

# YOUTH DOG SHOW



**Superintendent:** Kelsey Haupt, Duval County Extension

**Show Date:** Saturday, November 11th, 2023

**Location -** Arena

**Registration Check In:** 9:30 a.m.

**Show:** 10:00 a.m.

Phone - 904-255-7450 or e-mail: [khaupt@ufl.edu](mailto:khaupt@ufl.edu)

DOG SHOW APPLICATION FEE: \$5.00 per Dog

**OCTOBER 1ST IS THE DEADLINE FOR ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES**

**MUST HAVE AT LEAST 5 ENTRANTS TO HOLD THE SHOW**

**ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:** You may now complete your entry form online and pay online. Bring a copy of your dog's Vaccination Certificate that includes all required vaccinations to the show. Certificate will be verified at registration.

[Click Here To Register Online](#)

## ENTRIES

**IMPORTANT:** Please be sure you have completed all parts of the application form including your name, address, and the name of your parent, (adviser or leader, if applicable).

**CHECK IN ON SHOW DAY:** The registration desk in the Arena will open at 9:30 a.m. for check-in. **Bring a copy of your dog's Vaccination Certificate that includes all required vaccinations.** Check-In should be completed at least fifteen minutes prior to the Show.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Scored entries shall be restricted to youths ages 8-18 as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. (Clover Buds ages 5-7 may enter for a participation ribbon only.)
  - Proof of current vaccinations: Rabies, DHPP or DHLPP (distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, parainfluenza, leptospirosis), and Bordetella.
  - Dogs: Purebred or mixed breeds at least 6 months of age as of the show date.
  - Females must NOT be in season.
  - Dogs must be trained, uninjured, clean, groomed, and free of communicable illness.
- **Completion of the Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care workshop is required (except Cloverbuds)**
  - **Ethics courses can be found here:**

[https://floridastatefair.formstack.com/forms/2023\\_2024\\_youth\\_livestock\\_show\\_ethics\\_and\\_animal\\_care\\_workshop](https://floridastatefair.formstack.com/forms/2023_2024_youth_livestock_show_ethics_and_animal_care_workshop)

### GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Dogs must have been trained by their handler.
2. Dogs must be entered in a class comparable to their level of training.
3. Each dog may be shown in one Showmanship, one Obedience, and one Rally Obedience Class. Handlers in the same family may share a dog, but not compete in the same class, i.e., one handler shows in Showmanship, the other in Obedience; both handlers cannot show in different levels of Showmanship.
4. Because Showmanship is judged primarily on the exhibitor, exhibitors in Showmanship should enter ONLY ONE Showmanship Class (regardless of the number of dogs they are showing).
5. While on the Fairgrounds, only the exhibitor may handle, train, work, or groom his/her dog. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.
6. Each owner/handler is responsible for his/her dog's behavior. Any dog exhibiting acts of aggression will be excluded from participation.

**7. Handler attire:**

For all classes: Clean and neat, shoes must have closed toes & heels, no caps or hats, preferably with 4-H clover emblem shown.

Showmanship: Dressy clothing, skirts/dresses for girls and button up, collared shirts for boys.

Obedience and Rally Obedience: Casual polo and pants.

**8.** Dogs are not permitted anywhere on the Fairgrounds except with their handler in the Arena and grooming areas.

**9.** Dogs must be leashed at all times, except during advanced, off-leash exercises.

**10.** Leashed dogs may sit with handlers in the observation area.

**11.** Each owner/handler is responsible for cleaning up after his/her dog. There will be designated exercise areas available for your dog's use.

**12.** No dogs are to be left unattended in cars or in the Show Arena. Crated dogs must be under supervision. Any dog found unattended will be removed at its owner's expense.

**13.** Classes may be split into Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions, if entries warrant.

**14.** Classes may be combined with small numbers of entrants.

**15.** The decision of the Judge is final. Any protest must be made in writing to the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair office and accompanied by a deposit of \$25, which will be refunded only if the protest is sustained.

**16.** Approval for the use of a substitute dog, due to extenuating circumstances, may be granted by the Show Chairperson. Exhibitors must notify the Chairperson as soon as possible after determination that a substitute dog is necessary and at least by 5:00 p.m. the night before the show.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Proper leash and collar for class entered, treats and water, crate, chairs, costumes, trick props, a sense of humor, and lots of patience!

**CLASS TIMES:** Judging begins at 10:00 a.m. Showmanship Class will be first. Exact class times to be announced at the Show.

**CLASSES:**

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| 1. Showmanship     | 5. Trick          |
| 2. Costume         | 6. Poster Contest |
| 3. Obedience       |                   |
| 4. Rally Obedience |                   |

**1. SHOWMANSHIP:** Handlers will be judged on their preparation and presentation of their dog as well as grooming, posing, and waiting. In addition, they will be judged on their knowledge of ring procedures, appearance, and conduct. Appropriate show lead required. The appropriate class

entered should be determined by the experience and show record of the handler first, the dog's experience is secondary.

**BASIC:** Beginning handler and beginning dog in their first year of showing.

**NOVICE:** Handler in their second (or greater) year of showing or beginning handler with an experienced dog.

**ADVANCED:** Handlers who have won First Place in a Novice Showmanship Class at a previous 4-H Dog Show regardless of the dog's experience level or handlers who have competed in and placed in a Showmanship competition at three or more A.K.C. or 4-H Dog Shows (with competition).

**2. COSTUME:** Costume Class will be judged on the compatibility of the handler's and the dog's costumes (indicative of a theme), originality, creativity, and presentation. Acting out while a description is read is welcomed and encouraged. One handler and one dog allowed per entry. Entries with multiple dogs allowed on an exhibition basis only. All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.

**3. OBEDIENCE:** Obedience will be judged according to A.K.C. rules as modified by 4-H. A 6' lead (cloth or leather) and the following collars are permitted: metal or nylon training, martingale or flat buckle/snap collars. In Obedience, scoring ties will be broken first by the best sits and downs score, second by the best heeling score, and third by the best stand for examination score.

**BASIC:** For beginning handler and beginning dog in their first few years of showing.

•Basic Exercises-Individual: All On Lead - Heeling, figure 8; Stand for Examination, Recall.

•Basic Exercises-Group: All on Lead - One minute Sit, One Minute Down.

**NOVICE:** For handlers and their dogs ready to compete in OFF LEAD novice exercises.

• Novice Exercises - Individual: On Lead - Heeling and Figure 8; OFF Lead-Stand for examination, Heeling Recall.

Novice Exercises - Group: Off Lead: One Minute Sit, Three Minute Down.

**4. RALLY OBEDIENCE:** Rally is a form of obedience in which the dog and handler complete a course, which has been designed by the judge. The judge tells the handler to "begin" and the dog and the handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations. Each of the stations has a sign that is numbered sequentially, providing the instructions, regarding the skill that is to be performed.

In Rally an enthusiastic attitude and wagging tail are more important than precision. Dogs and handlers should both appear to be enjoying the competition and each other's company. Handlers are allowed to encourage their teammate (the dog) in the ring using a lot of verbal praise.

**BASIC:** For handlers and dogs in their first year of showing

**NOVICE:** For handlers in their second (or greater) year of showing who have not won

Novice Classes at other state 4-H Shows or are not showing in Novice Obedience or higher.

**5. TRICK:** Trick class will be judged on the performance of the dog, the training ability of the handler, and the unique and creative nature of the trick. One handler and one dog are allowed per entry. Entries with multiple dogs allowed on an exhibition basis. Handlers may use props and outside helpers, but helpers may not touch or handle the dog. All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.

**6. POSTER CONTEST:** Posters must not exceed 22" X 14" in size and are due by Friday, October 27th, 2023 at the Duval County 4-H Extension Office, (Attention: Kelsey Haupt, 1010 N. Mc Duff Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32254.) where they will be judged and then displayed at the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair Dog Show with their awards. The poster can depict any topic related to dog breeds: Example: care, history, training, psychology, or typical careers.

### **PREMIUMS AND AWARDS**

4-H Clover Buds and other youth not yet 8 years old as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, will receive participation ribbons.

All 1st - 3rd place winners will receive premiums and ribbons.

1st \$10 and ribbon  
2nd \$5 and ribbon  
3rd \$2 and ribbon

#### High Point Individual Awards

Junior: \$10 and award  
Intermediate: \$10 and award  
Seniors: \$10 and award

No modified Danish Awards will be given.

High Point Individual is based on the cumulative scores of all classes entered (including posters.)

**CLASS DIVISIONS AND PLACEMENT:** All classes may be divided into age divisions, if the number of entries received warrant it at the Show Committee's discretion.

Age groups are determined by the exhibitor's age as of September 1st, of the current year:

Junior 8-10 years of age  
Intermediate 11-13 years of age  
Senior 14-18 years of age

Participants under the age of 8 as of September 1st will be in the Clover Bud Class.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Keep safety and common sense in mind at all times. Dogs must be leashed or crated at all times outside of class requirements. Please report any stray or unattended dogs to the authorities.

#### Photography Release

Photographs will be taken during these events and the images will be used to help promote the fair and educate the public about our different programs and competitions.

I authorize the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child if under 18) for use in research, educational and

promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair.

If anyone has an objection to the use of their child's image please send a request to [jackie@jacksonvillefair.com](mailto:jackie@jacksonvillefair.com).

### **HAMBURGER BASH**

There will be a Hamburger Bash held on Saturday, November 4th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Tent on the Fairgrounds for all youths entering contests during the Jacksonville Fair. If you are entering the Dog Show and would like to attend the Hamburger Bash, please email Jackie at [jackie@jacksonvillefair.com](mailto:jackie@jacksonvillefair.com) or call 904-353-0535 and provide us with the information below.

I will be participating in the Youth Dog Show and I would like to attend the Hamburger Bash.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
How many family members will be attending with you? \_\_\_\_\_