

DOGS

Department 9

Agility Check-In

Sunday, July 20, 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Exhibition Hall D - Enter through loading dock D - Dog exercise area will be south of the Exhibition Hall

Agility Judging

Sunday, July 20, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m., Exhibition Hall D

Any intact females in season will have to be shown in panties

Obedience & Showmanship Check-In

Sunday, July 20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Exhibition Hall, Hall D (Enter through the loading dock - Dog exercise area will be south of the Exhibition Hall)

Obedience & Showmanship Judging

Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Exhibition Hall, Hall D

Class A: Showmanship judging starts at 10 a.m.

Class F, G and H: Brace, Veteran Dog, Rally and Tunnelers start at 10 a.m.

Class B - D and I: Obedience to start 30 min after completion of Showmanship

Class E: Team Obedience will follow Classes B, C, and D as show rings become available

Any intact female dogs in season will be judged at 12 p.m. in a separate ring.

Department Chairpersons

Annie Englehardt and Julie Wegter

Dog Dept email: danecounty4hdog@gmail.com

Superintendents

Leann Boucha, Jessie Gurd, Lee Kesting, Maddie Lawson, Abbe Menendez and Tiara Soderstrom

Junior Superintendents

Gwen Flowers, Miranda Mortensen and Kandee Whaley

Eligible 4-H Project Areas

Animal Science - Dogs, Dog Obedience Training

*All exhibitors **MUST** enter Showmanship in the species they exhibit at the DCF. Exhibitors who are not entered in showmanship will automatically be entered prior to the Fair. If an exhibitor does not wish to participate in showmanship, they can scratch on-site at the Fair.*

Regulations

1. All exhibitors must read and adhere to the Youth Exhibitor Code of Practice as stated on page 13.
2. ****2025 UPDATE**** All dogs showing in Department 9 must be trained by the exhibitor. 4-H dogs may only be shown at Dane County Fair upon completion of courses outlined in the 4H Dog Project Guidelines.
3. All exhibitors must meet their educational requirements through the Dane County 4-H Dog Education Committee and abide by their rules for showing.
4. **No dogs** may be left unattended
5. All dogs must be leashed at all times unless actively competing in an off leash class.
6. Crating spaces will be available ringside; crates are to be supplied by the exhibitor.
7. Dogs are only allowed in the show area.
8. Exhibitors are required to clean up after their dog(s). **Failure to do this will result in forfeit of the exhibitor's premiums.**
9. All project animals must be under the supervision of the exhibitor by February 1 of the current year.

10. All exhibitors and dogs must enter through back loading dock through the exhibitor entry point (loading dock behind the Exhibition Hall and proceed to Dock door D).
11. Department Superintendents have the right to dismiss any dog that inhibits safety of the show.
12. Once a dog/exhibitor combination has moved up a class level, they can not move down.
13. **Obedience:** After the first qualifying score of 170 or above at the Dane County Fair or State 4-H Dog Show, you will be encouraged to move up a class level. After the second qualifying score of 170 or above, the dog/exhibitor will be required to move up a class level.
14. **Agility:** After the first qualifying score of 70 or above at the Dane County Fair or State 4-H Dog Show, you will be required to move to Division B.
15. **Showmanship:** If you receive a blue ribbon in a Novice class, you will be required to move to Open Showmanship.

Exhibitors

1. Each family, with one or more dog exhibitors, must complete an online Volunteer Registration committing to at least two (2) hours of volunteer time to support the Dog Show at the Dane County Fair.
2. Exhibitors should be clean and well groomed. Closed toed footwear (no heels) should be worn. Showmanship attire should be business casual.
3. Athletic wear is encouraged for the agility show.
4. ****2025 UPDATE**** Exhibitors may exhibit up to three (3) animals. The third dog may only be entered in Showmanship, Brace, Veteran Dog, Rally, or Team. When entering in FairEntry, be sure to enter all Classes and Lots. The small animal fee is \$0.50 per dog, not per Class/Lot.
5. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to check-in at the ring they will be showing in before their class begins. Please let the ring stewards know if you have a conflict.
6. Exhibitor and dog combinations may only enter in one obedience lot.
7. Exhibitor may only enter in one showmanship lot.
8. In the case of tied scores, the exhibitor must be present for a run off, or the award will go to the other exhibitor.
9. **Any exhibitor showing in Team Obedience must have those lots listed on their Fair entries.**

Animal

1. ****REMINDER**** All dogs must bring a copy of their Rabies Vaccination (good through July 20, 2025) to check in at the Dog Show.
2. ****2025 UPDATE**** 4-H dogs may only be shown at the Dane County Fair upon completion of courses outlined in the 4-H Dog Project Guidelines.
3. All dogs must be taken home after the show.
4. General condition of the dog, excluding shedding or being out of coat, will be considered in judging.

Class Description & Class Exercises

Showmanship Lots

Novice Showmanship Lots: Exhibitor has never received a blue ribbon in any previous years in showmanship.

Open Showmanship Lots: Any exhibitor that has received a blue ribbon in Novice showmanship.

Best in Show: Top blue ribbon exhibitors of each age group will compete against each other for Best in Show.

PeeWee Showmanship: Cloverbud exhibitors will present a stuffed dog for judging. Questions may include: What color is your dog? Do you have a dog at home? What is your favorite breed of dog? What's your dog's name?

Obedience Lots & Exercises

Pre-Novice Trial A: Handler and dog combination that has never previously trained. All exercises on lead: Heel, figure 8, stand for inspection, long sit (1 minute) and long down (1 minutes).

Pre-Novice Trial B: Handler and/or dog that has previously trained in a Pre-Novice class. All exercises on lead: Heel, figure 8, stand for inspection, long sit (1 minute) and long down (1 minutes).

Novice: Handler and dog combination that have trained in Pre-Novice and have not trained in Novice.

On lead: Heel, figure 8, long sit (1 minute), long down (1 minute).

Off lead: Heel, stand for inspection, heeling, recall with finish.

Graduate Novice: Handler and dog combination that have not previously trained in Graduate Novice.

On lead: Heel.

Off lead: Stand for inspection, figure 8, heel, recall with drop and finish, long sit (2 minutes), long down (3 minutes).

Pre-Open: Handler or dog that is not ready to move to Open. **All exercises off lead.** Heel, figure 8, drop on recall, retrieve dumbbell on flat, retrieve dumbbell over broad jump, long sit (3 minutes), long down (5 minutes).

Open: Handler or dog that is not ready to move to Pre-Utility. **All exercises off lead.** Heel, figure 8, drop on recall, retrieve dumbbell on flat, retrieve dumbbell over broad jump, retrieve dumbbell over high jump, long sit (3 minutes), long down (5 minutes).

Pre-Utility: Handler or dog that is not ready to move to Utility. Retrieve dumbbell over high jump, retrieve glove, signal exercise, direct jumping and moving stand.

Utility: Handler or dog that is ready to show at highest level. Scent discrimination, direct retrieve, signal exercise, directed jumping and moving stand.

Veteran Dog: Dog must be at least seven years old. Novice exercise will be judged.

Brace: Two dogs shown in tandem, trained by the same exhibitor or family members. There are two levels in **Brace competition:** Pre-Novice and Novice. If exhibitor has one or both dogs that is Novice or above, they must enter in Novice Brace.

Team Dog: There will be two levels of team: Pre-Novice and Novice. Only one dog and handler combination can sign up for Team Dog. All dogs in the team must be showing at that level of exercises.

Rally Lots & Exercises

Novice: Member and dog teams competing on leash. **All exercises are performed with the dog on leash.** There is a requirement of 10-15 stations to complete with no more than five stationary exercises. The exercises performed vary from turning 360 degrees to changing paces during the course. Exhibitors at this level may clap their hands and pat their legs through the course.

Advanced: Member and dog teams ready to compete off leash with a jump included. **All exercises are performed off-leash.** There is a requirement of 12-17 stations with no more than seven stationary exercises. Exercises include a jump as well as calling your dog to the front of you instead of to a heel position.

Excellent: Member and dog teams that are ready to show at the highest rally level. **All exercises are performed off-leash,** except for the Honor exercise. There is a requirement of 15-20 stations with a maximum of 7 stationary exercises. Handlers are only allowed to encourage their dogs verbally. Physical encouragement is not allowed at this level. The Excellent level exercises include backing up three steps, while the dog stays in the heel position and a moving stand, while the handler walks around the dog.

Pet Class Lots & Exercises

Pet Class 1: Handler and dog combination that has never previously trained. **All exercises on lead.** Wait at the door, sit to greet, loose leash walking, focus skills and tricks.

Pet Class 2: **2025 UPDATE** Handler and dog teams that have trained in Pet Class 1. **On lead:** heeling, stays, recalls, handling, and distance cues. **On or off lead:** tricks.

Advanced Tricks: **2025 UPDATE** Handler and dog team that have trained in Pet Class 1 & 2 and are ready to create a performance of 10 tricks. **All exercises may be on or off lead.** Performance that consists of at least 10 tricks.

Agility Lots & Exercises

JTT-A: For new members and members that have not received a qualifying score.

JTT-B: For members that have received a qualifying score.

****NEW THIS YEAR** Standard Agility A:** For members who have not competed in Agility with this specific dog before.

****NEW THIS YEAR** Standard Agility B:** For members who have competed in Agility with this specific dog before.

****NEW THIS YEAR** Tunnelers A:** For members who have not competed in Tunnelers with this specific dog before

****NEW THIS YEAR** Tunnelers B:** For members who have competed in Tunnelers with this specific dog before.

Exercises: All agility classes are off leash. Depending on their demonstrated abilities, handler/dog teams may enter JTT and Standard. All dogs will jump at their designated heights, which will be determined by the agility leader using measuring wickets. JTT (Jumps, Tunnels, Table) Class will consist of 7-10 obstacles with a course time of 75 seconds.

- Jumps, Tunnels, and Table Division A - off leash: for new members and members that have not received a qualifying score.
- Jumps, Tunnels and Table Division B - off leash.
- Standard Agility Class will have 10 - 15 obstacles and will include A-Frame (maximum height of 4' 6"), dog walk and teeter, 12 weave poles along with jumps, table, and have a course time of 120 seconds.

Premiums	Blue	Red	White	Pink
Class A (lot 1-7)	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50
Class A (lot 8)	\$1 for Cloverbud			
Class B - I	\$4.50	\$3.50	\$2.50	\$1.50

CLASS A. Showmanship

- 1) Open Senior Grades 10-13
- 2) Open Intermediate Grades 6-9
- 3) Open Junior Grades 3-5
- 4) Novice Senior Grades 9-13
- 5) Novice Intermediate Grades 7-8
- 6) Novice Junior Grades 5-6
- 7) Novice Junior Grades 3-4
- 8) PeeWee Showmanship - Cloverbud

CLASS B. Pre-Novice Obedience

- 1) Pre-Novice Trial A Grades 3-6
- 2) Pre-Novice Trial A Grades 7-13
- 3) Pre-Novice Trial B Grades 3-6
- 4) Pre-Novice Trial B Grades 7-13

CLASS C. Novice Obedience

- 1) Novice

CLASS D. Graduate-Novice, Pre-Open, Open, Pre-Utility, Utility Trials

- 1) Graduate Novice
- 2) Pre-Open Trial
- 3) Open Trial
- 4) Pre-Utility Trial
- 5) Utility Trial

CLASS E. Team Obedience

- 1) Pre-Novice Team: Four dogs and four handlers. All Pre-Novice exercise will be judged.
- 2) Novice Team: Four dogs and four handlers. All Novice exercise will be judged.

CLASS F. Brace & Veteran Dog

- 1) Veteran Dog - All grades
- 2) Brace Pre-Novice - All grades
- 3) Brace Novice - All grades

CLASS G. Rally

- 1) Novice - Grades 3 - 5
- 2) Novice - Grades 6 - 8
- 3) Novice - Grades 9 - 13
- 4) Advanced - Grades 3 - 8
- 5) Advanced - Grades 9 - 13
- 6) Excellent - Grades 3 - 13

CLASS H. Agility

- 1) JTT Division A 4 inches - off leash
 - 2) JTT Division B 4 inches - off leash
 - 3) JTT Division A 8 inches - off leash
 - 4) JTT Division B 8 inches - off leash
 - 5) JTT Division A 12 inches - off leash
 - 6) JTT Division B 12 inches - off leash
 - 7) JTT Division A 16 inches - off leash
 - 8) JTT Division B 16 inches - off leash
 - 9) Standard Agility A 4 inches - off leash
 - 10) Standard Agility B 4 inches - off leash
 - 11) Standard Agility A 8 inches - off leash
 - 12) Standard Agility B 8 inches - off leash
 - 13) Standard Agility A 12 inches - off leash
 - 14) Standard Agility B 12 inches - off leash
 - 15) Standard Agility A 16 inches - off leash
 - 16) Standard Agility B 16 inches - off leash
- **NEW THIS YEAR****
- 17) Tunnelers Division A 4 inches - off leash
 - 18) Tunnelers Division B 4 inches - off leash
 - 19) Tunnelers Division A 8 inches - off leash
 - 20) Tunnelers Division B 8 inches - off leash
 - 21) Tunnelers Division A 12 inches - off leash
 - 22) Tunnelers Division B 12 inches - off leash
 - 23) Tunnelers Division A 16 inches - off leash
 - 24) Tunnelers Division B 16 inches - off leash

CLASS I. Pet Class

- 1) Pet Class 1 - Grades 3 - 6
- 2) Pet Class 1 - Grades 7-13
- 3) ****2025 UPDATE**** Pet Class 2 - Grades 3-6
- 4) ****NEW THIS YEAR**** Pet Class 2 - Grades 7-13
- 5) Pet Class - Advanced Tricks - Grades 3-13

Special Awards and Sponsorships

Miller & Sons Supermarket - All ribbons. Award and rosette for Highest Scoring Dog in Show, Award and rosette for Highest Scoring Dog or Best Showman in each lot and rosette for Reserve Champion in each lot.

Dane County 4-H Dog Training Project Awards - Award for Best in each Exhibition lot.