

2023 Clay County Agricultural Fair OPEN YOUTH DOG SHOW

SUPERINTENDENT: Tasley Wheeler

Entries will be on-line only and can be found at www.claycountyfair.org

Cutoff for entries is March 17, 2023

Fair Office Phone: 904-284-1615

Dogs must stay in show area. Cannot enter the fairgrounds. Must enter and exit at the livestock gate.

SHOW DATE: Sunday, April 9, 2022 @ 12:00 PM.

LOCATION: Livestock Pavilion

CHECK-IN:

Description:

The goal of this show is to get the general public excited about proper dog handling, encourage families and kids to get into working with their dogs as soon as possible as this promotes education and safety regarding dogs and kids. It is meant to be all inclusive for mutts and purebred dogs alike!

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to any youth. You do not have to be a resident of Clay County to enter

Age Divisions:

5-8 9-12 13-16 17-18

Skill Levels:

There will be three (3) Levels:

1. Novice (beginner)
2. Intermediate
3. Advanced

Handlers will register as one of each requirement. (Ie. Sally is a 6 year old who wants to register her yorkie in the beginner category. She would be ages 5-8,

There are two paths to compete in:

1. AKC Trick Dog or Open Class/Freestyle Trick Dog.
2. AKC Trick Dog will follow all guidelines for AKC Canine Good Citizen (if they so choose) and Trick Dog Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Performer.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Safety is TOP PRIORITY with children. We will provide trained volunteers to help guide handlers into the directed areas safely. All participants must sign up online and provide proof of vaccines to be admitted at time of show. Any “behavioral issues” that cannot safely be managed within the show environment will be asked to leave and registration forfeited.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. All dogs must be current on vaccinations (or current titers) of Rabies, Distemper and Bordetella (given at a verifiable veterinarian) at the time of the show. Proof of vaccinations may be uploaded into the system at the time of registration or may be brought same day. Show staff CANNOT call the vets office to confirm, and do not accept “feed store” or “home given” vaccines as proof of vaccination.
2. Dogs may not have a history of dog/human reactivity or aggression to participate in the show.
3. Any dogs that arrive onsite with any medical or behavioral issues will not be allowed to participate at the discretion of the show staff.
4. Veterinary Technicians will be on site to help triage and injury occurring during the show or address basic medical concerns as they arise. Should injury happen to your dog during the show, the dog will not be allowed to continue and will need to be seen by your vet at the earliest convenience.
5. All dogs must be on leash at all times. All dogs must be on leash and proper fitting control device at all times (*Please see acceptable collars and leashes below) and attached to the handler or in a fully closed containment (ie a crate). Electronic collars or leash less collars may not be used.
6. Participants will be allowed to participate in both AKC and freestyle Trick dog competitions. Failure to meet requirements for AKC DOES NOT exclude entry into the Freestyle category.
7. Acceptable collars-All dogs must be on a flat collar, martingale or a slip. Training collars such as prongs, stims (electronic or “shock”) collars or head collars are not permitted. All collars MUST have identifying tag with name and phone number of owner.
8. Acceptable leashes- all dogs MUST be on a 4ft or 6ft standard FIXED LENGTH leash at all times during walk up and staging. RETRACTABLE LEASHES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. During Trick Performance, dogs may do long range behaviors while on a long lead only. NO DOG IS ALLOWED OFF LEASH AT ANY TIME. The walls of the show area will be 4 ft panels which do not allow for dogs to be safely off leash. No long leads will be allowed to be used in the registration and staging area.
9. Handlers under 8 must have their parents with them at all times (including in the ring during the performance), 9 to 12 year olds do not require parents present during presentation, but do require them ringside to walk dogs in and out safely. 13-18 year olds may handle their own dogs but require a parent to be onsite and available during the show.
10. All participants MUST FOLLOW OUR SAFETY & ETHICS code and anyone who is does not will be removed from the show immediately. [Safety & Ethics Policy Dog Show.pdf](#)
11. All participants MUST submit a list and brief description of the 10 tricks that they will be performing at time of registration. If a change is made to the tricks at time

- of check in, resubmission of the tricks will be needed at that time and will need to be approved by show staff.
12. Tricks that are submitted will help to determine the skill class.
 13. Changes will be made by show staff as needed to keep everything fair for all. If a participant is determined to be in the wrong category based off of the complexity of tricks submitted, they will be notified by email of the class change.
 14. All participants in the age category of 5yrs to 8yrs old that participate will receive a ribbon for participation. Age groups 8+ will be awarded prizes based on the average adjudicated scores of their tricks.

JUDGING AND CONTEST CURRICULUM:

- **Complexity-** The trick must be appropriately complex for the skill class, age category and height. (Asking a dog at a 12” height to jump over a 4’ obstacle is complex, but not appropriate for it’s size. Likewise, asking the dog to sit only while being classified in the “Advanced” Skill class is not complex enough for the category). Please refer to the list of Skill classes and their descriptions to best understand which class is appropriate for you.
- **Attitude-** Both the handler and the dog will be evaluated on their attitude during the performance. Attitude is judged from the moment the pair step on property. Things that contribute to the attitude scoring are enjoyment of the work to be performed, visible bond between handler and dog, willingness to perform tasks and others.
- **Accuracy-** Judging the accuracy of the performed trick in comparison to what was described.
- **Duration-** judging the duration the dog holds the trick in accordance with the intention. For the highest scores, dogs should hold the trick until released.

All open class participants will be rated by the judges on an average score. Top Score for each category will ribbon.

AWARDS: Placing for each age level

Placing

1st Place	Trophy & Banner
2nd Place	Banner
3rd Place	Banner

All premium award money will be forfeited if not collected by the end of the Fair.