

2007 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show General Information

Agility – August 4 – Coliseum

Dog Show Classes – August 6 – 10 – Buckeye Building

General Overview (Changes are underlined or otherwise noted.)

- Youth must be enrolled in the correct dog project to show in those classes at the State Fair. They must be enrolled in *Obedience Training – Beginning, Project No. 206*, to show in Sub-Novice and Novice; *Obedience Training – Advanced, Project No. 207*, to show in Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open, Utility, Brace and Team; *Grooming & Handling Dogs, Project No. 204*, to show in any of the Grooming & Handling (showmanship) classes; *Dog Care, Project No. 200*, to show in dog care; and any of the projects 204, 206, or 207 to show in Agility, Drill Team, and Rally. Youth must be enrolled in the Assistance Dog Idea Starter, Project No. 365.08, to show in the Assistance Dog class.
- Youth must own 4-H project dogs as outlined in *Rules for 2007 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Participation*.
- Youth may show multiple project dogs in specified classes or a combination of classes.
- No one other than the junior fair exhibitor is permitted to show the project dog at any type of dog shows, Agility competitions, field trials, rally events, etc., as well as fun matches, on or after April 1, 2007.
- Sharing a dog at the county level is not permitted for State Fair dog show participation. If two youth share a dog at the county level, neither youth is eligible to show that dog at the State Fair, including Agility competition.
- If youth are permitted to lease a dog at the county level, they are not permitted to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, including Agility.
- All dogs must be 6 months of age or older by the date of show. For Agility, dogs must be 18 months of age or older.
- Any dog, male or female, that is a disturbing element to other dogs will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. (*Male dog has been added.*)
- Dogs must meet the health requirements outlined in the *Rules for 2007 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Participation*. The required vaccinations must be current through August 10, 2007.
- Leashes must be 6 feet in length for Sub-Novice classes. (*Before, leashes could have been less than 6 feet long for Sub-Novice.*)
- Grooming & Handling Intermediate A and Grooming & Handling Senior A will be placed 1st through 15th, with the first place winners receiving a trophy.

Entries

- Youth may enter any number of 4-H project dogs in Agility. Youth showing in the Assistance Dog class cannot enter that dog in any other class, however can show a different project dog(s) in other classes.
- Youth showing in Dog Care cannot enter any other dog show class with any dog, but can enter the Poster Contest and participate in the Skillathon. This means that a youth who enters Dog Care at the State Fair must be enrolled in the Dog Care project at the county level, and can only participate in the Dog Care class at State Fair. They cannot participate in Agility, Drill Team, Obedience, Grooming & Handling, Brace, Team or Rally with the same or different dog. All Dog Care

activities will take place on Friday, August 10, including a Skillathon for Dog Care participants. Dog Care members can participate either in the Skillathon offered August 6, 7, & 8 OR in the Dog Care Skillathon offered August 10. Dog Care participants must bring their dog to judging. They must also bring a Dog Care project book with current project records. Photocopied pages/records will not be accepted. *(These rules are the same, but need to be emphasized. A Dog Care Skillathon has been added.)*

- With the exception of Dog Care and Assistance Dogs, a youth may show one project dog in one level of Obedience, other project dogs in different levels of Obedience, the same or different project dog in Grooming & Handling, the same or different project dog in Drill Team, Brace, Team and Rally, depending on the number of project dogs owned and handled by the youth, provided they meet those classes' eligibility requirements.
- Youth showing Assistance Dogs may show a different project dog(s) in other classes provided they meet those classes' eligibility requirements.
- Youth showing in Agility may show the same or different project dog(s) in other classes provided they meet those classes' eligibility requirements.
- For Brace, both dogs shown by a youth must be that youth's project dogs. Youth and dogs showing in Brace must perform at the Novice level or above; therefore, Sub-Novice level dogs are not permitted in Brace.
- A Sub-Novice Team class has been added. If youth have multiple dogs, they may show a Sub-Novice project dog in the Sub-Novice Team class, and a Novice level or above project dog in the Advanced Team class. For the Advanced Team class, Novice dogs and handlers are permitted to work on and perform the drop on recall while retaining their Novice status.
- Youth may show a maximum of two project dogs per Rally class.
- The Drill Team score sheets are new for 2007, along with a more detailed description of the required obedience exercises, elements, presentation and penalties. A youth may compete on more than one drill team, but must use a different project dog.

Entry Process – New for 2007 (for all entries but Agility and Poster)

- There will no longer be qualifying shows for youth to show their dogs at the State Fair. Any youth enrolled in a 4-H or FFA dog project may enter the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. All entries must be approved by the youth's 4-H advisor/FFA instructor and Extension Professional.
- Youth may enter any of the classes they are eligible for as outlined in the *Rules for 2007 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Participation*. The handler and dog must be able to perform the exercises required of the class(s) entered.
- Youth must mail entries directly to the Ohio State Fair Entry Department. Entry fees are \$2.00 per dog per class entered. All entry fees must accompany the official State Fair Dog Show entry blank. All entries must bear a postage stamp and have a legible cancellation date. Metered entries will NOT be accepted. **The entry deadline is Friday, July 13.**
- **Entries postmarked after July 13 will be charged a \$50.00 late fee. Entries postmarked after July 30 will be charged a \$75.00 late fee. Drill Team alternates need to register by the July 13 deadline so they are not charged late fees.**
- Entry forms will be available from State Fair in late spring.

- The Ohio State Fair Entry Department will mail one admission ticket per exhibitor, a parking permit, dog walk pass, and participant's letter to each exhibitor, so they receive them by August 2. Exhibitors showing multiple days will receive additional admission ticket(s) on the first day they exhibit.

Agility Entries

- Any youth enrolled in 4-H Dog Projects Nos. 204, 206, and/or 207 may enter Agility with one or more 4-H dog projects. 4-H and FFA members competing in the Agility class (J-20) **MUST** register by completing the USDAA® Official Entry Form (available online or from Extension Office) and return it directly to Sandra Schmidt, 1272 Linneman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238. Exhibitors must follow entry procedures. **Entries must be received by Wednesday, July 18, 6:00 p.m.** Entries received after this deadline will not be accepted.
- Junior handler/dog teams that are not currently registered with the USDAA Junior Handler Program, must be registered with the USDAA Junior Handler Program to enter and show in the Ohio State Fair Agility Trial, PRIOR to entering the State Fair Agility competition. To register junior handler/dog teams go to: http://usdaa.com/binary/files/dog_reg.pdf

Poster Entries

- Any youth enrolled in a dog project may enter a poster at the Ohio State Fair without first being judged at the county level.
- Youth must complete an entry form, have it signed by their Extension professional, and send the entry form and poster to Lucinda Miller at the OSU Extension Center at Piketon (NOT the State 4-H Office), so it is received by Friday, July 13.
- First through fifteenth place posters in each age division will be displayed all week in the Buckeye Building. Depending on the number of posters received, the remaining posters will be divided and displayed throughout the week.

Scholarships

- Two (2) \$500.00 State Fair Dog Scholarships will be offered this year. The winners will be recognized at the Sale of Champions, and are expected to attend.

Skillathon

(The regular Skillathon is 3 days, with skillathon lines divided into junior, intermediate, and senior age divisions – one line per age division.)

- A Dog Skillathon will be held on Monday, August 6 (12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.), Tuesday, August 7 (11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.), and Wednesday, August 8 (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 individual age divisions (9 through 18 years). Ages are determined as of 1/1/07. Skillathon lines will be divided into Junior (9-11 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 (9-11 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 Wednesday, August 8.