youth with long hair should tie it back to keep it from interfering with handling or the judge's view. Attire should be appropriate for safety of both dog and handler. Club shirts, jeans and shorts are acceptable. Inappropriate clothing includes clothing that is too tight or too revealing, such as short skirts, short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, low cut blouses or shirts, shorts hanging too low on the waist, clothing with holes or tears in the fabric, faded or torn jeans of any kind, or other similar types of clothing. Do not wear sandals, open-toed shoes, high heeled shoes, clogs, or similar type footwear.

Hair in Dog's Eyes

Any dog whose hair surrounding the eyes, ears or beard interferes with its performance may have its hair tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes. Ribbons or bows are not permitted.

Collars

Collars must be worn by all dogs competing in Agility at the Ohio State Fair. Collars must be flat, well-fitting, buckle or clip/quick release types. Head halters, fancy collars, harnesses, studded collars or any other special training collars, or collars that are either too tight or so large that they hang down unreasonably in front of the dogs are not permitted. Remove all hanging tags. Flat, securely attached tags are permitted. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar. Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong collar, or electronic collar while on the Fairgrounds, and are subject to disqualification from showing if found wearing these devices.

Leashes

Leashes, for use in the On-Lead Agility classes may be of fabric or leather and must be 6-feet in length. Slip leads are not permitted for use in On-Lead classes. Slip leads can be used to bring dogs into the ring in Levels 1-3 provided they are removed before the run begins. Chain leashes are not acceptable. All dogs must be kept on leash except when in the Agility ring and must be brought into and taken out of the ring on lead.

Exhibitors in Levels 1-3 will take off and drop the lead at the start line and pick up and put on the lead at the finish line before leaving the ring. Dogs must be kept on lead in the ring when brought in to receive awards.

Fouling the Ring

Any dog fouling the ring will be faulted accordingly. Fouling includes urine, feces or vomit.

Jump Heights and Measuring Dogs

Dogs Height	Jump Height
10" or less	4"
over 10" to 12"	8"
over 12" to 18"	12"
over 18" to 22"	16"
over 22"	20"

**It is MANDATORY that all dogs be measured for the proper jump height. New dogs, and those that were puppies the year before, will be measured prior to the due date of show entry forms. If those dogs are not measured they will NOT be allowed to show in agility at the *Portage County Randolph Fair*. Exhibitors will be permitted to jump one (1) jump height level lower or one (1) jump height level higher than the measured jump height for their dog, should they choose too. This jump height MUST be noted on the class entry form and will NOT be changed at any time.

Standard Class Descriptions & Requirements:

An inexperienced handler with an experienced dog goes with the ability of the exhibitor at the advisors discretion; this applies at the county level ONLY.

Level of competition is based on the experience of the dog.

Puppy Class - This is at the County level ONLY:

This class is for dogs aged 18 months or younger, provided they are at least 6 months of age on the date of the show.

Dogs must enter and exit ring on lead.

Handler must hold lead at all times except when dog is in the tunnel.

Dogs must be a willing participant. Handlers must not use the lead to make the dog perform the obstacle. A major point deduction will be taken per occurrence for using the lead to make the dog perform.

The handler should avoid stepping on the lead to regain control of the lead.

Course should be a simple "S", "M", or "U" design. There are to be NO contact obstacles used; only jumps, open tunnels and the pause table. Jumps in this class will be set at 4" regardless of the height of dog. The pause table will be set at 8" (dogs must remain on the table for 5 cumulative seconds - count goes, 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & GO). Standard course time is 60 seconds. **Maximum course time is 75 seconds. Dogs going over 75 seconds will be excused.**

On-Lead Level :

Dogs must enter and exit ring on lead.

Handler must hold lead at all times except when dog is in the tunnel.

Dogs must be a willing participant. Handlers must not use the lead to make the dog perform the obstacle. A major point deduction will be taken per occurrence for using the lead to make the dog perform.

The handler should avoid stepping on the lead to regain control of the lead.

Courses should be a simple "S", "M" or "U" design. No more than 10 obstacles are to be used: A-frame, Pause Table set at 8" for dogs jumping 4", 8" or 12" and at 16" for dogs jumping 16" and 20" (dogs must remain on the table for 5 cumulative seconds - count goes, 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & GO), Open Tunnel/s and Jumps. Standard course time is 60 seconds. **Maximum course time is 75 seconds. Dogs going over 75 seconds will be excused.**

****NOTE:** A dog with an off-lead leg toward an Agility title in any venue is ineligible for this class. Handler/dog teams may advance to Level 1 after earning one Gold medal. The team is not required to advance if the dog cannot safely be off lead.

Level 1 Off Lead:

Dogs must enter and exit ring on lead.

Course should be a simple “S”, “M” or “U” design. A total of 10 obstacles are used: A-frame, Pause Table set at 8” for dogs jumping 4”, 8” or 12” and at 16” for dogs jumping 16” or 20” (dogs must remain on the table for 5 cumulative seconds – count goes 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & GO), Open Tunnel/s, Jumps, and Tire Jump. Standard course time is 60 seconds. **Maximum course time is 75 seconds. Dogs going over 75 seconds will be excused.**

****NOTE:** A dog with an off-lead leg toward an Agility title in any venue is ineligible for this class.

Handler/dog teams may advance to Level 2 after earning one Gold medal and **MUST** advance to Level 2 after earning three (3) Gold medals.

Level 2 Off Lead:

Dogs must enter and exit ring on lead.

This course is slightly more challenging than a Figure 8. A total of 12-14 obstacles are used: A-frame, Pause Table set at 8” for dogs jumping 4”, 8” or 12” and at 16” for dogs jumping 16” or 20”) dogs must remain on the table for 5 cumulative seconds – count goes 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & GO), Open Tunnel/s, Dog Walk, Tire Jump, 6 Weave Poles and Jumps. Standard course time is 60 seconds. **Maximum course time is 75 seconds. Dogs going over 75 seconds will be excused.**

****NOTE:** A dog with a standard Agility title in any venue is ineligible for this class.

Handler/dog teams may advance to Level 3 after earning one Gold medal and **MUST** advance after earning three (3) Gold medals.

Level 3 Off Lead:

Dogs must enter and exit ring on lead.

This course is more challenging than a Figure 8. A total of 13-15 obstacles are used: A-frame, Pause Table set at 8” for dogs jumping 4”, 8” or 12” and at 16” for dogs jumping 16” or 20” (dogs must remain on the table for 5 cumulative seconds – count goes 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & GO), Open Tunnels, Dog Walk, Tire Jump, 6 Weave Pole, Teeter and Jumps. Standard course time is computed at 2 yards per second not to exceed 60 seconds. **Maximum course time is 75 seconds. Dogs going over 75 seconds will be excused.**

****NOTE:** Handler/dog teams may remain in this class.

Scoring

Gold Medal – 5 faults or fewer (score of 95 or more)

Silver Medal – 6-15 faults (score of 85-94)

Bronze Medal – more than 15 faults with a qualifying run (score of 84 and below)

Minor Faults – 5-point deductions

1. 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). All 4 paws of the dog must be committed to an obstacle to be charged with this
2. On and Off the Table – charged for the first occurrence only
3. Knocking a Bar off a Jump – applies whether dog, handler or lead drops the bar
4. Touching the Dog – incidental touches are acceptable
5. Jumping Off the Teeter – before it fully tips and touches the ground
6. Handler Tugging or Jerking on the Leash – 5 points per occurrence (will not medal if severe or constant)
7. Outside Help or Interference – such as telling handler which obstacle is next; commands and cues to dog, etc. – 5 points per occurrence (will not medal if severe or constant)
8. Handler Touching any Obstacle
9. Handler Jumps Over the Jump with Dog – 5 points for each occurrence
10. Failure to Pick up Leash – after tunnel and before the next obstacle or at any time during the course other than before a tunnel

Major Faults – 20-point deductions

1. Missed Contact Zone – dog fails to touch contact zone on the descent of any contact obstacle
2. Omitting any Obstacle – includes being told by the judge to omit the obstacle. It also includes handler omitting an obstacle by choice or error, or crossing the finish line before the last obstacle is completed correctly.
3. Physically Touching the Dog to Change its Path
4. Failure to Complete the Table – dog gets off the table without getting back on to complete the obstacle before the judge says, “Go.”
5. Uncorrected Improper Entry to Weave Poles
6. Failing to Correct a Skipped Weave Pole
7. Failure to Correct on Pause Table – dog who jumps off before the beginning of the word, “Go.”
8. Going over the Standard Course Time for Standard and Jumpers classes

Disqualifications Resulting in No Medal

1. Poor Sportsmanship
2. Fouling the ring (judge and/or show committee has discretion if conditions of ring, weather, etc., warrants extenuating circumstances)
3. 4-Paw Rule – jumping off the Teeter, A-Frame or Dog Walk on the ascent. Any dog committing to any contact obstacle (A-Frame, Teeter, Dog Walk) with all 4 paws and then leaving any contact obstacle during the ascent will be told by the judge to omit that contact obstacle and move on.
4. Excessive use of lead to make the dog perform
5. Exceeding maximum course time
6. Improper equipment – It is the handler’s responsibility to make sure equipment is correct.
7. A dog that stops working or leaves the ring prior to correct completion of the course.
8. An extreme amount of outside help
9. An excessive amount of touching obstacles or the dog
10. Abuse of dogs anywhere on the show grounds
11. A dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite a human or other dog
12. Any handler not obeying the judge may be disqualified

Obstacle Performance Requirements

A-Frame – The dog must ascend the up ramp in the direction designated by the judge, cross over the apex and descend the down ramp, touching the safety contact zone before leaving the obstacle.

Dog Walk – The dog must ascend the up ramp in the direction designated by the judge, traverse the cross plank, and descend the other ramp, touching the safety contact zone before leaving the obstacle.

Jumps – The dog must jump over the hurdle in the direction designated by the judge, crossing between the hurdle's two supports and over the pole or planks, without knocking off the bars or planks.

Pause Table – The dog must jump onto the table and remain on the table for a period of 5 consecutive seconds. The judge will count the seconds out loud (count goes 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & GO), when the dog is fully on the table. If the dog leaves the table before the judge completes the word, "GO," the handler will direct the dog back onto the table. An interrupted count is re-started from the point it was interrupted. The Pause Table will be set at 8" for dogs jumping 4", 8", or 12". The Pause Table will be set at 16" for dogs jumping 16" and 20".

Teeter – The dog must ascend the teeter in the direction designated by the judge, cross the plank's pivot point causing the teeter to tilt to the ground on the other end, and descend the remainder of the plank, touching the safety contact zone before leaving the plank. The plank shall touch the ground prior to the dog leaving the plank. The dog must be in control of the plank.

Tire Jump – The dog must jump through the tire in the direction designated by the judge. A dog may touch the tire with its feet.

Weave Poles – The dog must weave in and out in a continuous motion down the complete line of poles. The dog begins by passing on the right side of the first pole, crossing the line of poles between poles numbered 1 and 2, then pass the left side of pole number 2, then crossing the line of poles between 2 and 3, and continuing in a sequence down the complete line of poles. A handler/dog team must correct for any missed poles and fully complete the weaving pattern.

Games Classes

There may be a Games class offered at the shows. The class levels will be the same as the Standard Levels. To find the rules to these games and how they are played, please refer to the Ohio State Fair Agility Rules found at <http://www.go.osu.edu/dog> .

You and Your Dog Project Rules

1. 4-H exhibitor must be enrolled in the 4-H You & Your Dog Project #201D.
2. Members enrolled in this project will be judged during the *Portage County Randolph Fair* WITHOUT their project dog. This applies at county level ONLY. County rules differ from State rules. Please refer to <http://www.go.osu.edu/dog> for a complete list of rules.

Criteria to be evaluated in all You & Your Dog classes include:

Project Knowledge and Interview – 70 points

The member is required to answer 6 questions from the Ohio 4-H *Dog Resource Handbook*, 2016 edition. Questions are worth 10 points each. Partial credit may be given for multiple part answers. Question difficulty is appropriate to the age group. Refer to: www.go.osu.edu/dog for the current year's study questions. 60 pts.

The member must show interest in the dog project, have a good attitude and display good sportsmanship. The member should be neat, and clean in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable and appropriate for the dog show class. Inappropriate clothing includes T-shirts, jackets, or other apparel with slogans, 4-H club, FFA Chapter, or dog club names, etc., halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, blue jeans and shorts, sandals, clogs, high-heeled shoes, open toe shoes, and other similar footwear. Colored dress jeans and dress shorts are appropriate. 10 pts.

4-H Dog Project and Record Book, 2017 edition – 30 points

The ENTIRE *4-H Dog Project and Record Book* ©2017 applicable to the You and Your Dog project (excluding pages 7-13 for County ONLY, State rules differ from county rules) must be filled out completely, including photographs. Bring entire book to judging. The 4-H Dog Project and Record Book with a copyright of 2017 must be used. Older project/record books will not be accepted. The *4-H Dog Project and Record Book* can only be used for one year. A new *4-H Dog Project and Record Book* must be purchased the following year. Photocopies of applicable book pages may be used for multiple project dogs.

All applicable questions must be answered. If you do not know or it does not apply then say that in your answer. All applicable sections must be completed. If a section does not apply then say so in that section.

For example: If your dog is a stray and the question is, "How old is your dog?", rather than leaving it blank because you don't know write, "My dog is a stray and I don't know the age," or simply "unknown".

Points will be deducted for incomplete pages.

Exhibit – 50 points (5 minute time limit)

For this section, the exhibitor is to bring something visual to show the judge, created during the current project year.

Educational content – 25 pts.: The exhibitor should show some knowledgeable phase of project work related to the project, show evidence of research beyond the scope of the project, be applicable and timely, and presented to educate, not merely inform.

Neatness and Appearance – 5 pts.: Exhibit should present the message in a pleasing manner.

Originality – 5 pts.: Exhibit captures attention and holds interest, shows creativity in presenting pertinent facts and information, topic/subject arouses interest and curiosity.

Presentation – 15 pts.: Ability to communicate educational concepts, ability to answer judge's questions.

Examples of exhibits: Illustrations, artwork, poster, scrapbook, computer-generated slides, video, models, specimens, etc. Exhibitor may use a computer for exhibit presentation. There is not a wireless internet connection available.

Exhibitors will have a maximum of 5 minutes to present their exhibit.

You & Your Dog classes are as follows:

- You & Your Dog S.E.N. (special educational needs) – all ages; this is a modified class
- You & Your Dog Junior (ages 8-11)
- You & Your Dog Intermediate (ages 12-14)
- You & Your Dog Senior (ages 15-18)

Junior You and Your Dog

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 8-11 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Exhibitors may repeat this class, regardless of winning first place, until eligible for the Intermediate You and Your Dog class.

Intermediate You and Your Dog

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 12-14 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Exhibitors may repeat this class, regardless of winning first place, until eligible for the Senior You and Your Dog class.

Senior You and Your Dog

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 15-18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Exhibitors may repeat this class, regardless of winning first place, provided meeting age eligibility.

You and Your Dog Interview Project Rules

1. 4-H exhibitor must be enrolled in the 4-H You & Your Dog Project #201D.
2. The You and Your Dog Interview classes are classes for youth WITHOUT their dog.
Youth being interviewed in You and Your Dog classes on Companion Animal Day are not eligible to enter any dog in the *Ohio State Fair* Dog Shows. They may, however, enter the You & Your Dog class at the county level ONLY, keeping in mind they will have to learn both banks of questions published for this class and the other You & Your Dog class.

Criteria to be evaluated in all You and Your Dog Interview classes include:

Project Knowledge (40 pts): You are required to answer three (3) questions from the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook. Questions are worth 10 points each. Partial credit may be given for multiple part answers. Question difficulty is appropriate to your age group. Refer to www.go.edu/companionanimals for current year's study questions, which will be posted by March 1st.

The judge should be able to tell that you understand the You and Your Dog Project with respect to your age and years taking the project. **(10 pts.)**

4-H Dog project & Record Book (20 pts): The ENTIRE *4-H Dog Project and Record Book* ©2017 applicable to the You and Your Dog project must be filled out completely, including photographs. Bring entire book to judging. The 4-H Dog Project and Record Book with a copyright of 2017 must be used. Older project/record books will not be accepted. The *4-H Dog Project and Record Book* can only be used for one year. A new *4-H Dog Project and Record Book* must be purchased the following year. Photocopies of applicable book pages may be used for multiple project dogs.

All applicable questions must be answered. If you do not know or it does not apply then say that in your answer. All applicable sections must be completed. If a section does not apply then say so in that section.

For example: If your dog is a stray and the question is, "How old is your dog?", rather than leaving it blank because you don't know write, "My dog is a stray and I don't know the age," or simply "unknown".

Points will be deducted for incomplete pages.

Interview (10 pts): During the interview you should:

- * Communicate to the judge your interest in this project, as well as your knowledge of the project.
- * Demonstrate courtesy, poise and good sportsmanship.
- Be neat, clean, and well groomed in appearance.

Display (30 pts): For this section, you are to bring something visual to show the judge created during the current project year.

- * The display should be presented to educate, not merely to inform. The information must be technically accurate.
- * The display should show some knowledgeable phase of project work related to the project.
- * You should be able to communicate educational concepts and answer the judge's questions.
- * Examples of displays: Illustrations, artwork, poster, scrapbook, computer generated slides, video, models, specimens, etc. You may use your computer or notebook for exhibit presentation. ** Please note there is not a wireless Internet connection available on the Fairgrounds.

You & Your Dog Interview classes are as follows:

- You & Your Dog Interview S.E.N. (special educational needs) – all ages; this is a modified class
- You & Your Dog Interview Junior (ages 8-10)
- You & Your Dog Interview Intermediate (ages 11-13)
- You & Your Dog Interview Senior (ages 14-18)

Junior You and Your Dog Interview

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 8-10 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Exhibitors may repeat this class, regardless of winning first place, until eligible for the Intermediate You and Your Dog Interview class.

Intermediate You and Your Dog Interview

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 11-13 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Exhibitors may repeat this class, regardless of winning first place, until eligible for the Senior You and Your Dog Interview class.

Senior You and Your Dog Interview

This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 14-18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Exhibitors may repeat this class, regardless of winning first place, provided meeting age eligibility.

Drill Team Rules

1. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Performance Dog Project #201P.
2. Counties may enter a total of three (3) Drill Teams: one Drill Team having 4 or 5 members in class J-19, one Drill Team having 6 or 7 members in class J-20 and/or one Drill Team having 8 or 9 members in class J-21. Counties may not have two (2) Drill Teams consisting of 4 or 5 members each, for example.
3. Drill team competes only at the *Ohio State Fair* Competition, but, will put on an exhibition at the *Portage County Randolph Fair*. All 4-H members need to be outgoing, willing to dance, able to meet at any such designated places for rehearsals. No first year dogs are allowed unless they are exceptional in Obedience and the Drill Team instructor approves the handler/dog team.

Costume Class Rules

All handler/dog teams will arrive at the approved check in time and will ONLY enter and exit the Fairgrounds through the designated gate with the proper show day “dog walk” passes. Handler/dog teams must remain in the show area until his or her class is completed and the awards have been presented.

Dog owners/handlers are to be with their dog/s at all times and are NOT permitted in any other area of the Fairgrounds except the designated show area/s.

Dog Bowl Rules

OBJECTIVES:

The primary objective of the Dog Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth involved in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of canine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The Dog Bowl Contest should provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Team and contestant eligibility
 - a. Each county may enter two (2) junior and two (2) senior teams of four (4) or five (5) contestants. One team member will be designated as the alternate if five contestants are entered. The team may be selected by any procedure the county deems appropriate.
 - b. A junior individual may compete on a senior team; however, once a junior does compete as a senior, they may never move back to competing as a junior on a junior team.
 - c. Teams of three (3) will be permitted the day of the contest if a 4th team member is unable to participate.
Teams of three are not eligible for team bonuses.
 - d. Senior contestants must be at least 14 years of age on January 1st of the current year, and not older than 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.
 - e. Junior contestants must be at least 8 years old and in the third grade, or 9 years old regardless of grade, and younger than 14 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.
 - f. Team members must be 4-H members, but are not required to enroll in a 4-H Dog Project to participate.
 - g. If one county does not have enough members to complete a team, cross-county teams are allowed to participate.

Poster Contest Rules

Entry information and deadline:

1. Posters are due by the June Dog Skill-a-thon, along with a completed entry form. You can give them to your club advisor or turn them into the Dog Committee at the skill-a-thon.
2. There is no fee for entering the poster contest.
3. Posters will be judged at the county level and then sent to the *Ohio State Fair* for judging. They will be returned so that they may be displayed in the Dog Project information area at the *Portage County Randolph Fair*.
4. Posters turned in after the deadline will be displayed, but not judged.

Rules:

1. Age divisions are as follows: Juniors (ages 8-11), Intermediate (ages 12-14) and Seniors (ages 15 -18). All ages are as of January 1st of the current year. Cloverbuds may submit a poster. These will not be judged, but will be displayed at the *Portage County Randolph Fair*. Cloverbud posters do not go to State.
2. First place winners in each age division may exhibit every year provided the age requirements are met.
3. Each poster **MUST** be made by the 4-H member.
4. *Posters MUST be made using size 22"x 28" regular poster board.* Do not use foam core poster board or science fair display boards.
5. *Posters MUST be constructed and displayed horizontally.*
6. Do not mount poster boards on any type of stiff backing.
7. Shadow boxes, overlays, peek-through windows or three-dimensional posters are not permitted. Items hanging off the sides are not permitted.
8. Stick-on letters and stickers are permitted.
9. It is not required for posters to be laminated; however, lamination may help preserve the poster.
10. *Each poster MUST be clearly labeled in the front lower right hand corner* with the (1) exhibitor's name, (2) county, and (3) age as of January 1st of the current year.
11. Posters will be judged on Educational content (50 pts.), Neatness/Appearance (30 pts.), and Originality (20 pts.).

4-H Dog Achievement Program Project Rules

1. Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Achievement Program project #202 : (this project is for youth that do not have access to a dog club or volunteers with dog experience and for those who are not interested in competing.)
2. Project dog must be family owned.
3. Youth must be enrolled in a Portage County 4-H club by April 1st of the current year.
4. Youth must be 8 years old and in the 3rd grade and not passed their 18th birthday as of January 1st of the current year.
5. Youth are required to identify a project helper.
6. This is an on-line project. Youth must have access to a computer to retrieve online activities and report pages, and to research suggested resources.

Required Materials

- * DAP Manual (available from the county Extension Office, or online.)
- * DAP Record Pages (available from the county Extension Office or online.)
- * Dog Resource Handbook; this contains essential information and will help you complete many of the activities within the 4-H DAP categories.
- * Portfolio, notebook, or other tool to document completed activities.

DAP Experience Levels

Activity levels are divided into Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels depending on your experience. You may choose to select a combination of experience levels within any given topic area and category but you are encouraged to challenge yourself.

To learn more about this project or for a complete list of project requirements go to: go.osu.edu/DAP

All About Dogs Project Rules

1. 4-H exhibitor must be enrolled in the 4-H All About Dogs Project #200.
2. The All About Dogs classes are for beginning level members, aged 8-18, who are not ready to take a 4-H dog project that requires owning a dog. Members enrolled in the All About Dogs project cannot be enrolled in any other dog project.
3. The All About Dogs project members with the top two scores will be selected to represent the county at the Ohio State Fair.
4. This project will be judged on Grade Day at the County level and, if selected, will be judged on Companion Animal Day at the Ohio State Fair.

Criteria to be evaluated in All About Dogs classes include:

Project Knowledge and Records –50 pts.

Understands project and can answer questions, including ability to handle animal if applicable - 35 pts.

Must have current project book. Must complete age-appropriate sections of project book and/or records section; if no project/record book, bring evidence of records kept - 15 pts (youth must complete the project book to the best of their abilities, with age taken into consideration)

Interview – 10 pts.

Shows interest in project; shows ability to communicate project knowledge; has a good attitude and sportsmanship; 4-H'er is neat in appearance.

Display – 40 pts.

Must be from current project year, show some knowledgeable phase of project work, presented to educate.

Exhibit judged on:

Educational content – 20 pts.

Presentation – 10 pts.

Neatness & Appearance – 5 pts.

Originality – 5 pts.

RULES FOR CANINE KING & QUEEN CONTEST

1. The competition is open to any male/female 4-H member ages 13-18 (as of 1/1 of the current year)
2. The contestant must be enrolled in a Dog Project for the current 4-H year and (1) year prior enrollment in Portage County 4-H.
3. The contestant must be showing at the Portage County Fair in the current year in at least one of the offered dog project classes.
4. All contestants must: **A.** Dress appropriately, please no crop tops or inappropriate shorts. **B.** Appropriate language must be used at all times, no abusive language or behavior will be tolerated. **C.** Moral conduct will be scrutinized and evaluated at all times including social media outlets. Inappropriate behavior or conduct of any kind will result in disqualification. **D. No** pictures which include/depict nudity, under aged alcohol consumption, use of tobacco product, abuse of a human or animal or illegal activity. **E.** Each contestant may not be married, not have been married, not born a child and not be pregnant during the contest.
5. If awarded the King or Queen title you are NOT entitled to anything extra that is not provided by the Portage County Dog Committee. (example: getting into other fairs for free, and/or any activities at our fair or other fairs.
6. Scoring of the competition will be as follows:
 - A. All contestants will fill out an application with all pertinent information. The application will account for 25% of the final score.
 - B. All Contestants will prepare a 3-5 minute demonstration on a dog related topic. Each contestant will provide their own visual aid and supplies. (no live animals) This demonstration will be given in front of a panel of judges. Prior to the demonstration, the judges will have an opportunity to review the application forms of each contestant, taking into consideration speaking skills, confidence, and appearance. As well as originality, organization and accuracy of the demonstration. The demonstration will account for 25% of the final score.
 - C. All contestants will have a personal interview (date and location will be announced later) in front of a panel of judges. Prior to the interviewing, the judges will have an opportunity to review each application form of each contestant. Each judge will independently score each contestant, taking into consideration poise, personality, and appearance as shown during the interview and attitude, participation, and citizenship as shown from the application form. Contestants should dress “nice casual” as for a job interview (no tank tops, halter tops, Capri pants, mini-skirts, no mid-drifts, cocktail dresses are not allowed). The interview will account for 25% of the final score.
 - D. Each contestant will be required to take a written (short) test based on Dog & 4-H knowledge. The test will account for 25% of the final score.
 - E. The Portage County Canine King and Queen will be the contestant with the highest total percentage over all categories. The King & Queen will be announced at the Skill-a-thon.
7. All contestants and phases of the competition will be governed by the 4-H rules.
8. All participants entering the competition must have the signatures of their parent or guardian and their 4-H advisor.
9. The King & Queen will represent Portage County 4-H Dog Committee exclusively.
10. As King or Queen you will be asked to be available during all dog class events at the fair. You must be dressed appropriately at any time that you are wearing your royalty sash.
11. The King & Queen can only be King & Queen one time.
12. All test scores will be available for member, advisors, and parents to see after the competition.