



NORTHWEST  
WASHINGTON  
**FAIR**

4-H Dogs

**FAIR DATES: August 13 – August 22, 2026**

**4-H DOG EXHIBIT DATES: August 13-15, 2026**

**SCHOLTEN'S**  
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**4-H Exhibit Sponsor**

# 4-H DOGS

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**Entries must be placed online by July 8.**

<b>4-H &amp; FFA EXHIBITORS:</b>
4-H and FFA gate passes must be purchased online by July 20
Parents of 4-H & FFA Season Pass \$30
4-H & FFA Exhibitors - \$20.00 for a 4-H/FFA Season Wristband
4-H Club Leaders & FFA Advisors will receive (1) Complimentary 4-H/FFA Season Pass

Late entries will be charged a fee of \$25.00 per head through July 12<sup>th</sup>. After July 12<sup>th</sup> late entries will not be accepted.

### 4-H Dog Calendar

#### Thursday, August 13

8 a.m. Dogs on bench for Vet check  
9 a.m. Fit and Showing Classes  
4 p.m. Agility Class  
9 p.m. Dogs released for night

#### Friday, August 14

8 a.m. Dogs on bench for Vet check  
9 a.m. Obedience Classes  
4 p.m. Costume Class  
4:15 p.m. Trick Class  
7:30 p.m. Obstacle Course  
9 p.m. Dogs released for night

#### Saturday, August 15

9 a.m. Judging Contest  
10 a.m. Identification Contest (to continue throughout the morning)  
7 p.m. Show Highlights  
9 p.m. Exhibits Released

#### Saturday, August 22

10 a.m. Small Animal Round Robin

## 4-H Dog Department Rules:

1. Health requirements: All dogs entered must be at least 6 months of age at time entries are due. A rabies certificate dated within 36 months of entry is required for each dog entered. All dogs must have distemper, hepatitis, para influenza, and parvovirus vaccinations within 36 months of entry. Proof of vaccinations is required. Any questions, please call the Superintendent. All dogs must have been free from any contact with any infectious illness at least 30 days prior to entry. No female dog in estrus (heat/season) may be exhibited. Fair vet must and will reject any animal with an infectious disease or ectoparasites such as lice, mites, ticks, fleas.
2. Entry must be signed by parent or guardian of each exhibitor assuming all responsibility and liability resulting from any action, accidents or misfortune to the dogs, exhibitors, and spectators. All exhibitors or clubs participating at this fair in these events must be accompanied by an adult leader, advisor, and/or parent or guardian.
3. All dogs must be the exhibitor's project animal. Exhibitors must be entered in a Dog 4-H Project. A lease or record book is required if the dog is not owned by the exhibitor or exhibitor's family. The dog must be under the 4-H members regular care or management by June 1.
4. All dogs shall be kept on leash except as required for exhibiting purposes and are not allowed to enter livestock or other exhibit buildings on the fairgrounds. An exhibit building, exercise and judging areas are provided. A Guide Dog Puppy will be allowed to go out on the fairgrounds only if the puppy is wearing its Guide Dog Coat, is controlled by its 4-H Puppy Raiser, and is accompanied by an adult.
5. No dog will be crated or muzzled on the bench. Any dog that cannot be benched without causing a problem will be excused from the fairgrounds. No dog without suitable benching equipment, which includes a leather or web buckle collar and a benching chain with swivel bolt snaps at both ends, will be allowed on the bench, and will be excused from the fairgrounds. The benching chain should be at least if the shoulder height of your dog, maximum length 3 feet. Training collars are not allowed on the bench.
6. No dog shall be left unattended. At least one attendant for every four dogs shall be always on duty. The attendants must be a 4-H dog exhibitor or an approved member of the immediate family. No exhibit may be removed from the exhibit building or fairgrounds to another place without the consent of the Superintendent during the scheduled hours of the show. All dogs will be benched from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday. No dogs will be left in the benching area overnight.
7. Each exhibitor is solely responsible for the cleanliness, control, and conduct of their entry. Exhibitors are expected to maintain a clean bench area and shall toilet, exercise and groom their exhibits in designated areas only, and will be responsible for keeping such areas clean and orderly (clean-up equipment is provided). No food will be allowed in the building. This rule will be strictly enforced.
8. 4-H members exhibiting a dog must enter one class from each Division A, Division B, classes 1 thru 9, and Class C to be considered for Best Overall Showman. Best of Division will be awarded on total of scores received by the 4-H member showing the same dog in Division A, B, and C. Members not entering Division A, B, and C will not be eligible for Best of Division.
9. Age groups: Cloverbud 5-7 years of age, Junior 8-10 years of age, Intermediate 11-13 years of age, Senior 14 to less than 18 years of age. Age is as of October 1, 2025.

## **DEPARTMENT 63 – 4-H DOGS**

### **DIVISION A – FITTING AND SHOWING**

Lots may be split according to age groups

PREMIUMS: Blue \$20.00 Red \$15.00 \$10.00

#### CLASS NUMBER

1. Novice class
2. Open class, for exhibitors that have been awarded a blue ribbon in a county or state competition.

### **DIVISION B - OBEDIENCE**

Only one entry permitted for each member per class. Score sheets are available from Superintendent.

PREMIUMS: Blue \$14.50 Red \$12.50 White \$10.00

#### CLASS NUMBER

1. Pre-Novice
2. Sub-Novice
3. Beginner Novice
4. Novice
5. Graduate Novice
6. Advanced Novice
7. Pre-Open
8. Open
9. Graduate Open
10. Pre-Utility
11. Utility
12. Veterans/Modified (dog over 7 years of age)
13. Versatility
14. Guide Dog

PREMIUMS: Blue \$7.50 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00

#### CLASS NUMBER

15. Sub Novice Brace
16. Novice Brace
17. Advanced Novice Brace
18. Novice Team
19. Advanced Novice Team

### **DIVISION C – IDENTIFICATION CONTEST**

Written test on knowledge of parts of the dog, breeds of dogs, equipment, general care, and training. Information sources: current 4-H dog project materials and AKC Complete Dog Book.

PREMIUMS: Blue \$5.00 Red \$4.00 White \$2.50

#### CLASS NUMBER

1. Identification Contest

## **DIVISION D – JUDGING DOGS**

PREMIUMS Blue \$6.00 Red \$5.00 White \$4.00

### CLASS NUMBER

1. Judging

## **DIVISION E – GAMES**

Ribbons only

### CLASS NUMBER

1. Trick class
2. Best dressed dog
3. Obstacle course
4. Rally Obedience

## **DIVISION F – DECORATED BENCH (CLUB UNIT)**

**Judged on:** Creativity - 40%, Neatness - 20%, Utility (theme) - 30%, Subject and Background -10%.

Ribbons only

### CLASS NUMBER

1. Decorated bench

## **DIVISION G – HERDSMANSHIP- ENTERED BY THE CLUB LEADER ONLY**

Judging will be done on a club basis (minimum of four animals). Will be based on display effects, club sign, name or stall cards, cleanliness and orderliness of benching, equipment out of sight or neatly displayed, alleyway swept and neat, educational displays - 60%; exhibitors (youth on duty) appearance, courtesy, conduct and cooperation on job - 30%; Dogs, securely and properly tied on benched, clean, and comfortable, regularly cared for - 10%.

PREMIUMS: Blue \$26.00 Red \$24.00 White \$21.50

### CLASS NUMBER

1. Herdsmanship

## **DIVISION H – SELF-DETERMINED PROJECTS**

All exhibits must be entered during set up on Wednesday before Fair.

Any shop project, equipment built, sewing project, models, or art project associated with exhibitor's project. Items should be brought into the Dog Area.

PREMIUMS: Blue \$9.00 Red \$7.00 White \$6.00

### CLASS NUMBER

1. Projects costing over \$5.00 to make

PREMIUMS: Blue \$5.00 Red \$4.00 White \$3.00

### CLASS NUMBER

2. Projects costing under \$5.00 to make

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