

4-H DOGS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sunday, August 17

10:00 AM	Dogs must be in place, Check in Showplex
11:30 AM	Dog Show and Demonstrations – Showplex (Exhibitors can leave when show is complete, no vehicles can enter the fairgrounds)
6:00 PM	4-H Dogs Released from Showplex (vehicles can enter the fairgrounds at this time)

EXHIBITOR PASSES will be available at the 4-H Youth Development Building – Saturday, August 2, 2025 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM (YDB is closed from 12-12:30 pm). After August 2nd tickets will be available at the 4-H Livestock Office in the Showplex. Exhibitor and parking passes will not be mailed.

Open to all enrolled 4-H members. Our show will consist of some traditional classes along with demonstrations that will showcase our members and their dog projects knowledge in the categories below.

4-Hers can sign up for any of the following activities to earn a participation ribbon and premium. You do not need to be in the dog program specifically to participate, but do need to be a current Erie County 4-H member.

All dogs participating must have a 4-H dog registration, with a current copy of rabies and dog license on file in the 4-H office by May 1, 2025. Dog registration paperwork can be found on our 4-H website under the 4-H dog section. All puppies must be at least 6 months of age to participate.

Cloverbuds: Youth between the ages of 5-7 years of age as of 01/01/2025 may exhibit a dog in the following classes:

Class #1: Cloverbud – Obedience

Class #2: Cloverbud – Grooming and Handling

Class #3: Cloverbud – Rally

Cloverbuds will have their own classes and will not be placed. The cloverbud program is designed to assist youth with building skills in an uncompetitive setting, allowing them to build confidence and to have the experience of demonstrating their knowledge.

Obedience

Class #5: Beginner – A For 4H'ers who have not previously trained a dog. The dogs in this class must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. All exercises (Heel on Leash, Figure 8; Sit for Exam; Sit Stay (30 sec. – 1 min.), Recall) will be performed with the dog on lead. The maximum possible score is 200 points. Dogs receiving a blue in this class **MUST** move up to Beginner C or higher. Dogs entered in this class can't participate in Agility, Brace or 4-Person Team.

Class #6: Beginner – B For 4H'ers who have previously trained a dog. The dogs in this class must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. All exercises (Heel on Leash, Figure 8; Sit for Exam; Sit Stay (30 sec. – 1 min.), Recall) will be performed with the dog on lead. The maximum possible score is 200 points. Dogs receiving a blue in this class **MUST** move to Beginner C or higher. Dogs entered in this class cannot also participate in Agility, Brace or 4-Person Team.

Class #7: **Beginner – C** For 4H'ers who have previously trained a dog in Beginner or more advanced levels of obedience. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in Beginner A, except for recall off leash and sit is dropped leash. Dogs receiving a blue in this class **MUST** move to Graduate Beginner. Dogs entered in this class cannot also participate in Brace or 4-Person Team.

Class #8: **Graduate Beginner** – Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in the Beginner A and B classes **EXCEPT** that the Stand for Examination, Recall, Sit Stay Get Your Leash are performed off leash & Long Sit (1 minute) exercises are done receiving a blue ribbon in this class **MUST** move to Novice.

Grooming and Handling

Class #23: **Grooming & Handling Junior – A:** For 4-H'ers who are ages 8-13 years of age who are competing for the first time in Grooming and Handling at the Erie County Fair not as a cloverbud, unless the Handler has qualified for the Open Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC show. Handlers who receive a red or white ribbon rating at Erie County 4-H show may compete at this level the second year.

Class #24: **Grooming & Handling Senior – A:** For 4-H'ers who are ages 14-18 years of age as of January 1, who are competing for the first time in Grooming and Handling at the Erie County Fair 4-H show, unless the Handler has qualified for the Open Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC show. Handlers who receive a red or white ribbon rating at Erie County Fair 4-H Show may compete at this level the second year.

Class #25: **Grooming and Handling Junior – B** – For 4-H'ers 9 to 13 years of age as of January 1 and have previously competed in Grooming and Handling at the Erie County Fair.

Class #26: **Grooming and Handling Senior – B** – For 4-H'ers 14 to 18 years of age as of January 1 and have previously competed in Grooming and Handling at the Erie County Fair.

4-H'ers in Grooming and Handling divisions B and C will additionally be expected to be able to gait their dogs in an L pattern and also in a straight line paired with another 4-H'er and his/her dog.

Class #27: **Grooming and Handling Senior – C** – For 4-H'ers who have previously been a Grooming and Handling B Champion and/pr have qualified for the Open Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC Show (or the equivalent), even if it is their first year.

Rally Novice A, Rally Novice B and Rally Intermediate: Course shall consist of 10-15 stations plus a start & finish sign. This course is open to dogs at all levels of obedience. Rally novice will be performed on a leash. Dogs receiving blue ribbons must move up to the next level or to rally b. Dogs who have received a rally novice (RN) title (or the equivalent r1, etc.) Unless earned within 60 days of the show must move to Rally Intermediate.

Class #29: Rally Novice A

Class #30: Rally Novice B

Class #31: Rally Intermediate

Class 44: Knowledge Demonstration

Are you really proficient in a specific dog sport? Participate in this activity to demonstrate your skills in areas others may know little or nothing about.

Class 45: Poster Presentations

Create a poster to bring to the fair describing a subject relating to dogs or pet ownership. During this activity you will talk about your poster to onlookers.

Class 46: Fun Obedience

Participate in this fun obstacle course with your dog! Try to get the fastest time while just having fun with your dog.

Class 47: Dog Dressing Contest

Create a costume for you and your dog to wear that relates to the theme of the fair to show off. This year, the theme is "Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair".

Class 48: Skill a thon

Learn something new about dogs! During this activity, you will go to different stations where you will learn information about dogs in all different ways. This can include important information such as dog parts, vaccines, and parasites, but also some fun information such as who classic cartoon dogs are and information on dog sports.