

**DOG SHOW TIME**

Sunday - July 19, 2026

Exhibition Hall

Show Arrival Time: 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Judging: 9:00 a.m.

Superintendent – Debbie Cuvelier

**FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY:**

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Arapahoe County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules. Please carefully read all rules.
2. Exhibit entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits by entry deadline, Monday, June 15, 2026.
3. Late entries will be accepted up until Monday, June 22, 2026 with a late fee of \$25.00 per exhibitor. Late fees can be paid by mailing a check to:  
Arapahoe County Extension Office  
Attn: Fair Entry  
6934 S Lima St, Suite B  
Centennial, CO 80112
4. After Monday, June 22, 2026, absolutely no entries will be accepted.
5. Entry will be done online at [Arapahoecounty.Fairentry.com](https://www.arapahoecountyfair.com/entry).
6. Permission to participate will be done electronically when entering exhibits online.
7. A picture of each dog entered must be attached to your record book when checking in at the Arapahoe County Fair Dog Show.
8. The best way to check what is expected in the various classes is to check out the Obedience, Showmanship and Rally score sheets posted on the Colorado State 4-H website: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/4h-project/4-h-dog-project/>

**EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY RULES:**

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H dog project as of April 1, 2026. All dogs entered in obedience, showmanship and/or rally classes must have been part of the project by April 1, 2026 or earlier.
2. Dogs must be owned, not leased.
3. The exhibitor must own his/her project dog individually or in partnership with immediate family members or guardians during the complete duration of the project year. The exhibitor must provide the majority of care for the dog(s).
4. Colorado state law defines an immediate family member as a person related by blood, marriage, civil union or adoption.
5. Exhibitor must have proof of ownership of the dog at the time of Fair Show entry and provide that to the Superintendent.
6. All 4-H Dog ID forms (including health certificates, vaccination records, Veterinarian documents and 2 photos) must be current and entered into 4honline by the project enrollment deadline, May 1. A printed copy of your online Colorado 4-H Dog ID is required for your Dog E-record.
7. Please register back-up dogs so that they can be approved for show.
8. Exhibitors may exhibit a different dog in Obedience, Showmanship and Rally.
9. Exhibitors may exhibit only one dog in Showmanship.
10. If an exhibitor has two dogs in the same obedience class, they must choose one dog for the group exercises. The other dog must be handled by a currently enrolled 4-H exhibitor for the group sits and downs.
11. Exhibitors may enter in multiple Obedience or Rally classes with different dogs.
12. The dog must be trained and shown by the exhibitor.
13. "A" level classes are limited to exhibitors and/or dogs with no experience showing in that class. If a project member and/or dog has ever received a qualifying score in an A level class and decides to show a new dog, the members must enter the "B" level class.
14. Exhibitors entered in B classes are for experienced handlers with a new dog or who have never received a blue ribbon at a previous state Fair dog show in the class entered, the exception being Beginner novice B.
15. Youth who have been in 4-H Dog Trials for two years or more are not eligible to compete in Beginner-Novice A class or in Junior, Intermediate or Senior Novice Showmanship.
16. 4-H youth needing additional assistance during the live show or showmanship tests, an email must be sent to Shaylen at [sflorez@arapahoegov.com](mailto:sflorez@arapahoegov.com)

**DOG SHOW CONTEST RULES:**

1. Fair entry time for dogs is 8:00 - 8:30 a.m., Sunday, July 19. Late entries are subject to a \$25 late fee at the discretion of the Superintendent. Show begins at 9:00 a.m.
2. Exhibitors will pick up their armband numbers at registration. The armband numbers will be the same for all classes entered by exhibitor and dog. There will be a different number for each dog entered.
3. Bring your up to date State 4-H E-record book(s) to be checked by the Superintendent or the Companion Animal Committee.
4. Parents/Guardians and 4-H members are responsible for the safety, supervision, and behavior of their animals at all times.
5. Arapahoe County 4-H Dog Show officials and/or staff can and will dismiss any entrant or their families from the show for any mistreatment of dogs entered in this show. If a question should arise as to what constitutes "mistreatment", the County 4-H staff and/or officials will meet to decide appropriate action in each case.
6. Any negative behavior on the part of the exhibitor and/or families, or leaders directed toward any show official will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.
7. Entrants are encouraged to use the Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects.
8. Spectators/parents must stay at least ten feet from the ring.
9. Only the judge, superintendent(s), 4-H Staff, tabulators and appointed secretary are allowed behind in working area.
10. During the show, all spectators including parents will remain outside the judging arena and office and not question the placing or speak to the judge.
11. If there is a question as to the rules or the judging of a class, adult family members or leaders must approach the Superintendent of that division, not the judge. The Superintendent will then take the question to the judge if warranted.
12. If a dog has failed an exercise, it will not ordinarily be re-judged unless the judge feels the dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual conditions. In such a case, the judge may wish to re-judge the dog only on the portion of the exercise in which the unusual condition occurred.
13. No set-up will be allowed anywhere near the rings. Allowable set up areas will be designated and no one will be allowed to set-up in any other areas.
14. Dogs that are not entered in the county 4-H dog show are NOT permitted to be crated and kept on the fairgrounds.
15. All entrants will be responsible for cleanup after their dogs. Failure to do so can be a basis for dismissal from the County Fair 4-H Dog Show and/or forfeiture of any placing.
16. All dogs and exhibitors should arrive at 8:00 a.m. and shall remain until the completion of their last class.
17. All exhibitors are to remain on site while score sheets are tabulated, so that awards can be handed out at the end of the day. If you are unable to stay please make arrangements for other club members, family or leader to get your awards.
18. All dogs must be on leash at all times while at the Arapahoe County Fair except when judging requires off-lead work in the show ring.
19. Dogs which are deemed to be a danger to people or other dogs can and will be removed from the show grounds and all classes forfeited. This will be determined by the Superintendent.
20. A dog that bites, nips, or makes contact in an aggressive manner which results in abrasions or bodily injury to a person or other animal will be immediately removed from the show and the fairgrounds.
21. The Arapahoe County 4-H Dog Show is a 4-H show. As such, 4-H youth development principles are of primary importance. Show rules and guidelines are modeled after AKC rules whenever possible except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Differences between AKC and 4-H are noted by an asterisk on the score card printouts.
22. The Superintendents and 4-H team members have the authority to make final decisions.

**COLORADO STATE 4-H DRESS CODE:**

1. This dress code is to be followed by all Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H exhibitors, as well as adult leaders, advisors, and chaperones at all Colorado State 4-H sponsored events including but not limited to the Colorado State Fair 4-H Dog Trials. Deviations from the dress code will result in a request to change. This dress code is not subject to personal interpretation. A state officer, adult leader, advisor, or chaperone may deem clothing inappropriate. In addition, some activities or events will have specific dress requirements that will need to be followed. The Dog Trials recommend Business Casual. For guidelines see: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/4h-resource/colorado-4-h-dress-code/>
2. Appropriate dress consists of:
  - Clothing worn by participants should be neat, clean, and practical for the activity occurring.
  - Clothes are free of any reference to drugs, alcohol, sex, profanity, violence, political affiliation, or anything that alludes to violations of the 4-H Code of Conduct.
  - Pants, shorts, skirts should be long enough to ensure safety and comfort in the activity occurring.
  - All other clothing must cover undergarments.
  - Shoes must be worn always. Proper foot attire for dog showing are shoes which are closed-toed. No flip-flops, sandals, or other open-toed shoes will be allowed in the show ring for any class.
3. Appropriate clothing must be worn in all dog show classes, including Obedience and Rally. Not only in the rings but when you are out of the ring.
4. The exhibitor will be given 5 minutes to change into an appropriate outfit if the judge or Superintendent deems their clothing inappropriate.
5. If the clothing has been deemed inappropriate by a judge or Superintendent, the exhibitor can be denied the opportunity to show their dog until the clothing has been changed.

6. It is always a good idea to have another person observe you before you go into the ring making sure that the clothing you are wearing is appropriate when running, bending, stooping, or kneeling while showing your dog. If it is not, it is advisable to change clothes.
7. Exhibitors need to stay in their dress clothes for Showmanship until runoffs are announced.

**DONOR THANK YOU NOTES**

1. A thank you note must be written to each donor (i.e. CORE, etc.)
2. The name and address of the donors to be thanked will be placed in envelopes and distributed to exhibitors at the following Fair exhibit check-in events:
  - 4-H Cat Show
  - 4-H Dog Show
  - 4-H Family & Consumer Science & General Project Judging
  - 4-H Mandatory Livestock Meeting.
  - Horse Show
3. All thank you notes for Fair donations (i.e. CORE, etc.) must be presented at the Fair check-in events listed above in order to receive the donation the day of check-in.
4. The Donor(s) name and mailing address will be available at each event and in the 4-H Fair office.
5. Exhibitors who do not present a thank you note at the listed check-in events will have the opportunity to bring their thank you notes to the 4-H Fair office by noon on Sunday, July 26 in order to receive exhibitor donations.
6. If your thank you note is deemed unacceptable, you will be asked to re-write it.

**All Thank You Note Envelopes:**

1. Must be properly addressed (in ink) and stamped to be considered complete.
2. Must have the complete name and address of the buyer/donor.
3. Must have a complete return address with name and address of youth.



## DOG ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. Hybrid Dogs (wolf/coyote) will not be allowed to enter the Arapahoe County or Colorado State 4-H Dog show.
2. For the safety of all, a dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite will be excused from the ring.
3. A dog and handler team with any other rally or obedience title from any nationally recognized title-granting organization (A.K.C., U.K.C., A.S.C.A., etc.) is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded or any lower class; except if the title was won less than four months before the County Fair, then the dog and handler team is eligible for only the same class.
4. A dog and handler team with any other Obedience or Rally title from any national dog association (AKC, UKC, CKC, ASCA, etc.) is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the State 4-H Dog Trials.
5. If the dog and handler team received a title more than 4 months before the State 4-H Dog Trials, they must move up to the next class.
6. If the title was won less than four months before the 4-H State Dog Trials, the dog and handler team is eligible for entry in the same class.
7. The exceptions to this titling rule are Obedience – Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open, Utility; Excellent and Rally Masters. If you receive titles in these classes, you may still compete as a “B” level competitor in the same class at State Fair for as long as necessary to complete the training needed to move up to the next class.
8. A bitch in season may be shown at the Arapahoe County Fair only if the exhibitor communicates with the superintendent or Extension Office prior to the show and complies with established guidelines. A bitch in heat, obviously pregnant or lactating will not be allowed to compete in any classes at the State Fair to prevent biosecurity concerns.
9. Dogs in obvious pain from a previous illness or injury shall not be shown. If a dog is injured at a show, that dog will be excused from the ring. Consideration of a dog’s physical disability needs to be addressed between the handler and project leader before starting the project.
10. All dogs participating in the County and State Fairs must show proof of vaccine for canine distemper and parvovirus within 3 years or serum titers indicating proof of effective immunity (at the time of County Fair entry)
11. A current rabies vaccination certificate must also be provided. Titrers are not accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
12. Date of the vaccinations must be provided with the entry and in the project record in the place provided.
13. Proof of vaccinations must come from a licensed veterinarian, or the dog is not legally considered vaccinated.
14. If the exhibitor’s dog receives Rabies immunizations which are given by anyone who is not a Colorado Sate licensed veterinarian, these immunizations will not be recognized by law should the dog bite someone.
15. If an exhibitor’s dog does not receive Rabies immunizations as required by the state of Colorado for all 4-H dog project participants, a certificate from the exhibitor’s veterinarian stating the reason must accompany the Arapahoe County Entry.
16. It is strongly encouraged but not required that dogs eligible for State Fair be vaccinated for Bordetella (kennel cough).
17. Recommendations to minimize the change of infectious disease spread at the Dog Show:
  - Do not bring dogs who have shown signs of respiratory (sneeze nasal discharge, or cough), gastrointestinal (vomiting or diarrhea), or skin disease (open cores, crusty skin patches, or increased scratching) within 7 days prior to show.
  - While at the show keep your dog(s) to themselves, do not share equipment between dogs from different households or kennels.
  - Wash hands after handling other dogs and before handling your own dog.

**RECORD BOOKS:**

1. The Dog e-record is used for the Dog project.
2. Dog e-record books must be presented at registration prior to the show and be checked by the Superintendent or designee. They should be as complete as possible.
3. Proof of rabies, canine distemper and parvovirus vaccination must be recorded in the project record in the place provided. Vaccinations must be up to date.
4. Exhibitors who fail to bring dog e-records will be allowed to show for exhibition only but will not be awarded placement, premiums or State Fair eligibility.
5. If an exhibitor shows only one dog at the Fair, it must be the same dog for which a record book has been completed.
6. Record books may be done in pencil, pen, typed or by computer. Complete each page that applies to project.
7. Record books will be judged according to accuracy, thoroughness and completeness. Points won't be lost if the record book appears worn and well used.
8. Exhibitors must complete a record book for each animal project they are enrolled in and receive a score of 70% or above.
9. Record books will be collected and evaluated by club leaders.
10. Exhibitors with incomplete record books which score less than a 70% will be given one week to revise their record book to reach a score of 70% or higher prior to September 4.
11. If revisions are required, the exhibitor will not be eligible for year-end record book awards but will satisfy the completion requirement.
12. Exhibitors with records considered incomplete will not be allowed to participate in the incomplete project the following year.

**AWARDS:**

1. Premiums and ribbons for Obedience & Showmanship dog classes are:
 

• Obedience Score	Award	Showmanship Score
170 - 200	Blue \$5	170 - 200
140 - 169.5	Red \$4	140 - 169.5
139 or less	White \$3	139 or less
2. Placement ribbons in obedience and showmanship will be given to the top six scores in each class as follows:
  - Junior division exhibitors: (8-10 years old as of Dec. 31, 2025)
  - Intermediate division exhibitors: (11-13 years old as of Dec. 31, 2025)
  - Senior division exhibitors: (14-18 years old as of Dec. 31, 2025).
3. County Obedience & Showmanship Dog Grand Champions: In case of a tie for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Obedience and Showmanship in each age category there will be a run-off decided by the judge.
4. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions receive rosette ribbons.
5. Obedience: Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Obedience will be awarded to the two exhibitors in each age category with the highest and second highest scores from all obedience classes.
6. Showmanship: Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship will be awarded to the two exhibitors in each age category with the highest and second highest scores from all showmanship classes.
7. Overall: Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Overall Junior, Intermediate and Senior will be awarded to the two exhibitors in each age category with the highest combined qualifying scores from Obedience and Showmanship. To be eligible for this award, the exhibitors must receive qualifying scores in both Obedience and Showmanship.





8. In event of a tie for overall Grand Champion awards, the highest obedience score will determine the winner. If the obedience scores are the same, there will be a run-off decided by the judge.
9. Rally classes are not used in determining Overall Dog Championships.
10. Premiums and ribbons for Rally dog classes are:
 

Rally Score	Award	
• 100 – 70	Blue	\$5.00
• 69 – 40	Red	\$4.00
• 39 or less	White	\$3.00
11. Rally placement ribbons will be given to the top six scores in each class as follows: Rally awards are based on experience not age.
  - Novice A
  - Advanced A
  - Intermediate A
  - Novice B
  - Advanced B
  - Intermediate B
  - Excellent A
  - Excellent B
  - Advanced Excellent A
  - Advanced Excellent B
12. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rally will be awarded to the exhibitor/dog team with the highest and second highest scores. Any tie will be broken using the fastest time.
13. Premiums for Dog Fair placings will be paid by cash and distributed at exhibit release in the main hall, Sunday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m.
14. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards will be presented at the Arapahoe County 4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony, Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

**STANDARD OBEDIENCE JUMP HEIGHTS  
HIGH AND BAR JUMPS**

(See pages 83 - 84 of the Dog Resource Book)

HEIGHT AT WITHER (In Inches)	MINIMUM JUMP HEIGHT (In Inches)
Less than 7 ½"	4 inches
7 ½" - 9"	8 inches
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10 inches
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12 inches
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14 inches
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16 inches
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18 inches
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20 inches
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22 inches
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24 inches
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26 inches
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28 inches
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30 inches
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32 inches
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34 inches
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36 inches
Greater than 37"	36 inches



## DIVISION - OBEDIENCE CLASSES



### OBEDIENCE JUMP INFORMATION:

1. There are 3 types of jumps that may be used in Obedience classes: Bar Jump, High Jump and Broad Jump. The dog must jump their regulation height and width for their class. The Broad Jump will cover a distance equal to twice the standard height of the High or Bar Jump setting.
2. For the broad jump the correct number of boards must be used for the width being jumped. Refer to the chart for proper jump regulations.
3. Broad Jump Heights:
  - Four boards are used for 48 – 72 inches
  - Three boards are used for 28 – 44 inches
  - Two boards are used for 16 – 24 inches
4. When decreasing the number of boards in the broad jump, the highest hurdle is removed first.
5. Some breeds, because of their conformation, have exceptions granted for their jump heights. Check the AKC website under obedience rules for current chart of exceptions of breeds for these jumps. ([www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org))



### PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. All 4-H obedience classes will be patterned after the latest AKC obedience guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Some exercises and rules may have been adapted from AKC to better serve the 4-H youth of this program.
2. If an exhibitor has two dogs in the same obedience class, they must choose one dog for the group exercises. The other dog must be handled by a currently enrolled 4-H Dog exhibitor for the group sits and downs. Each dog, however, must be a part of the 4-H project with a separate E-record book for each dog.
3. Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.
4. In all obedience classes except puppy classes, fifteen points will be deducted for the following: strong correcting or disciplining, excessive barking, leaving the ring, rules violation or showing fear.

5. In all Obedience classes, fouling the ring will be a 15 point deduction. The member will be allowed to finish their run.
6. Only one command can be given in obedience classes, per exercise, unless additional commands are appropriate to that class. Use of the dog's name with a verbal command (Spot, sit!) can be used. If verbal commands are not used, one appropriate hand signal may be used.
7. Only the correct equipment for the appropriate class should be used.
8. Allowed collars in Obedience classes include: flat or rolled leather with buckle or snap closure; flat or rolled nylon collars with buckle or snap closure; metal choke chain.
9. Halties, gentle leaders, harnesses, or pinch collars will not be allowed in the show ring.
10. Collars and leads must be two separate pieces. Slip leads are not allowed.
11. The length of your Obedience leash should be six feet for all Beginner Novice & Novice classes but may be shorter for all other classes. (Preferably a leather lead).
12. Dog tags (name tags, rabies tags or anything else that hangs from a dog's collar) are not allowed in the ring.
13. Tags must be worn at all times except in the ring. See dog project manual "Dog Resource Handbook" from The Ohio State University. (Please note the difference between training equipment and show equipment.)
14. If an exhibitor qualifies in two classes with the same dog, they need to show at the highest level they qualified.
15. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the height of their dog at the withers and the associated Obedience jump heights as well as verifying jump height in the ring.



## DIVISION - OBEDIENCE CLASSES - (continued)



### VETERANS DIVISION

1. The Veteran Obedience Division is an option for any dog aged 7 years old or over who may no longer be able to jump the standard regulation height due to age, injury, joint issues, comfort, etc.
2. Veteran Division dogs will be required to jump  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their regulation jump height. They will be required to perform all exercises in their class; jump height will be the only difference from the regular class. Refer to the regulation jump height below.
3. Once a veteran dog can no longer jump at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  their regulation jump height they must be moved to a class that does not require jumping. Exhibitors, parents, trainers, and leaders cannot determine a jump height for a dog. They will be judged at  $\frac{1}{2}$  their required regulation jump height.
4. Dogs shown as a Veteran are not eligible for any other Obedience classes or Rally classes.
5. It is the choice of the exhibitor, the member's parent, and the member's trainer and veterinarian as to giving a dog Veteran's designation.
6. Veteran dogs will compete at the obedience level the member chooses, from Novice up through Utility.
7. A veteran dog may change obedience levels in either direction each year as their health determines.
8. Veterans Obedience Division Scores will be calculated as follows:
  - Novice: judge's score
  - Pre-Grad-Novice: judge's score plus 3 points
  - Grad Novice: judge's score plus 6 points
  - Open: judge's score plus 9 points
  - Grad Open: judge's score plus 12 points
  - Utility: judge's score plus 15 points
9. Veteran dogs will compete only against other veteran dogs for ribbons and awards. Their scores will not count toward awards in any other Obedience divisions.
10. If a dog is entered as a Veteran during a project year, they may go back to regular obedience the following year; however, they must go back to the level they would have been competing at before they moved to veterans

**BEGINNER-NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION:****PUPPY CLASSES:**

The purpose of this class is to introduce obedience commands to a puppy without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will introduce the puppy to dog shows in a positive manner, thus setting the puppy up for a lifetime of enjoyment in the show ring.

Class is open to puppies who are not ready for regular obedience classes. This class is available at the county level but not the State level 4-H Dog Trials.

CLASS 509 JUNIOR

CLASS 5090 INTERMEDIATE

CLASS 5091 SENIOR

**PUPPY HANDLERS:**

1. Handlers will be encouraged to use a reward system of food treats or toys in the ring to reward the puppy during and after each exercise. Double commands (or more) will be allowed. This class will be evaluated more on the handler's skill in training a young dog and dealing with the animal's mistakes than on the skill of the animal when performing the exercises. This will be a **NO SCORE CLASS**. The score sheet will consist of Excellent, Good or Needs Improvement in each of the following areas:

- Loose Lead Walking – This exercise is used to encourage the puppy to feel comfortable and happy on lead while maintaining a distance of no more than two feet from the handler's left side. This does not need to be heel position. Handlers may use bait and toys to keep the puppy in the correct position and may tell the puppy to sit after a "Halt." Things to be considered in judging include the enjoyment of the puppy, the bond between the puppy and the handler, and the handler's ability to get the puppy's attention back after a distraction.

- Sit for Exam – In this exercise the puppy is commanded to a sit position. The judge will approach the puppy and examine it. The judge is required to handle the puppy's ears, mouth, and one front foot during the exam, although petting and scratching are encouraged. The purpose of this exercise is to teach the puppy to accept handling from a friendly stranger.
  - Recall – The handler will command the puppy to stay in a sit position and will step just in front of the puppy with his or her toes no more than six inches from the puppies' front feet. When the judge says "Call your dog," the handler will proceed to walk backward no more than six feet while calling the puppy. The puppy should get up and follow the handler in a happy manner. After the six feet has been reached, the handler will command the puppy to sit.
  - Down Stay – The handler will put the puppy in a down. When the judge says "Leave your puppy," the handler will tell the puppy to stay. The handler will walk to the end of the lead, pause, and then immediately walk behind the puppy and back to heel position.
  - Serpentine Walking – The puppy and handler will walk on a loose lead through a serpentine of three people positioned in a straight line. The expectations are the same as for Loose Lead Walking, with the addition of the distraction of the three "posts."
2. After one year of showing in the Puppy Obedience Class: If the exhibitor was in their 1st year of obedience training, the team moves into Beginner Novice A Obedience, if the exhibitor was in their 2nd year or higher of obedience training, the team moves to Beginner Novice C 1st year.



### **PRE-BEGINNER NOVICE A:**

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Pre-Beginner Novice training with no prior experience in Pre-Beginner Novice training. All exercises will be performed on leash. (This is a first year class for the handlers and their dog.) Dogs receiving a qualifying score in Beginner Novice A are eligible to compete in Beginner Novice B the following year.

CLASS 510 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5100 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5101 SENIOR



### **PRE-BEGINNER NOVICE B:**

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Beginner Novice A. Handlers with prior Pre-Beginner Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Pre-Beginner Novice dog should also enter the B class.

CLASS 511 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5110 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5111 SENIOR



### **BEGINNER-NOVICE A - 1st Year:**

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Beginner Novice training with no prior experience in Beginner Novice training.

CLASS 512 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5120 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5121 SENIOR



### **BEGINNER-NOVICE B:**

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Beginner Novice A. Handlers with prior Beginner Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Beginner Novice dog should also enter the B class.

CLASS 513 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5130 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5131 SENIOR

### **NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION:**



### **NOVICE A:**

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Novice training with no prior experience in Novice training.

CLASS 514 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5140 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5141 SENIOR



### **NOVICE B:**

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Novice A. Handlers with prior Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Novice dog should also enter the B class.

CLASS 515 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5150 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5151 SENIOR



### **NOVICE VETERAN:**

CLASS 526 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5260 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5261 SENIOR



## GRADUATE NOVICE DIVISION:



### PRE-GRAD-NOVICE A:

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Pre-Graduate Novice training with no prior experience in Pre-Graduate Novice training.



Note: For Pre-Graduate novice, changes have been made to the stays. Refer to Obedience Class Exercise Descriptions for specifics.

CLASS 516 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5160 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5161 SENIOR



### PRE-GRAD-NOVICE B:

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Graduate Novice A. Handlers with prior Pre-Graduate Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Pre-Graduate Novice dog should also enter the B class.

CLASS 517 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5170 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5171 SENIOR



### PRE GRADUATE NOVICE VETERAN:

CLASS 527 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5270 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5271 SENIOR



### GRAD NOVICE A:

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Graduate Novice training with no prior experience in Graduate Novice training.

CLASS 518 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5180 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5181 SENIOR



### **GRAD NOVICE B:**

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A. Handlers with prior Graduate Novice A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Graduate Novice dog should also enter the B class.

CLASS 519 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5190 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5191 SENIOR



### **GRAD NOVICE VETERAN:**

CLASS 528 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5280 INTMEDIATE  
CLASS 5281 SENIOR

### **ADVANCED DIVISION:**



### **OPEN A:**

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Advanced Open training with no prior experience in Advanced Open training.

CLASS 520 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5200 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5201 SENIOR



### **OPEN B:**

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Advanced Open A. Handlers with prior Advanced Open A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Advanced Open dog should also enter the B class.

CLASS 521 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5210 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5211 SENIOR



### **OPEN VETERAN:**

CLASS 529 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5290 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5291 SENIOR



### **GRADUATE OPEN A:**

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Advanced Graduate training with no prior experience in Advanced Graduate training.

CLASS 522 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5220 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5221 SENIOR



### **GRADUATE OPEN B:**

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Advanced Graduate Open A. Handlers with prior Advanced Graduate Open A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Advanced Graduate Open dog should also enter the B.

CLASS 523 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5230 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5231 SENIOR



### **GRADUATE OPEN VETERAN:**

CLASS 530 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5300 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5301 SENIOR



### **UTILITY A:**

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Advanced Utility training with no prior experience in Advanced Utility training.

CLASS 524 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5240 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5241 SENIOR

**UTILITY B:**

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Advanced Utility A. Handlers with prior Advanced Utility A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Advanced Utility dog should also enter the B class.

CLASS 525 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5250 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5251 SENIOR

**UTILITY VETERAN:**

CLASS 531 JUNIOR  
CLASS 5310 INTERMEDIATE  
CLASS 5311 SENIOR

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**DIVISION - SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

1. Only one dog may be exhibited in showmanship. It may be a different dog than entered in obedience.
2. The experience level of the dog is not taken into consideration for Showmanship class placement.
3. Exhibitors should be prepared to answer questions about their dogs and AKC group the breed to and the purpose of the breed or what the breed is used for.
4. In the case of mixed breeds, the exhibitor must decide the breed the dog they are showing most resembles.
5. A first year dog project exhibitor may enter the Open Showmanship class but will not be eligible to compete at State Fair if they receive a qualifying score at County Fair. It is to the first year exhibitor's advantage to compete in the Novice Showmanship class at County Fair.
6. Unless it is a health or safety issue for the exhibitor or dog, all appropriate dogs will be tabled for showmanship. It is always left to the judge's discretion. See Tabled Breed List. For a complete list go to [www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org). Also refer to page 110 - 111 of the Dog Manual.
7. Depending on what you are wearing in the

showmanship ring, use proper kneeling etiquette. If you are in a skirt, it is best to kneel on both knees. If you are wearing pants, it would be appropriate to kneel on only one knee.

**General Tips for Showmanship:**

1. A brush, comb and a drool rag will be allowed in the ring. No other equipment is permitted.
2. Exhibitors with smaller breeds will be expected to show their dogs on a table. Judges will take into consideration the size and physical abilities of the handler. A list of most of the table breeds can be found in the project manual on page 110 - 111. A more complete list is available on the AKC website [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).
3. If an exhibitor is showing a mixed-breed dog, they should determine what breed their dog most resembles, and show in the manner of that breed. If you have a mixed breed dog, you can go to the AKC website and look at different pictures of the breeds of dog to decide which breed your dog looks most like.



### **NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP:**

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice classes are for those exhibitors who are in their first year in the 4-H dog project and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity. If exhibitor has prior experience, they must show in open class in the appropriate age group.

CLASS 500: Junior (8-10 as of Dec. 31, 2025)

CLASS 502: Intermediate (11-13 as of Dec. 31, 2025)

CLASS 505: Senior (14-18 as of Dec. 31, 2025)



### **OPEN SHOWMANSHIP:**

Competition is for those exhibitors in their second year or higher in the 4-H dog project with previous experience in showmanship.

CLASS 501: Junior (8-10 as of Dec. 31, 2025)

CLASS 503: Intermediate (11-13 as of Dec. 31, 2025)

CLASS 506: Senior (14-18 as of Dec. 31, 2025)



### **INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR ADVANCED CLASSES:**

CLASS 504: Intermediate (11-13 as of Dec. 31, 2025)

CLASS 507: Senior (14-18 as of Dec. 31, 2025)



### **MASTER SHOWMAN:**

Previous Intermediate and Senior Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Winners at the Colorado State Fair are required to enter the Master Showman class.

CLASS 508: MASTER SHOWMANSHIP



1. Any exhibitor who has placed in the top ten in the Intermediate or Senior Open Showmanship classes at any previous State Fair must show in Intermediate or Senior Advanced Classes for their remaining years in that age group.
2. If a member who has shown in the Intermediate or Senior Advanced classes gets a new dog, they must continue in the Master Showman class
  - A Senior exhibitor who has moved up by age from either the Intermediate Open or Advanced class may choose to show in Senior Advanced by advice of their leader and taking into consideration the caliber of the exhibitor. One reason for choosing this move is this exhibitor has received Best Junior Handler awards from any AKC or UKC event.



1. If the exhibitor is in the Intermediate age group, when they become a Senior (at age 14), they must remain in the Master Showman class.
2. If the exhibitor who has shown in Master Showman in past years should get a new dog, they must continue in the Master Showman class.



**CLOVERBUD SHOWMANSHIP:**

This specific class is for Cloverbuds, ages 5-7. Cloverbuds will use stuffed animal dogs to get the experience of showing dogs. Cloverbuds will bring their own stuffed dogs. The Companion Animal committee will provide showmanship leaders during the show. The class will take place after all other showmanship classes are finished.

CLASS 509: Cloverbuds



No additional obedience or showmanship classes will be added other than those established by the State Fair.

Please Note: During the Showmanship class each area of judging will be judged throughout the entire class. The score will reflect the exhibitor's ability to perform these items throughout the class and not just one time. For example: The dog should be stacked (either hand stacked or free stacked) upon entering the ring, during the exam, after the pattern, and any time they are in the line-up. The "set-up" score will reflect all of these times when the dog is stacked. A qualifying score will be 170 points out of the possible 200 points.

**DIVISION – RALLY CLASSES**



**PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:**

1. All 4-H Rally classes will be patterned after the latest AKC Obedience guidelines whenever possible except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Some exercises and rules may have been adapted from AKC to better serve the exhibitors of this program.
2. There are no classes for Veteran dogs in Rally. All dogs MUST be able to perform the required items.
3. Any 4-H member showing a dog which they did not title should start in the Novice Division. If a 4-H exhibitor did not title the dog, then he/she should compete in the Novice Division as it is important that they learn to give the proper commands and follow the patterns before moving to higher levels.
4. A dog with any other rally or obedience title is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the Fair. In that case, the dog is eligible for entry in the same class.
5. In all Rally classes a 15 point deduction will be administered for the following: strong correcting, disciplining, fouling the ring, excessive barking, consistently tight lead, knocking over a jump, or a sign not attempted by a handler.
6. Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.
7. Each exhibitor is allowed only one run in each class.



8. All jump heights will conform to current (as of January 2026) rules and regulations) AKC Rally height and broad jump recommendations. The standard Rally AKC jump requirements are as follows:
9. "A" level classes are limited to exhibitors with no prior experience showing a dog in that class. Exhibitors showing a new dog must enter the "B" level if they ever received a qualifying score in that class with any other dog.
10. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the height of their dog at the withers and the associated Rally jump heights as well as verifying jump height in the ring.

HEIGHT OF DOG AT WITHERS	HIGH OR BAR JUMP HEIGHT TO BE JUMPED	BOARD JUMP DISTANCE TO BE JUMPED
Less than 10 inches	4 inches	8 inches (1 board)
10 inches to less than 15 inches	8 inches	16 inches (2 boards)
15 inches to less than 20 inches	12 inches	24 inches (2 boards)
20 inches and over	16 inches	32 inches (3 boards)



## NOVICE RALLY DIVISION

### CLASS 532: Rally Novice A

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Rally Novice training with no prior experience in Rally Novice training.

### CLASS 533: Rally Novice B

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Novice A. Handlers with prior Rally Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Rally Novice dog should also enter the B class.



## INTERMEDIATE RALLY DIVISION

### CLASS 534: Rally Intermediate A

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Rally Intermediate training with no prior experience in Rally Intermediate training. Exhibitors and dogs may only compete in Rally Intermediate A for one year.

### CLASS 535: Rally Intermediate B

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Intermediate A. Handlers and dogs with previous Rally Intermediate experience and not eligible to enter Rally Intermediate A should also enter the B class.



## ADVANCED RALLY DIVISION

### CLASS 536: Rally Advanced A

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Rally Advanced training with no prior experience in Rally Advanced training. Exhibitors and dogs may only compete in Rally Advanced A for one year.

### CLASS 537: Rally Advanced B

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Advanced A. Handlers and dogs with previous Rally Advanced experience and not eligible to enter Rally Advanced should also enter the B class.



## EXCELLENT RALLY DIVISION

### CLASS 538: Rally Excellent A

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Rally Excellent training with no prior experience in Rally Excellent training. Exhibitors and dogs may only compete in Rally Excellent A for one year.

### CLASS 539: Rally Excellent B

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Excellent A. Handlers and dogs with previous Rally Excellent experience and not eligible to enter Rally Excellent A should also enter the B class.



## ADVANCED/EXCELLENT RALLY DIVISION

### CLASS 540: Rally Advanced/Excellent A

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Rally Advanced/Excellent training with no prior experience in Rally Advanced/Excellent training. Exhibitors and dogs may only compete in Rally Advanced/Excellent A for one year.

### CLASS 541: Rally Advanced/Excellent B

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Advanced/Excellent A. Handlers and dogs with previous Rally Advanced/Excellent experience and not eligible to enter Rally Advanced/Excellent A should also enter the B class.



## MASTERS RALLY DIVISION

### CLASS 542: Rally Masters A

This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Rally Masters training with no prior experience in Rally Masters training. Exhibitors and dogs may only compete in Rally Masters A for one year.

### CLASS 543: Rally Masters B

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Masters A, as well as handlers and dogs with prior Masters Rally experience. Exhibitor and dog teams may continue to compete in this class for their remaining years in the program.



### STATE FAIR DOG SHOW:

1. To be eligible for State Fair exhibitors in each class must have a qualifying score in that class of exhibition at the county Fair and an acceptable Companion Animal E-record book. Qualifying scores are: Showmanship and Obedience qualifying Scores of 170 and qualifying score of 70 and above in Rally.
2. Obedience: Each County may enter 4 exhibitors with a qualifying score of 170 and above in each obedience class unless noted otherwise.
  - Pre-Beginner Novice A: (4)
  - Pre-Beginner Novice B: (4)
  - Beginner Novice A: (4)
  - Beginner Novice B: (4)
  - Novice A: (4)
  - Novice B: (4)
  - Pre-Grad Novice A: (4)
  - Pre-Grad Novice B: (4)
  - Grad Novice A: Unlimited Number
  - Grad Novice B: Unlimited Number
  - Open A & B, Grad Open A & B and Utility A & B: Unlimited Number per class per county.
  - Veteran Novice & Pre-Grad Novice: (4 Each Class)
  - All other Veteran Classes: Unlimited Number
3. Showmanship: Each County may enter 4 exhibitors per class with a qualifying score of 170 and above or in each showmanship class for a total of 32 exhibitors. Master Showman is an unlimited number. Classes include:
  - Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice: (1st year exhibitors only)
  - Junior, Intermediate and Senior Open: (2nd year and above)
  - Intermediate and Senior Advanced:
  - Intermediate and Senior Master Showman:
4. Rally: Each County may enter 4 exhibitors per class with a qualifying score of 70 and above in each Rally class.
  - Rally Novice A: – (4)
  - Rally Novice B: – (4)
  - Rally Intermediate A: – (4)
  - Rally Intermediate B: – (4)
  - Rally Advanced A: – (4)
  - Rally Advanced B: – (4)
  - Rally Excellent A: – (4)
  - Rally Excellent B: – (4)
  - Rally Advanced/Excellent A: – (4)
  - Rally Advanced/Excellent B: – (4)
  - Rally Masters A: - (Unlimited)
  - Rally Masters B: - (Unlimited)



## DIVISION - DOG COSTUME CONTEST

Class 9801 Dog Costume Contest



1. Contest is open to all dog project exhibitors.
2. Exhibitors are encouraged to enter and dress up along with their dog.
3. There is no set theme.
4. Entries may compete as a single animal/exhibitor or as a double entry (two animals/two exhibitors).
5. Exhibitors must provide a short, one paragraph description of their entry to the show superintendent a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the class.
6. The announcer will read the exhibitors' descriptions as the entries are coming into the arena at the start of the class.
7. Safety is a priority and exhibitors are encouraged to have conditioned their dogs to the costume prior to the day of the contest.
8. Animals must remain in control at all times.
9. If at any time, the show superintendent feels the entry is unsafe or a danger to other exhibitors, they will reserve the right to excuse the exhibitor from the competition.
10. Awards may be given for:
  - Most Creative
  - Funniest
  - Scariest
  - Prettiest
  - Most Authentic Costume
11. Scoring is based on:
  - 65% Performance and Manners
  - 35% Costume