



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2025 Dogs

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR – Peter Vole
AREA SUPERINTENDENT – Patty Martin

Failure to complete the on-line registration and mandatory meeting, will result in disqualification.

SCHEDULE

- On-line Registration** **October 1-27, 2024, 12am midnight**
- Go to [Youth Ag Exhibits \(manateecountyfair.com\)](http://Youth Ag Exhibits (manateecountyfair.com)) then click ShoWorks to complete the on-line registration and purchase passes
 - **Entry Fee \$10.00**, up to 2 dogs, due at time of online registration.
 - **Exhibitor Pass \$30** due at time of online registration. Extra family member passes (limit 4) may be purchased for \$25 each on or before October 27th, midnight.
- Mandatory Meeting** **Tuesday, November 12, 2024, Rogers Auditorium 4-H Center**
- Dog(s), Exhibitor & Parent or Legal Guardian must be present.
 - FFA advisors & 4-H club leaders, with chapter animals, must be present
- All exhibitors MUST turn in or complete the following
- Shot records, including a rabies or titters certificate turned in
 - Proof of State and /or County licenses
 - Notarized MCF Exhibitor Liability/Photo Release
 - MCF Code of Conduct form
- FFA/4-H Clubs:** **Animal Exhibitors must be named/assigned by December 1, 2024**, on the Club/Chapter Declaration form and emailed to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com.
- Youth Steer Judging** **Saturday, January 18, 2025, Registration 7:30am, Start 8am, Mosaic Arena**
Breakfast afterwards for participants
- FNGLA Horticulture Challenge** **Saturday January 13, 2025, 9:30-11am in front of the Mosaic Arena**
- Youth Goat & Swine Judging** **Saturday, January 25, 2025, Registration 7:30am, Start 8am, Mosaic Arena**
Breakfast afterwards for participants
- Fair check-in** **Sunday, January 26, 2025, 11am, Mosaic Arena drop off Gate 9**
- Dog Show** **Sunday, January 26, 2025, 1pm, Mosaic Arena**
Awards will be given at conclusion of show

**DOG
RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. All exhibitors must be a *bona fide* member of a Manatee County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, which is related to your project. No one who has graduated from High School will be eligible to show.
2. All exhibitors must be in good standing with their respective clubs/chapters to exhibit at the Manatee County Fair. All exhibitors will show in the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in which they registered their dog at the initial registration.
3. All Exhibitors at the Manatee County Fair must have completed **one class of ethics training** to exhibit at the Manatee County Fair. **The exhibitor is responsible for keeping their ethics number.** If the exhibitor loses their number, they will need to retake the class. Exhibitors are not required to take the class in Manatee County, as the training is sponsored by the Florida State Fair. Classes are offered throughout the state. **Manatee County will offer an Ethics Training on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 8:00am.** Exhibitors will be required to sign up for the class at <https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/> **All ethics numbers must be submitted to vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com no later than November 16th to be eligible to show.**
4. All exhibitors must be 8 years of age as of September 1, 2024. Exhibitor age as of September 1, 2024, will determine the showmanship class in which the exhibitor will show. (Juniors ages 8-10, Intermediates ages 11-13, Seniors ages 14 and up.) 4-H Clover Buds aged 5-7 as of September 1, 2024, may register 1 dog as exhibit only. Clover Buds can participate in a showmanship class and receive a participation ribbon.
5. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his or her dog(s) until removed from the fairground's property.
6. Attire: All exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat. No caps or hats. Closed toe and heel shoes or boots are required.
Showmanship: dressy, church, or business-like attire that compliments your dog's color.
Obedience and agility: shorts, jeans, t-shirts, etc.
7. All record books must be up-to-date and checked into the designated committee at time of final check-in to be eligible to show in the Manatee County Fair. 4-H club and FFA chapters must submit an up-to-date record book.
8. It is recommended that all dogs have DAPP and Bortatella vaccines for their protection.
9. Fair premium money must be picked up within 90 days of the end of the fair or it will be forfeited.
10. ***Final Interpretation and intent of these rules will be vested in the Manatee River Fair Board Livestock Committee. This includes, but is not limited to, violating the code of conduct and all previous rules. The Manatee River Fair Association has the right to "No Trespass" and disqualify any individual or exhibitor.***

DOG RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each handler must have worked with the dog he/she is showing for a minimum of 60 days. Youth exhibitors are expected to handle, train, and work or groom his/ her dog while on the grounds of the Manatee County Fair. Violations of this rule could result in disqualification.

2. All dogs must be in good health, free of parasites and licensed per Manatee County and Florida State Guidelines.
3. Dogs may be pure-bred or mixed-breed and dogs must be at least 6 months of age by January 1, 2025, to compete in Obedience and Showmanship and 15 months of age for Agility.
4. Handlers may enter in only one showmanship class.
5. A six-foot leash is required for all Obedience and Agility classes below Novice level. In Obedience, appropriate collars include choke and nylon training, buckle collar and martingale style. Any style of pinch collars is not allowed. In agility, the only acceptable collar is a flat buckle collar. Off lead dogs may also run with no collar.
6. Any female dog in season or any dog that is injured will not be permitted to compete.
7. If a pre-registered dog is unable to compete (dog is injured or goes into heat, etc.), you must contact Patty Martin (941-720-4731). A replacement may be approved, provided, that the dog has also been worked with by the handler. This replacement must be entered in a class appropriate to its training regardless of the class the pre-registered dog was entered.
8. Dogs must be kept on leash, except during performances that require unrestricted movement. Only one collar may be worn at a time and no tags or attachments are allowed.
9. Each owner/handler is liable and responsible for their dog's behavior at all times. A misbehaving dog may be excluded from participation. Any dog exhibiting acts of aggression will be removed from competition and must remain crated until the end of the show.
10. Dogs must always remain at the Mosaic Arena.
11. Classes may be divided or combined if entries warrant. (Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors)
12. Trophies, ribbons and premiums will be awarded for each class.
13. A high combined score trophy will be awarded for highest combined scores from Agility, Showmanship and Obedience for Junior (8-12), Intermediate (11-13) Senior (13-up) age divisions.
14. No dogs are to be left unattended in cars. Any dog found unattended will be removed at the owner's expense.
15. Owners are responsible for picking up after their dog. There will be a designated exercise area available for use.
16. Practice will not be allowed in the show rings before, during or after the show.
17. All decisions of the judge are final.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship classes are judged on the ability of the exhibitor to handle his or her dog. The quality of the dog is not judged. Exhibitors will be asked to demonstrate:

- Moving the dog with the rest of the class
- Presenting the dog in the standing position proper to its breed (including the use of an examining table for those breeds normally judged on the table).
- Moving the dog individually in a regular pattern.

Exhibitors are expected to know basic ring routines, use space wisely and be familiar with gaiting patterns. Exhibitors must be able to control their dogs at all times.

1. **BASIC** - For first time handler and first-time dog in their first year of showing. All participants, whether they place or do not place must move to Novice class during their second year of showing.
2. **NOVICE** - Experienced handler with basic dog or basic handler with experienced dog or handlers who have shown for one or more years with NO conformation titles. Any Exhibitor who has won this class three (3) times with competition at a State Level Dog Show must move up to the Open (formerly Advanced) showmanship class. No handler that has won level or earned titles in outside venues may show in this class.
3. **Open (formerly Advanced)** - Experienced handlers showing in Novice class at AKC, UKC, etc. but has not yet progressed to the open class 3 times with competition at the same level youth dog show must move to excellent. Any Champion titled dog must show in open.
4. **Excellent** – Experienced handlers showing in open or master’s class in AKC, UKC, etc. or who have won Best Junior three (3) or more times at any state level youth dog show or any outside venue must show in excellent.

Scoring for Showmanship will be as follows:

<u>SCORED ON</u>	<u>MAX POINTS</u>
General appearance of Dog & Handler	50
Set Up and Presentation	50
Gaiting and Presentation	50
Attitude of Handler	40
Anatomy and Breed Knowledge	<u>10</u>
Total	200

OBEDIENCE

Handlers and dogs will be judged according to AKC Obedience Regulations as modified by the 4-H. Dogs who have earned Obedience titles in other venues shall enter the same class level the complete in those venues. Any scoring ties will be broken first by the best sits and downs score, secondly (if needed) by the best healing score.

5. **BASIC** - Beginning handlers and beginning dog in their first year of showing. Dogs to be shown on a six-foot leash. Dogs who have not yet completed Novice work.
6. **SUBNOVICE A** - Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog, except dogs with rally or obedience titles. Or second year handlers with a second- year dog. No dog that has an AKC or UKC title may compete in sub novice classes.

7. **SUBNOVICE B** - Handlers showing dogs who have competed at AKC trials for more than one year or who have won first place in any Sub novice A class at any previous 4-H show. Dogs to be shown on a six-foot lead. Dogs who have not yet completed Novice work.

EXERCISES FOR BASIC and SUB-NOVICE

INDIVIDUAL: Heeling and Figure 8, Stand for Examination, Recall (all on lead).

GROUP: Long Sit for 1 minute, Long Down for 3 minutes (both on lead).

8. **Beginner Novice-** For handlers and dogs who are training for novice off-lead classes, this is an AKC class for getting ready for off-lead work. (See AKC class description for major details.) Beginner Novice exercises are as follows: Individual: Heel on lead, Figure 8 on-lead, sit for exam, Recall off lead and sit/stay off lead (with walk around the ring), Plus one group exercise one minute down on lead. Dogs with the AKC Beginner Novice A title may still compete in Beginner Novice B.

9. **NOVICE A** - Handlers and dogs ready to compete in novice exercises, except dogs with novice obedience titles OR handlers who have won first place in NOVICE A at any previous 4-H or Open Youth Dog Show. A novice title in obedience requires that dog and handler compete in Novice B class.

10. **NOVICE B** - Handlers showing dogs with obedience titles. Handlers and dogs who have shown in obedience competition at AKC obedience trials or have won first place in Novice A at a previous State Level Dog Show.

EXERCISES FOR NOVICE A and NOVICE B

INDIVIDUAL: Heeling On Lead and Figure 8, Off Lead Stand for Examination, Heeling Off Lead, Off Lead Recall.

GROUP: Long Sit Off Lead for 1 minute, Long Down Off Lead 3 minutes.

11. **OPEN** - For handlers and dogs who are ready to compete in open exercises. Dogs without titles show in A, dogs with titles show in B.

EXERCISES FOR OPEN

For more details on the open obedience classes, you can visit AKC <http://www.akc.org/rules>

12. **UTILITY** - For handlers and dogs ready to Compete in Utility work.

EXERCISES FOR UTILITY

Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination, Go Out, Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Examination, Directed Jumping.

13. **BRACE** - Dogs do not have to be of the same breed but should be similar in size.

Dogs must be coupled using the same leash.

14. **TEAM** - Four handlers and dogs working simultaneously. Classes will be judged using novice exercises. (On-lead: heeling and figure 8, Off-lead: stand, recall). Handlers may respond to judges or team captain's commands. Figure 8 is done simultaneously using 5 posts. For the recall, handler's leave dogs in unison, call dogs one at a time, and finish in unison.

AGILITY

Open to handlers and dogs with agility training. Judging will be according to AKC/USDAA Junior Handler regulations as modified by the 4-H and will be out of 200 points.

Obstacles will include the following: A-Frame, dog walk, open and closed tunnels, pause table, bar jumps.

DOGS MUST WEAR FLAT BUCKLE COLLAR

Handlers may NOT jump with their dogs.

Dogs WITHOUT FORMAL AGILITY TRAINING or dogs unfamiliar with obstacles SHOULD NOT be entered.

A contact obstacle familiarization with dogs will be permitted before competition begins for the On-Lead class. A handler walk-through will be allowed for both the On-Lead and Off-Lead classes.

On-lead agility classes, a loose leash must be always maintained. Judges will deduct points each time the leash is tightened, and a major deduction will be taken for constant tight leash.

Dogs will be allowed 3 refusals. Points will be taken for each refusal, after three refusals the maximum points off will be taken and the exhibitor will be instructed to “move on” to the next obstacle.

Agility classes will be divided into the following jump height divisions:

Jump heights (measured from ground to dogs’ withers.)

4” Dogs measure 11” and under

8” Dogs measure 14” and under

12” Dogs measure 18” and under

16” Dogs measure 22” and under

20” Dogs measure 22” and over

Note: the above chart is already adjusted down one level from AKC rules! Our goal with the youth program is to promote the safety and well-being of all animal’s, therefore, the standard AKC jump heights have been reduced. However, if you wish to participate at a lower jump height you may do so as a dun run with no points, placement, prize, etc.

A dog’s height is measured from the ground to its withers. Each dog’s height will be verified at check-in. Dogs may enter a lower height for exhibition only.

15. ON-LEAD AGILITY – Dogs compete on-lead over the obstacle course.

15. OFF-LEAD AGILITY – Dogs compete off-lead over the obstacle course.

Exhibitor and Parent Security Passes

Exhibitors will be required to make a one-time purchase of a \$30 Exhibitor Security Entrance Pass that will give unlimited access for the ten days of the fair. Families will be allowed to purchase (4) additional Security Entrance Passes at \$25 each which also gives unlimited access to the fair.

Only one gate 8 parking pass per family will be issued for the time their animals are on exhibit, NO EXCEPTIONS. Parking is on a first come basis.

Passes can be purchased when you register your animal on-line through ShoWorks

If not purchased by October 27, 2024, additional family member passes will be \$30 each with same limits as above at the Livestock Office starting on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 9:00am.

****THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ON PASSES****

Manatee County Fair Website

Rule books and record books are posted and may be printed from (manateecountyfair.com)
Please check the web page periodically to see if there are any updates that pertain to your livestock area.
Registration paperwork for all animal areas is located on the Fair website.

QUESTIONS

If you have a question about your entry into the Manatee County Fair, please follow the chain-of- command as listed below:

1st – Contact your **CLUB LEADER**; if they are unable to answer your question, then

2nd – Contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT – Dogs, Patty Martin at 941-720-4731**

3rd – Contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR – Dogs, Peter Vole at 941-737-3760**

PREMIUMS

Dog	Blue \$15 Red \$12 White \$10 Yellow \$8 Pink \$6 Green \$4
High Combined Score Dogs Jr. (8-10) Intermediate (11-13) Sr. (14-18)	“Best of Show” Award \$25 Jr. \$ 20 Intermediate \$20 Sr. \$20