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Dear State Fair Dog Agility Participant;

The Agility Competition at the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show will be held on Saturday, August 2 in the Coliseum. Registration and measuring begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Coliseum with the competition beginning at 10:00 a.m. Enclosed with this letter you will find the following: (1) one single day youth admission ticket; (2) one Gate 10 Complex parking permit per family; (3) one Dog Walk pass; (4) one map of the Fairgrounds; and (5) agility confirmation letter(s).

Please review all of the State Fair Dog Show rules thoroughly. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and abide by these rules. This agility competition is limited to 4-H members ages 8 and in the 3rd grade as of January 1, 2008, and not past their 18th birthday. Dogs must meet 4-H ownership eligibility as stated in the *Rules for 2008 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Participation*, pages 2 & 3, Ownership, rule 1, definitions a-f, and rule 2. If you do not have a copy, you can find them online at: <http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog/> or contact your county 4-H Extension educator.

Parking Information

The Gate 10 Complex parking permit allows you to enter the Fairgrounds via Gate 10 on 17th Avenue. You must pay a \$5.00 parking fee. When you enter Gate 10 you will turn to the right and can park on top of the Gilligan Complex. If there is no room on top of the Gilligan Complex or west of the viaduct, the driver must exit at Gate 9 onto 11th Avenue and park in the General Parking Lot north of 17th Avenue. **When exiting make sure the driver gets his/her hand stamped!** That is the only way he/she can get into the North Lot without paying and back into the Fairgrounds without paying. (This also includes other passengers in the vehicle.)

Dog Walk Passes

A Dog Walk Pass, on Ohio Expo Center/Ohio State Fair letterhead, is enclosed for each dog. Dogs are only permitted in the Coliseum and designated exercise areas.

License, Health, and Age Requirements

1. All dogs must be currently licensed in the exhibitor's county of residence. **The exhibitor must bring a certificate of license to health check. The dog license tag alone is not sufficient.**
 - a. The exhibitor must pay a \$15.00 processing fee if he or she does not bring a certificate of license to health check and show officials must call his or her respective county auditor's office for verification. This fee must be paid prior to officials making the phone call.
2. The ***2008 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate*** completed and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian ***is required for exhibition***. This certificate must include **ALL** information requested in the Identification Form section, completed and signed by the exhibitor. The administering veterinarian must complete the information requested in the Vaccination Certificate section. **Other certificates of vaccination, computerized vaccination records, pet record cards, or kennel records will not be accepted. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure that all health requirements for State Fair are met.**
3. The Ohio Department of Agriculture requires dogs to have current Rabies vaccinations. Veterinarians must document on the *2008 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and*

Vaccination Certificate whether the exhibitor's dog's rabies vaccination is current for 1 year or 3 years by filling in the "date expires" blank.

4. The Ohio 4-H Dog Program requires that all dogs be vaccinated yearly for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. However, if the veterinarian feels that administering the Leptospirosis vaccination would jeopardize the dog's health, it may be waived, and the administering veterinarian must initial the applicable box under the DHLPP section on the Vaccination Certificate. If the veterinarian follows the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) recommendations or vaccine antibody titer tests, the administering veterinarian must initial the applicable box under the DHLPP section.

5. All vaccinations must be administered by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. If the veterinarian does not administer certain vaccinations to older or other dogs, those vaccinations must be noted by the administering veterinarian, either on the vaccination form or letterhead. ***For the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, all vaccinations must be current through August 8, 2008.*** (Note: Vaccination deadlines for county fairs may differ.)

6. **The 2008 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate is available from the county Extension office.** *It can also be downloaded from the OSU South Centers or Ohio 4-H website.* This same form may be used for county fair shows provided the vaccinations are current through August 8, 2008 for State Fair exhibition. *The use of this form/certificate at the county level must be approved by the county 4-H professional and must be consistent throughout the respective county.*

7. Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation as determined by the health check officials will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment. **Decision of the health check officials is final.**

8. ***Bitches showing ANY signs of heat are not permitted on the Fairgrounds. They are not permitted to show!*** Each dog must go through a health check where all females will be checked for signs of heat. If a bitch shows **any** signs of heat, she will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. Any bitch, which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element, will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. **Decision of the health check officials is final.**

9. **Pregnant and/or lactating (nursing) bitches are not permitted on the Fairgrounds, and are not permitted to be shown.**

10. Any male or female dog that is a disturbing element to other dogs will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds.

11. Before going to Registration, exhibitors must bring their dog, dog license certificate, and *2008 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate* to Health Check. Incomplete or falsified information is grounds for dismissal.

- a. The exhibitor must pay a \$15.00 processing fee if information on the health certificates is incomplete and show officials must call his or her veterinarian for verification. This fee must be paid prior to officials making the phone call.

Health Check and Registration Procedures

The Health Check Area will be in the Coliseum (look for the signs) beginning at 8:30 a.m. Check-ins and measuring for agility will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Registration Area. Walk-throughs for Seniors will be at 10:00 a.m. You must check in at the Health Check Area and then register prior to walk-through.

Exhibitor Responsibility for Dogs

Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors are to use the marked exercise areas for their dogs to relieve themselves. Exhibitors **MUST** clean up after their dogs. Only the dog being shown can be brought to State Fair. **Do not** bring any other dogs along.

Dogs must be kept on a leash while on the Fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging. Dogs are only permitted outside in the immediate vicinity of the Coliseum area. Dogs are NOT permitted on the Midway or inside any building but the Coliseum.

Agility Awards

Awards will be presented at the completion of each class. Sponsors include Canidae All Natural Pet Foods and Ohio Township Association.

Skillathon

A Dog Skillathon will be held on Monday, August 4 (12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.), Tuesday, August 5 (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) during the Ohio State Fair Dog Activities in the Buckeye Building. This contest is open to any 4-H or FFA member. There are ten age divisions (9 through 18 years). Ages are determined as of 1/1/08. Skillathon lines will be divided into Junior (8-11 yrs.), Intermediate (12-14 yrs.) and Senior (15-18 yrs.) levels. Awards will be presented to the first place winner in each age division. Junior (8-11 yrs.), Intermediate (12-14 yrs.), and Senior (15-18 yrs.) age division winner awards will be presented. Other awards include participation tokens and outstanding awards. Awards will be presented at the end of the day on Tuesday, August 5.

State Fair Championship Title

Youth earning a State Fair Championship Title will receive their awards each day during the awards presentations. This includes those who earn enough points to reach 25 points this year. 4-H or FFA member may earn one title per year regardless of the number of dogs shown. State Fair Championship Title information can be found online at: <http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog/>.

Exhibitor Versatility Awards

The 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award (EVA) is new in 2008. The purpose of this award is to: (1) encourage youth to participate in several classes (including skillathon and poster) at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, and (2) award youth for achieving excellence in the classes in which they are showing or participating. To earn a 4-H EVA, exhibitors must place in three (3) classes as follows: (1) receive a gold medal in Agility; (2) receive a gold medal in Rally; (3) place in the top five in all classes receiving placings, including the skillathon and poster; (4) finish in the top 20% of those receiving Outstanding of the Day rosettes in Sub-Novice A and Showmanship Junior A; or (5) pass all test items in the Assistance Dog class. Youth violating any of the *Rules for 2008 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Participation* or with points taken off for poor sportsmanship will not be eligible for this award.

An exhibitor must show in three classes and earn one placing as described above per class, with one dog in each of those classes. The 4-H EVA is based on the number of classes, not number of dogs per class (i.e. for agility and rally). The exhibitor may earn one 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award a year.

Release Forms

You must pick up a release form to be able to get your dog(s) off the Fairgrounds. We will have them for you at registration. Below is an example of how to complete that form.

TO: GATE SUPERINTENDENT	Columbus, Ohio
This is to certify that _____ (<i>print your name here</i>) of _____ (<i>print your city and state here</i>)	
has permission to leave the Ohio State Fair with livestock, consisting of _____ (<i>print number of dogs here</i>) head of _____ (<i>print species – i.e. dog – here</i>).	
_____ Dogs _____	_____ <i>Lucinda Miller</i> _____
Department	Superintendent

I hope this final letter helps you be better prepared for the Dog Show. An *Ohio State Fair Dog Show Preparation Checklist* for exhibitors can be found at <http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog/>. If you have any questions, I can be reached at the OSU South Centers at 1.800.297.2072, ext. 152, or by e-mail at miller.78@cfaes.osu.edu. Beginning July 31, I can be reached via my cell phone at 740.708.0359.

Sincerely,

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