

For Exhibitors Entering a Dog(s)

1. Enter online at The Big E website by the August 23, 2024: <http://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380>
2. Send the following forms to your state 4-H office by August 21 **or** your state's deadline:
 - a. Dog Program Signature Page (page2)
 - b. Lease Form (if applicable) (page 4)
 - c. Code of Conduct, or appropriate state required paperwork
 - d. New England 4-H Participation Form (Health Form) (visit online at <http://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380> to download the form)
3. Send the following forms to the Show Superintendent, Carol Ann LeBlanc, 784 Mather St, Suffield, CT 06078, email: leblancc@cox.net. Emailed forms or unreadable forms WILL NOT be accepted!
 - a. 4x6 photo of exhibitor and dog (together, in the same photo!)
 - b. 4-H Dog Project Verification Form (use the one found in this packet only) (page4)
 - c. Copy of Vaccine Certificates or Proof of vaccines current as of September 1 of the current year. **Vaccines, which expire between September 1, and the show date will not be considered current and entry is not complete.**
 - Proof of Rabies Vaccine- copy is sufficient.
 - Proof of Vaccines against Distemper & Parvovirus. If titers are submitted, they must have been done within 1 year of show date.

For those Exhibitors Entering as 4-H Stewards

1. Enter online at The Big E website by the August 23, 2024: <http://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380>
2. Complete the Steward Program Signature Form. Photocopy it.
3. Send the following forms to your state 4-H office by August 23 or your state's deadline:
 - a. Steward Program Signature Form (original) page 3
 - b. Code of Conduct, or appropriate state required paperwork
 - c. New England 4-H Participation Form (Health Form) (visit online at <http://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380> to download the form)
4. Send the following forms to the Show Superintendent
Carol Ann LeBlanc, 784 Mather St, Suffield, CT 06078, email: leblancc@cox.net.
Emailed forms or unreadable forms WILL NOT be accepted!
 - a. Copy of the Steward Program Signature Form (page 3)
 - b. a 4x6 photo of the steward

2024 New England 4-H Program—The Big E

4-H Dog Activity Signature Form

This entry is made in accordance with the Agreement of Responsibility and Acknowledgement of Liability and the Rules and Regulations referred to therein governing this program (collectively, the “Rules and Regulations”).

email aginfo@thebig.com Telephone: 1-800-639-2908
DETACH THIS APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT TO YOUR EXTENSION AGENT. ONE APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DOG ENTERING.

PRINT ALL INFORMATION. COMPLETE EVERY LINE

Please circle one: PRIMARY DOG ALTERNATE DOG

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____ MAIL

ADDRESS _____ PHONE () _____

TOWN/City _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ GENDER _____

BIRTHDATE: MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____ IS THIS YOUR LAST ELIGIBLE YEAR? Yes _____ No

NUMBER OF YEARS WITH ANY AND ALL DOG SHOWMANSHIP EXPERIENCE (include this year) _____

Call Name and Breed of Dog _____

KENNEL REQUESTS _____

My dog will be participating in the bandana program Yes _____ No _____

IT IS THE MEMBER’S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENTER THE CORRECT OBEDIENCE CLASS. Check one of the following: (Note: Division I designates ages 12-14; Division II designates ages 15-19. Ages are determined as of January 1)

SHOWMANSHIP

- Division I Novice _____
- Division I Intermediate _____
- Division I Advanced _____
- Division I Open _____
- Division II Novice _____
- Division II Intermediate _____
- Division II Advanced _____
- Division II Open _____

OBEDIENCE

- Assistance Dog Sub Novice A _____
- Assistance Dog Sub Novice B _____
- Sub Novice A _____
- Sub Novice B _____
- Sub Novice C _____
- Beginner Novice A _____
- Beginner Novice B _____
- Preferred Novice A _____
- Preferred Novice B _____
- Novice A _____
- Novice B _____
- Pre-Grad Novice _____
- Graduate Novice _____
- Open A _____
- Open B _____
- Utility A _____
- Utility B _____

AGILITY

- Sub-Novice _____
- Novice _____
- Advanced _____

- Would you like to participate in a quiz bowl team not affiliated with a particular state? YES / NO
- Are you planning to participate in Meet the Breed? YES/NO
- **Does the 4-H member needs any special accommodations in order to participate in this program, (Physical accommodations, test accommodations, allergy safe, etc)**

The signatures below signify that I and my parent/guardian have read, understand and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations identified above. These signatures also certify the facts contained in the above to be true and the applicant meets the eligibility qualifications of the Rules and regulations. The applicant also agrees to participate in all activities and to be present at assemblies of this 4-H Activity. Entrants will be responsible for their animal including any damage occurring to the animal or by the animal while on the grounds.

Signature of 4-H Member

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of 4-H Leader

Signature of County or State 4-H Office Representative

All signatures MUST be completed before entry will be accepted. Entries are DUE August 21 or Your State’s Deadline You may obtain additional entry applications from your state or county 4-H office, leader or at www.thebig.com/agriculture. (Some states have a different deadline for entries to be in the state office)

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 23 AT MIDNIGHT. This deadline will be enforced.

Please note if the 4-H member needs any special accommodations in order to participate in this program.

**2024 New England 4-H Program — The Big E
4-H Dog Activity Signature Form for Stewards**

This entry is made in accordance with the Agreement of Responsibility and Acknowledgment of Liability and the Rules and Regulations referred to therein governing this program (collectively, the "Rules and Regulations").

E-mail aginfo@thebige.com Telephone: (413) 205-5011

Please complete the paper entry form. Photocopy it. Send the signed copy to your state 4-H office. Please send the copy of the entry form with a 4x6 photo of the steward to the show superintendent".

ONE APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH STEWARD ENTERING. PRINT ALL INFORMATION. COMPLETE EVERY LINE

NAME OF STEWARD _____

MAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE () _____

TOWN/City _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ GENDER _____

BIRTHDATE MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____ IS THIS YOUR LAST ELIGIBLE YEAR? Yes No

4-H Dog Club _____ State Representing _____

ANY STEWARDING EXPERIENCE? Yes NO IF YES, NUMBER OF 4-H SHOWS _____ AKC SHOWS _____

NUMBER OF YEARS WITH ANY AND ALL DOG SHOWMANSHIP EXPERIENCE (include this year) _____

Breed of Dog Shown _____

What Level of showmanship do you show in? CIRCLE

Division I (designates ages 12-14)	Division II (designates ages 15-19) (Ages are determined as of January
Division I Novice	Division II Novice
Division I Intermediate	Division II Intermediate
Division I Advanced	Division II Advanced
Division I Open	Division II Open

- Would you like to participate in a quiz bowl team not affiliated with a particular state? YES / NO
- Are you planning to participate in Meet the Breed? YES/NO
- Do you require a reader to assist you with the Dog Knowledge Quiz? YES / NO
- **Does the 4-H member needs any special accommodations in order to participate in this program, (Physical accommodations, test accommodations, allergy safe, etc) YES/NO**

The signatures below signify that I and my parent/guardian have read, understand and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations identified within this 4-H DOG PROGRAM entry packet. These signatures also certify the facts contained in the above to be true and the applicant meets the eligibility qualifications of the Rules and regulations. **The applicant also agrees to participate in all activities and to be present at all assemblies of this 4-H Activity.**

Signature of 4-H Member

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of 4-H Leader

Signature of County or State 4-H Office Representative

All signatures MUST be completed before entry will be accepted. Entries are DUE August 21 at the STATE OFFICE. You may obtain additional entry applications from your state or county 4-H office, leader or at www.thebige.com/agriculture.

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 23 AT MIDNIGHT. This deadline will be enforced.

Please note if the 4-H member needs any special accommodations in order to participate in this program.

4-H Dog Project Verification Form

USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH DOG ENTERED

This form is made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations governing the Eastern States 4-H Dog Program. Submit this form to the Show Superintendent along with your Proof of Rabies, other vaccinations and a photo of you and your dog in the same photo. Use only this form with your application, **not** your state verification form.

CIRCLE ONE: PRIMARY DOG ALTERNATE DOG

MY DOG IS LEASED: YES NO

Name of 4-H Member _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone () _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Member's email address _____

Member's Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Call Name of Dog _____ Sex of Dog: _____

Breed of Dog _____ Color of Dog: _____

Description of Dog (include any identifying marks): _____

Showmanship Class: _____

(See classes on Application Form)

Obedience Class: _____

I have read and understand the rules governing this program and certify that this 4-H member has managed and trained this animal since June 1 of this current year. I give my permission for the above named dog to participate in all New England 4-H Dog Activities at The Big E including Agility. I hereby certify as parent or guardian of this child that I will render no assistance to the child or animal while the entrant and dog are participating in this project at the New England 4-H Dog Program at The Big E. I understand that if I violate this directive, the 4-H member may be disqualified.

4-H MEMBER SIGNATURE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

4-H LEADER SIGNATURE

OWNER SIGNATURE

Please indicate if the 4-H member has need of any special accommodations in order to participate in this program.

*All Signatures MUST be completed before entry will be accepted. **Owner signature** must be included for all dogs, not just leased dogs. **ENTRIES are DUE August 23 or by your state's deadline.** YOU MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICATIONS FROM YOUR STATE CLUB LEADER OR ONLINE AT WWW.THEBIGE.COM/AGRICULTURE. (Different states may have different state deadlines.)

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 23 AT MIDNIGHT. This deadline will be enforced.

4-H Dog Project Lease Form

CIRCLE ONE:

PRIMARY DOG

ALTERNATE DOG

If the dog you are showing at the Eastern States 4-H Dog Program is leased to you, the following form must be completed. A separate lease form must be attached to the application for each dog being leased and entered in the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Program. The signatures of the dog's owner, the 4-H member leasing the animal, and the parent or guardian if the 4-H member is under age 18, must be included.

I, _____, (Owner's Name) have agreed to lease my dog

_____ to _____ on _____

(Dog's name)

(4-H member's name)

(date)

as his/her 4-H project for the 2024 4-H program year. I understand that the dog must remain on the Eastern States Exposition grounds for the duration of the 4-H Dog Activity program. I agree not to force the exhibitor to break any of the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Activity rules, and will not handle, groom or in any other way care for the dog during the duration of the activity.

_____ Date: _____

(Owner's Signature)

Owner's Address _____

(include street, Town, State, & Zip Code)

Owner's Phone number (include area code) _____

Owner's email address: _____

4-H Member's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date: _____

OBJECTIVES FOR THE NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAMS

The 4-H program at The Big E is a cooperative effort with the Eastern States Exposition and the Cooperative Extension Systems of the New England States working together toward common objectives. These objectives are:

1. To motivate and recognize the achievements of 4-H members and their volunteer leaders.
2. To give the general public attending The Big E a better understanding of 4-H educational efforts including the organization, program, and accomplishments.
3. To provide educational experiences for 4-H members that are not available in the individual states.
4. To make 4-H programs and activities visible to the general public across the grounds of The Big E.
5. To expand the image of 4-H as a diverse youth development program.
6. To ensure quality educational activities both for the 4-H participant and the general public.
7. To identify 4-H as an integral part of the Cooperative Extension System and the land grant universities of New England.
8. To involve youth as equal partners in full decision-making roles at all levels of program decision-making.

Rules for the 2024 New England 4-H Dog Activity

- 1. Eligibility** The show is open to regularly enrolled 4-H members from New England, 12 years of age or older on January 1, but has not reached 19 years of age on or before January 1 of the current year of the show.
- 2. Attendance and Participation** Registration will be from 3-5 P.M. on Friday, September 27, 2024. Members and dogs must be on the grounds by 5 P.M. on Friday. Members and dogs will be released beginning at 5 P.M. (or at the end of the show), Sunday, September 29, 2024. **Members' parents and 4-H leaders are advised that the responsibility for and supervision of the members extends from 5 P.M. Friday, September 27, 2024, until the end of the show (approximately 5 P.M.) on Sunday, September 29, 2024.** Dogs must be out of the barn at the end of the show and the barn left in a neat and tidy condition. **All 4-H Dog Activity members are required to attend all scheduled activities, even if they are not participating. They are to remain with the delegation until all programs are completed.** Members are required to participate with dogs in the following activities: **FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP; OBEDIENCE** (with their primary dog). Participants must also take part in **DOG KNOWLEDGE and QUIZ BOWL.** All participants must be present for or participate in all other activities. Only selected 4-H Stewards may participate without a dog.. Meet the Breeds activity will take place in Mallary Arena. Come prepared to take part in this activity.
- 3. State Representation** If 4-H club membership is held in more than one state, and the same project is exhibited in both states, the 4-H member must represent the state in which they reside. If the project is only exhibited in one state, the 4-H member should represent that state regardless of where they reside.
- 4. Housing & Meals** Eastern States Exposition will provide housing and meals for 4-H Dog members and authorized chaperones at the 4-H Headquarters (Horace A. Moses Building). Boxed meals will be available for each delegate. States are responsible for tabulating the number of boxed meals that are required, if any. The ratio of male or female chaperones to members is 1 adult to 5-10 4-H members. Delegates and chaperones must sleep in the 4-H Dormitory.
- 5. Exhibitor Health Condition** Members must download a Participant Health Form from The Big E website. This form is to be filled out and signed by parents or guardians. This procedure gives permission for doctors to administer medical treatment, if necessary to do so. Drinking of alcoholic beverages or smoking by delegates and chaperones is prohibited.
- 6. Dress Code** 4-H Dog Program Dress Code Expectations at Eastern States Exposition: It is an honor and a privilege to represent 4-H in the New England Dog Program at the Eastern States Exposition. You are expected to dress respectfully in this role. Chaperones reserve the right to ask you to change your clothing if they deem that it is not appropriate attire for a representative of the New England 4-H Dog Program. You are also expected to behave and speak respectfully while your are representing 4-H at The Big E. Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all youth members and adult chaperones participating in 4-H events and activities.
 - a. Clothing: All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events and activities. 4-H shirts and state logos are encouraged. Clean shorts, pants or dress jeans are encouraged.
 - b. Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or that are in any other way distracting are prohibited.
 - c. Members will be disqualified if they are wearing clothing advertising a kennel or breed.
 - d. Excessively baggy or tight clothing is prohibited. No wide leg, loose fit pants.
 - e. Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs (front or side), bare chests, visible cleavage, undergarments (including bra straps), or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. Blouse straps must be at least 2" wide. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, tank tops, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.
 - f. The inseam length of shorts is 4" or longer.
 - g. Any clothing that must be continually adjusted while wearing to meet the dress code is inappropriate. For example, shirts that fall off the shoulder to expose undergarments, shirts that must be pulled down to cover midriff or pants that need to be pulled up to hide undergarments etc.
 - h. No cut-off shorts, torn or frayed jeans will be permitted.
 - i. Hair should be clean and neatly combed.
 - j. For safety reasons, delegates must wear non-skid, closed toe footwear at all times throughout the multi-day event. Delegates may not appear barefoot; flip flops, sandals or clogs are not allowed
 - k. Name tags are to be worn at all times while in Mallary except when exhibiting in Showmanship and Obedience.

Recommended Show Uniform will be as follows: a clean white dress shirt or blouse or white 4-H T-shirt (may have 4- H clover emblem on left breast), or suit jacket, and green pants, culottes, skirt or jumper of appropriate length (no higher than half the knee cap). Any shade of green will be allowed. No jeans or shorts are allowed. Points MAY be deducted if the recommended uniform is not worn. All delegates will be in official show uniform at all times while in the show ring area except when announced. During inclement weather, approved 4-H delegate jackets (i.e. state or 4-H club clothing) or other outerwear is at the discretion of the committee. "Hoodies" and sweatshirts will NOT be allowed while showing, regardless of the weather. No gum chewing in the show ring. All adult leaders are asked to make sure that their 4-H delegation is meeting the dress code. Any adult leader from any state may respectfully address dress code issues when they are noticed, including youth and adults that are participating. Delegates not adhering to the dress code will be excused from the ring

- 7. Entries** Each State is responsible for selection procedures used in that particular state. This information can be obtained

from county or state 4-H offices. Members must have owned or leased, as well as managed and trained, their project dog (*primary, alternate, and/or Foster Assistance dog*) since June 1 of the current year in order to be eligible for entry. No more than 2 dogs per delegate. Each member may enter a primary dog only, and/or alternate dog and/or Foster Assistance dog, but these must be named at the time of entry. The verification form and lease information must accompany the entry application. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A VERIFICATION FORM WITH A PICTURE OF THE HANDLER AND DOG (in the same photo). A separate entry packet and verification form is required for each dog. No photocopies or stamped signatures will be accepted.

- a. Primary dog- used to compete in both Fitting and Showmanship and obedience. The points from this dog's score will count towards the appropriate Grand Championship point total.
- b. Alternate- Must be named and entered at the time of entry of the primary dog, if applicable. Alternate dogs must follow all the same entry requirements as the primary dog. Alternates are shown only if a veterinarian certifies that the primary dog cannot be shown due to health reasons. Alternates can be brought to the 4-H DOG Activity and used for agility, pairs, teams or any of the other "fun classes", but are not shown in either Fitting and showmanship or obedience. Alternate dogs may be shown in regular obedience class ONLY if the dog is shown in Open, Graduate open, or utility. The scores from the alternate dog will not count towards the high overall score. Alternate dogs may be used for Agility or any games throughout the weekend. There will be a limit of two dogs per exhibitor. Foster Assistance Dogs may also be entered as "alternate dogs".
- c. Foster Assistance Dogs –May be shown as a primary project, as an alternate, or entered and shown in Foster Assistance Dog Obedience only. If shown in Foster Assistance Dog Obedience only, their scores will not count towards the appropriate grand championship. Assistance Dog brood bitches or stud dogs are to be shown in regular obedience classes. Please see the classes for more information.

8. Animal Health Regulations Please refer to the Massachusetts Animal Health Regulations included in this packet and include a copy of the rabies certificate and current vaccination record from the veterinarian. Required vaccinations are rabies, distemper, and parvovirus. Titers within one year of the show date will be accepted for distemper and parvovirus. ***Vaccines or titers that expire between September 1 and the show date are not considered valid.*** No dogs in heat are allowed. If a dog comes into heat while on the grounds they will be required to leave. No lame dogs will be allowed to be shown. If an animal appears to be lame or have some other type of injury, a judge will have authority to excuse that animal from the ring. However, if any other person sees a lame dog being exhibited, the Superintendent of the show also has the authority to excuse the dog from the ring. In either case, the Superintendent has the final authority. Dogs that have a permanent disability (such as, but not limited to blindness, deafness, a permanent limp, etc.) are allowed to compete if they provide a letter from a veterinarian stating the condition and any considerations which may need to be made related to the dog's well-being or performance and judging of such. *The letter must be sent with the dog's other health paperwork to the superintendent and must be updated yearly. Failure to provide a veterinarian's letter may result in the dog being refused entry or participation in events or the loss of points in judged events.*

9. Care of Dogs Dogs will be housed in the MALLARY ARENA. 4-H members MUST BRING DOGS IN CRATES SUITABLE FOR HOUSING OVERNIGHT- NO SOFT SIDED CRATES. Crates must be large enough for a dog to stand up and be able to turn around. Members should crate train their dogs prior to attending The Big E and should quiet their own dogs. Dogs must be able to handle the anxiety of being separated from the handler all night. Only one dog per crate; exceptions need to obtain special permission prior to the show from the committee chair. No slip or training collars may be left on the dogs in the crates. Leashes must be stored in a visible location to for self-evacuation purposes. Prong collars and electric collars (includes any collar that runs on battery) are not allowed on grounds at 4-H Dog Event. Padlocks are not required for securing crates; it is recommended each exhibitor brings a double ended snap or D-ring to secure their crate at night. The management and 4-H dog committee assume no responsibility for loss or damage to dogs, or injury to persons, or loss of personal items. The 4-H members are responsible for bringing their own feed supply, feed containers, and water. DOGS ARE NOT TO BE TIED AND LEFT UNATTENDED IN OPEN EXERCISE PENS AT ANY TIME. Dogs should be kept on leashes when walking or exercising, and must remain in the show area at all times. Dogs must be exercised in designated area only, and exhibitors are responsible for clean-up. Exhibitors shall only handle their dogs. No one but EXHIBITORS shall be permitted to work on dogs entered in the 4-H show. Violators will be disqualified. Only registered 4-H Dog Program delegates and/or 4-H Dog Committee members are allowed in the dog kennels.

10. Unloading & Passes Exhibitors should enter Gate 1 and then proceed to Gate 10; report to the Greeters before unloading. The Greeters will issue instructions to drivers dropping delegates and dogs off. Ten minutes will be allowed for loading and unloading. Parents may assist with unloading and loading vehicles, and may assist with moving items into the Mallary arena. They may **not** assist with set up. After unloading, vehicles **must** leave the area behind Mallary via Gate 10 and go to the parking area. Vehicle occupants must get their hands stamped at the exit gate in order to re-enter the grounds. Any vehicle left parked and unattended behind the Mallary Arena will be towed. Passes will be issued via the state office on the basis of one pass for the delegate, one pass for the driver and one 2-day window hanger for the vehicle; an additional driver pass will be allotted to pick up the member at release time. The quota for passes shall not exceed the number of persons actually participating in the show. At show closing, locate the official release slip in your packet. Delegates and vehicles may then exit through Gate 10 and proceed along the back driveway to exit the fairgrounds through Gate 1. Departure times must be adhered to. **The parents of 4-H Dog Delegates may purchase Exhibitor Tickets at a reduced rate at the Agricultural Office located in Mallary Complex.**

- 11. Awards** will be made on a Dual Merit Award System at the discretion of the judge. Awards will only be distributed to those in attendance at Closing Ceremonies.
- 12. Loss Or Damage** All exhibits will be under the direction of Eastern States Exposition Management, who will exercise every reasonable care in the protection of exhibits. In no case will Eastern States Exposition or management be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any animal; or loss, injury or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify Eastern States Exposition against legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.
- 13. Primary and Alternate Dog Use** Both the primary and alternate dogs can be brought to the 4-H Dog Program. An alternate dog may be used for Agility or Rally. If an alternate dog is brought to the ESE 4-H Dog Program in place of the Primary Dog, a Veterinarian's letter is required indicating why the primary dog could not attend.
- 14. Bandana Program** Dogs who need more space will be wearing a special orange bandana. Youth may bring their own bandana or one can be borrowed from the desk at check-in. All borrowed bandanas will be collected at check-out. When you see a dog wearing this orange bandana proceed with caution when approaching, and speak with the human about the best way to handle a dog-to-dog introduction. If your dog has an orange bandana, it is your responsibility to ensure that you give other dogs space, as well. All dogs are expected to be reasonably well socialized and people/dog friendly. We understand that some dogs are good dogs, but do not react well when another dog invades their personal space. The bandana prevents a child from continuously having to worry that another dog may be getting too close to their dog.
- 15. Dog Exercise Area** Dogs should not be walked on the ESE grounds or throughout the Mallary Complex. Dogs can be exercised outdoors in the parking area closest to the kennels in the area marked and provided by Eastern States Exposition. Dogs may not leave the gated area behind the Mallary Complex.
- 16. Fire Code Regulations** Please take special note of the fire code regulations listed at the end of this packet. **NO** burlap or corn stalks can be used in decorating kennel areas. Any other decorations should be made of flame retardant material.
- 17. Rules** Any of the above rules may be changed as deemed necessary by the New England 4-H Dog Program Committee. This committee will determine the interpretation of all the 4-H Dog Activity rules.

4-H Dog Activity Classes & Awards

1. Fitting & Showing

Danish ribbons will be awarded as follows: 100-90 points-blue; 89.5-80 points-red; 79.5-70 points-white; 69.5 points and below-yellow. Placement rosettes will be awarded as followed and *based on points*: 1st-blue; 2nd-red; 3rd-white; 4th-yellow.

Division 1: ages 12-14; Division 2: ages 15-19

- a. Open: for exhibitors who have shown 3 or more times (in their lifetime) in non 4-H point shows, such as AKC, UKC, ASCA, etc. and/or who handle dogs for other people. Any 4-H member who feels that they would like the challenge of this class may also enter.
- b. Advanced: for exhibitors who have shown for 5 or more years at 4-H events
- c. Intermediate: for exhibitors who have shown 3-4 years at 4-H events
- d. Novice: for exhibitors who have shown 1-2 years at 4-H events
- e. *Steward Showmanship: for those exhibitors entered as Stewards. Stewards will be assigned a dog, learn how to handle it, then compete against the other stewards. Condition and fitting of the dog is not to be judged.*
- f. Champion Showperson Class: first place in each of the classes (excluding steward's showmanship) will compete for Champion showperson. The second place from the Champion showperson's class will be invited to compete for the Reserve Championship.

2. Obedience:

Dogs that foul the ring will be scored a zero for that exercise, and allowed to complete the class and be scored, but it will be a NP (Non-Placement Score). Dogs that run around the ring "uncontrollable" will receive a zero (0) for that exercise and will complete any remaining off lead exercises on leash. Dogs will receive a NP (Non-Placement Score).

Obedience will consist of the following classes:

Sub-Novice

Foster Assistance Dog Sub-Novice A, Foster Assistance Dog Sub-Novice B, Sub-Novice A, Sub-Novice B, Sub-Novice C, Beginner Novice A,

Beginner Novice

Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B,

Off Lead Obedience Classes

Preferred Novice A, Preferred Novice B, Novice, A, Novice B, Pre Grad Novice, Graduate Novice, Open A, Open B, Utility A, and Utility B.

ALL DOGS WILL BE SHOWN IN THE CLASS THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED FOR.

Danish Ribbons will be awarded as follows: 200-170 points-blue; 169.5-130 points-red; 129.5-100 points-white; points and below-yellow. Placement rosettes will be awarded as follows: 1st-blue; 2nd-red; 3rd-white; 4th-yellow

Obedience classes will use the AKC Obedience Regulations as guideline *except where stated*.

Once a dog has been shown competitively in an obedience class, it may not "drop back" to a lower or less advanced class.

All classes are determined by the training level of the dog. If you have a question, speak with your leader or contact the show superintendent.

Guidelines for Foster Assistance Dog Classes will be in accordance with the particular organization for which the dog is being raised. Dogs in this class must currently be in a puppy raising program for an organization that is accredited with Assistance Dogs International and/or the International Guide Dog Federation with the ultimate goal of returning to the organization for formal training as an assistance dog to be placed with a client of the organization. Dogs that are being self-trained for use by the exhibitor or a member of the exhibitor's family do not qualify for this class and must be shown in one of the regular obedience classes. Dogs that are active or retired breeders for an assistance dog organization must be shown in one of the regular obedience classes.

a. **Sub-Novice**

Exercises for these classes (Except where stated) include: Heel on leash-45 points; Figure Eight-25 points; Stand for Exam- 30 points; Recall-40 points; Long Sit (1 min) - 30 points; Long Down (3 min)-30 points. All exercises will be done on lead.

- i. **Foster Assistance Dog Sub Novice A-** for exhibitors who have not previously trained an assistance dog. The dogs in this class must not have had training beyond the sub-novice level. Dogs will be on lead and scored on the basis of 200 points. *Specific exercises and allowable equipment (such as, but not limited to, head halters or jackets) are to be determined based on the needs of the specific assistance dog organization. Handlers are only eligible for this class for one year.*

- ii. Foster Assistance Dog Sub Novice B- for exhibitors who have previously trained an assistance dog. Dogs in this class must not have had training beyond the sub-novice level. Dogs will be on lead and scored on a basis of 200 points. *Specific exercises and allowable equipment (such as, but not limited to, head halters or jackets) are to be determined based on the needs of the specific assistance dog organization.*
- iii. Sub-Novice A- for first year, inexperienced exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog. Dogs in this class must not have had training beyond the sub-novice level. Dogs will be on lead and scored on a basis of 200 points. **Dog and handler may exhibit in this class for only one (1) year.**
- iv. Sub-Novice B- For exhibitors that have previously trained a dog in sub-novice or more advanced levels of obedience, or who have shown this dog in *Sub-Novice* in previous years. Dogs must not have a qualifying score in Novice. Dogs will be on lead and scored on a basis of 200 points.
- v. Sub-Novice C- For those who have been in Sub-Novice B for at least two years. Will be based on the UKC *Sub- Novice Class*. *Exercises include: Heel on leash & figure eight; Stand for Exam; Recall over High Jump; Long Sit (1min); Honor Exercise. For complete rules go to: <http://res.ukcdogs.com/pdf/2013ObedienceRulebookInsert.pdf>.* Dogs must not have had training beyond the Sub-Novice level. Scored on the basis of 200 points.

b. Beginner Novice

Exercises for these classes (Except where stated) include: Heel on Leash- 40 points, Figure Eight- 40 points, Sit for Exam- 40 points, Sit Stay- 40 points, Recall- 40 points

- i. Beginner Novice A- for exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog at the Beginner Novice or more advanced levels. Dogs must not have had training beyond this level. Dogs must not have a qualifying score in Novice or more advanced levels. Exhibitors may exhibit in this class for one (1) year only.
- ii. Beginner Novice B- for exhibitors that have previously trained a dog at the Beginner Novice or more advanced levels, or have shown this dog in Beginner Novice in previous years. Dogs that have finished their BN or its equivalent or dogs not having a qualifying score in a more advanced level are eligible for this class.

c. Off Lead Obedience Classes

In the following classes, the "...Stay- Get your leash" exercise will be performed as listed in the AKC Obedience Rules and Regulations (http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999_0318.pdf) for that class.

Preferred Novice: Exercises include: Heel on Leash & Figure 8- 40 points, Stand for Exam (off leash)- 30points, Heel Free- 40 points, Recall (off leash)- 30 points, Stay- sit or down- 30 points, Sit Stay- Get your Leash- 30 points.

- i. Preferred Novice A- for dogs that **have not been shown competitively in an upper level class (Novice, Pre-Graduate Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, or Utility)** or handlers that have never trained a dog at Preferred Novice or more advanced levels. Dogs that have completed a CD or its equivalent **are not** eligible for this class. *A dog that has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), must move up to Novice or more advanced level the next 4-H year.*
- ii. Preferred Novice B- for dogs that have been shown in Preferred Novice in previous years or handlers that have trained a dog at Preferred Novice or more advanced levels. Dogs that have completed a CD or its equivalent **are not** eligible for this class. *Once a dog has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), it must move up to Novice or more advanced level the next 4-H year.*

Novice A and B: Exercises include: Heel on Leash & Figure 8- 40 points, Stand for Exam (off leash)- 30 points, Heel Free- 40 points, Recall (off leash)- 30 points, Sit Stay-Get Your Leash- 30 points, Group Sit (1 minute)- 15 points, Group Down (3 minutes)-15 points. All dogs will be required to participate in group exercises, even if they *have not qualified in a previous exercise.*

- iii. Novice A- for exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog at novice or more advanced levels. Dogs in this class may have completed the Novice level of training, but must not have had training beyond this level. Dogs must not have 3 or more qualifying scores in Novice or more advanced levels. Exhibitor may exhibit in this class for one (1) year only. Once a dog has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), it must move up to Pre-Graduate Novice or more advanced level the next 4-H year.
- iv. Novice B- for exhibitors who have previously trained a dog at Novice or more advanced levels, or have shown this dog in *Novice* in previous years. **Dogs that have finished their CD or its equivalent, or dogs not having a qualifying score in a more advanced level are eligible for this class.** Once a dog has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), it must move up to Pre-Graduate Novice or more advanced level the next 4-H year.

Pre Graduate Novice: Exercises include: Heel on Leash-40 points, Stand for Exam (off leash)-30 points, Heel Free and Figure 8- 40 points, Drop on recall- 30 points, Long Sit (3min, off leash, handler to remain in the ring)- 30 points, Long Down (5 min, off leash, handler in ring)- 30 point.

- v. Pre Graduate Novice- for dogs that have not received a qualifying score in Open or Utility. Dogs may have received a CD or its equivalent. Once a dog has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), it must move up to Graduate Novice or more advanced level the next 4-H year.

Graduate Novice: Exercises include: Heel Free & Figure 8 off leash- 40 points, Drop on Recall- 40 points, Dumbbell Recall- 30 points, Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump- 30 points, Recall Over Broad Jump- 30 points, Stay-Get Your Leash (Sit, Down)- 30 points.

- vi. Graduate Novice- for dogs that have not received a qualifying score in Open or Utility. Dogs may have received a CD or its equivalent. Once a dog has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), it must move up to Open A or more advanced level the next 4-H year.

Open A Exercises Include: Heel Free & Figure 8- 40 points, Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)- 30 points, Drop on Recall- 30 points, Retrieve on Flat- 20 points, Retrieve Over High Jump- 30 points, Broad Jump- 20 points, Stay-Get Your Leash (sit, down)- 30 points.

- vii. Open A - for dogs that have not earned a CDX or its equivalent. Dogs must not have a qualifying score in Utility. Class will be judged according to the AKC Open Class.
- viii. Open B- for dogs that have earned a CDX or its equivalent. Dogs will be judged according to the AKC Open B class. Order of exercises to be posted the day of the show.
- ix. Utility A- for dogs that have not earned a UD or its equivalent. Dogs will be judged according to the AKC Utility A class.
- x. Utility B- for dogs that have earned a UD or its equivalent. Dogs will be judged according to the AKC Utility B class. Order of exercises to be posted on the day of the show.

Highest Scoring Dog On-Lead Obedience- trophy awarded to the dog & handler earning a score closest to 200 points in the following classes: Foster Assistance Dog Sub-novice A, Foster Assistance Dog Sub-novice B, Sub-novice A, Sub-novice B, Sub-novice C, Beginner Novice A, and Beginner Novice B. Reserve will be awarded to the dog and handler earning the second highest score [This award DOES NOT add up scores from all the events!]

Highest Scoring Dog Off-Lead Obedience - trophy awarded to the dog & handler earning a score closest to 200 points in the following Classes: Novice A, Novice B, Pre Graduate Novice, Graduate Novice, Open A, Open B, Utility A, Utility B. Reserve will be awarded to the dog & handler earning the second highest score. [This award DOES NOT add up scores from all the events!]

Overall High Point Champions: An overall champion and reserve champion will be awarded as follows:

Overall High Point On Lead Champion-

Trophy awarded to the dog & handler earning the highest total number of points calculated from scores earned in Showmanship, On-Lead Obedience classes, General Knowledge, and poster contest. Reserve will be awarded to the dog and handler earning the second highest total. On Lead Obedience Classes include: Foster Assistance Dog Sub-novice A, Foster Assistance Dog Sub-novice B, Sub-novice A, Sub-novice B, Sub-novice C, Beginner Novice A, and Beginner Novice B.

Overall High Point Off Lead Champion-

Trophy awarded to the dog & handler earning the highest total number of points calculated from scores earned in Showmanship, Off-Lead Obedience classes, General Knowledge, and poster contest. Reserve will be awarded to the dog and handler earning the second highest total. Off Lead Obedience classes include: Novice A, Novice B, Pre Graduate Novice, Graduate Novice, Open A, Open B, Graduate Open, and Utility.

The Zoe Award – awarded to the overall highest scoring All-American: includes scores from obedience (both on-lead and off-lead), showmanship and general knowledge. Bonus points from the poster contest will count towards the overall score.

QUIZ BOWL

An Interstate Quiz Bowl contest will be held on Saturday immediately following Champion Showman Class in Mallary Ring 1. A pre-selected team of four (4) players will represent each state. States with less than four delegates will be combined to form a regional team. Questions will be based on the Dog Knowledge educational materials as listed under Dog Activities and Classes. All teams must submit names by Noon on Saturday to the secretary at the scoring table.

All participants must attend this activity and be dressed in show uniform. The following guidelines will apply to the Quiz Bowl activity:

1. Each state will be represented by at least one team. Those states with more than 10 people may form a team with others or a second state team. Combined state teams will be formed to include states with small delegations.
2. Team members will be pre-selected by their states.
3. States with less than four (4) participants at The Big E will be combined to form a regional team whenever possible. The show committee will designate the regional teams.
4. The contest will consist of four rounds, each round to be made up of 20 toss up questions.
5. Each correctly answered question will be worth one point. Incorrect answers will result in a loss of one point. Any coaching or help from the audience will result in a five (5) point penalty for each occurrence to the team receiving the help.
6. One representative from each state team will participate in each round.
7. Points scored by each participant will be credited to the participant's state score. At the end of four (4) rounds, the state with the highest score will be declared the winner.
8. If a tie exists at the end of the four (4) rounds, 1 member from each of the two four-person teams involved in the tie will face off in a special tie breaking round. The tie breaking round will be an additional 5 toss up questions. If a tie still exists after the 5 overtime questions, the first team to achieve a point advantage will be declared the winner.
9. Only the team coach and the player involved in the round may challenge a question. The challenge must be made immediately and prior to the next question. The official judge shall have the final say in all matters regarding the contest or questions. Each state will designate an adult to be team coach.
10. The moderator will read the question. As soon as a player buzzes in, the moderator will stop reading and the question must be answered at that point.
11. If any part of the answer is wrong, the whole answer is wrong. First answer given is the answer to be considered.
12. The sources of questions for the quiz bowl will be the same as those listed for the Dog Knowledge exam.
13. A question can be repeated a second time if requested, but can be answered only once, whether the answer is correct or incorrect.
14. Up to 6 places will be awarded.

Dog Knowledge & Quiz Bowl

Resource List:

4-H Dog Project Manual [BBURCH 1128 - 4H Dog Manual Updates 1-22# \(akc.org\)](#)

A Fear-less Approach [A Fear-less Approach to Understanding Dogs, Their Care and Training – Shop 4-H](#)

AKC Toy Group: Breed standards & Club Fliers for breeds being studied, found on www.akc.org

American Kennel Club Website: www.akc.org

The American Kennel Club Dog Care and Training by American Kennel Club

AKC Complete Dog Book; by American Kennel Club

Meet the Breeds: A Guide to More Than 200 AKC Breeds by American Kennel Club

Essential First Aid for Dog Owners by Lorrie Boldrick DVM (available at amazon.com) Champion website: www.essentialfirstaidfordogowners.com (book)

AKC Canine Citizen, by Mary R. Burch, PhD (ISBN:978-1-59378-644-1) (Book)

Dog Resource Handbook by (OSU Extension) [4-H Dog Resource Handbook – Shop 4-H](#)

Canine Terminology by Harold Spira (ISBN: 9781929242016)

ESE 4-H Dog Activity General Rules and Regulations (in the Entry packet)

OFA CHIC Certification Program: <https://www.ofa.org/about/chic-program>

Dog Knowledge Event questions will be as follows:

- AKC Toy Breeds- original purpose, country of origin, interesting facts, identification
- OFA CHIC rules & requirements for AKC Toy Breeds
- First aid, especially related to Toy Breeds (For example: Cardiac, orthopedic, eyes, gastric dilation-volvulus, bleeding, etc.)
- External and internal parasites.
- General dog care.
- Emergency Preparedness
- Big E rules and regulations
- Big E Packet general knowledge

Format:

- 50% of the questions for Dog Knowledge Event will be done as a take home, open book test and will be submitted before the in-person ESE Dog Activity Event
- 50% of the questions will be done in-person without the aid of resources being available. No more than half of these questions will be visuals.

Non-Point Classes- will take place as time allows and may be entered on the day of show.

Costume Class- Come prepared with a costume for you and your dog. Awards may be given for Crowd Favorite, Silliest/Funniest, Most creative/Original and any Judge or Judges may create categories for this class as they deem appropriate.

Agility- will run a clinic/walk through on Saturday afternoon with run-throughs on Saturday evening.

Any dog shown on leash in Obedience must be shown on leash in Agility.

- Any scores from this class are NOT eligible for Grand Championship.
- Delegates must participate in the afternoon agility clinic in order to participate in the evening agility program.
- The agility course can contain but is not limited to jumps, tunnels, A-frame, dog walk, weave poles, and pause table.
- Any dog demonstrating anxiety or is unable to do an obstacle can by-pass it in the evening run-through.

Our desire is participation and development. Jumps and obstacles will be at lowered heights at the determination of the Agility Committee

Class Options:

Sub-Novice:

- On-lead obedience dogs and handlers.
- Little to no experience- 6 or less experiences in navigating agility obstacles.
- Dogs less than 1 year old (Dogs under one year of age should be brought to the attention of agility committee and will be given a modified course).
- Must participate in agility clinic.

Novice:

- On-lead/off-lead obedience dogs and handlers. (If your dog is entered in an obedience class that includes off-leash work (including Beginner Novice A/B), your ability to run agility off lead will be at the discretion of the Agility Committee).
- You and your dog have proven ability with agility obstacles, (tunnels, dog walk, A-frame, jumps, pause table) and have more than 6 experiences with agility, but you are not regularly participating in agility.

Advanced:

- Experienced off-lead dogs and handlers who are regularly participating in agility off lead at least one year, possibly in an agility class.
- May be competing or working towards competing.

Skillathon:

Cynology is the study of matters related to canines or domestic dogs. This event is a comprehensive, skill-based competition where youth demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of canine science, husbandry through written and visual skill stations and judging. Skill-a-thon stations will be timed, judged and graded on team work, correct answers and answer completeness. Scores from this event will not count towards overall high point scores.

Other Awards: The awards described below do not count toward overall scores or show points. These short descriptions are provided for the youth participants understanding of additional awards given at the ESE 4-H Dog Program event. Full descriptions will be available at the ESE 4-H Dog Program event.

Sportsmanship Award – Nominated by participants, chaperones, parents/guardians of 4-Hers participating in the program and members of the Dog Program committee. This award is given to a 4-H participant who best displays the ideals of good sportsmanship during the 4-H Dog Program at Eastern States Exposition.

4-H Alumni Dog Award – Selected by ESE dog program alumni serving on the Dog Program committee. This award is given to both a Division I and Division II exhibitor who epitomize the relationship between a 4-Her and their dog, showing love and loyalty, win or lose, and remembering the needs of the dog above all else.

The New England 4-H Dog Program Poster Contest

PURPOSE: To promote information and/or interest in the 4-H Dog Care and Training project and in the dog industry.

GOAL: To involve 4-H members of all ages in the New England 4-H Dog Program at The Big E.

SUBJECT: Any aspect of the 4-H Dog Care and Training Project

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all 4-H members 5 through 18 years of age, as of January 1 of the current year, who are enrolled in the 4- H Dog Care and Training project. Divisions are as follows:

Division 1 – 4-H ages 12-14, participating at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Division 2 – 4-H ages 15-18, participating at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Division 3 – 4-H ages 5-8, **not** participating at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Division 4 – 4-H ages 9-11, **not** participating at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Division 5 – 4-H ages 12-14, **not** participating at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Division 6 – 4-H ages 15-18, **not** participating at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Help is permitted with spelling in Division 3.

REGISTRATION: If being mailed, posters must be sent or delivered to Mallary Arena at The Big E **on or before** September 27, 2024. **All others** must be presented for judging by 9 PM on the Friday of the ESE 4-H New England Dog Program. The 4-H Dog Show Committee or Eastern States Exposition cannot be held responsible for the return of any poster.

POSTER REQUIREMENTS:

- Poster must be 14"x22", no more or less.
- Poster may be horizontal or vertical, but NOT THREE-DIMENSIONAL. This means objects, lettering, pictures on poster should not stick up in a manner that the poster could not be laminated if so desired. Laminating is not required.
- Medium of your choice may be used, such as crayon, marker, etc.
- Information listed below must be on the back of each poster submitted or item will not be judged.

JUDGING: Posters will be judged on the following criteria for a total of 100 points:

- Information and Idea -
 - Theme –dog related 25 points; Simplicity (easy to understand information)–15 points; Subject – must be some aspect of dog care, training, or the industry) 10 points
- Art and Design -
 - Attractive –overall appearance 10 points; Eye catching –10 points; Neatness – appropriate for entrant’s age, 10 points; Use of Color –10 points
- Miscellaneous -
 - Correct information on animal or subject –5 points; 4-H Clover present on poster –5 points

AWARDS: All participants will receive ribbons based on the Danish System; Blue -100-80 points; Red – 79.5-60 points; White – below 59.5 points. Rosettes will be awarded to the winner of each division. ESE participants will earn points which will count toward their overall score. For a blue ribbon, 10 points will be added, red award will earn 7 points, and white award will earn 5 points.

PLACE THIS INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF YOUR POSTER

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CLUB NAME _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

Division Entered _____ Age (as of January 1) _____

Norman J. LeBlanc Memorial Photo Contest

THEME: *Will I Fit?*

ELIGIBILITY: Any participant presently exhibiting at The Big E 4-H Dog Activity may submit up to two (2) photo entries. Participants may enter in one of the following divisions:

- Division I Ages 12-14
- Division II Ages 15-19

Age is determined as of January 1 of the present calendar year.

REGISTRATION:

- Photos must be submitted on Friday, September 27, 2024 upon check in or by 9PM of that day. Photos **must** be in a sheet protector with **no** mats or frames. Photos are to be unedited. Photoshop, alterations or enhancements to the photo are not allowed.

RULES:

- The size of the photo must be 5"x7"
- Photo may be either a horizontal or vertical layout
- Photo must include at least one dog, but not necessarily the participant's dog.
- Photo must be taken by person entering the contest on or after October 1, 2023 to be eligible.
- The dog or dogs in photo must pertain to this year's theme
- Photo must be titled
- Photos that are framed, mounted, or matted will be disqualified.
- 4-H'ers name and armband number must be written on the back of each photo submitted
- No more than two photos may be submitted
- Enhanced photos will be disqualified
- Photo must be enclosed in a sheet protector in order to be displayed. Points will be taken off if not in page protector.

JUDGING: The following criteria will be used when scoring photos in the contest for a total of 25 points:

- Effective use of background
- Good color balance
- Subject placement
- Overall appearance
- Title as it relates to theme

One Danish ribbon will be awarded to each participant on accumulated points as follows:

Blue: 25-18; Red: 17-12; White: 11 and below

Highest score will receive a trophy.

The committee will make every effort to exhibit all photos. It is the responsibility of the participant to retrieve photos before dismissal on Sunday. Adults may enter photos for display purposes only, but must follow the above stated rules. Adult photos will not be judged or receive any awards.

SECURELY PLACE THIS INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF YOUR PHOTO

NAME _____

STATE _____

DIVISION ENTERED _____ AGE (as of January 1) _____

Title of photo _____

The New England 4-H Dog Activity Steward Program

Stewards must enter both online and through their state 4-H office, as described on the first page of the Dog Packet.

1. Each state may send up to two (2) 4-H stewards to the New England 4-H Dog Activity at The Big E. Stewards will attend without a dog. States may also enter alternate stewards, who would be called if all states have not filled their quota of two (2) by the entry deadline. Send alternate entries, in priority order, with the entries of regular show participants and stewards. A maximum of twelve (12) stewards is allowed.
2. New England 4-H Dog Program Stewards must be between 12 and 18 years old as of January 1 of the current calendar year, **AND MUST ADHERE TO THE 4-H SHOW UNIFORM AS SPECIFIED** in the 4-H Dog Activity rules and regulations.
3. Stewards will eat and sleep in the 4-H Dormitory.
4. **4-H member stewards will be present for all activities of the 4-H Dog Activity**, must take the Dog Knowledge exam, and bring an Educational Display. They may enter a poster and a photo as well. Stewards may compete on a quiz bowl team if selected. Stewards must stay for the entire duration of the 4-H Dog Activity program.
5. **4-H MEMBER STEWARDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING AN EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY TO THE BIG E. THE FOLLOWING GUIDE LINES ARE TO BE FOLLOWED:**
 - a. Display must be designed and worked on by steward only (no advisors, leaders or parents).
 - b. The subject of the display is to be relevant to some aspect of canines and include pictures and information. The displays should help educate the public about an aspect of the 4-H dog program, canines in general or ownership/responsibility.
 - c. Each steward will be given a table for their display; each display will be judged independently. The exhibit must fit on a 4 foot by 2 foot draped table provided by ESE and may not hang over the ends. The display must be free standing, secure, and self-contained. All information must be on the display board; no information or items are to be on the table (no 3-D items). **The display will be on a Tri-fold presentation board that opens to 36" high x 48" wide.** Placement of table displays will be at the discretion of the committee chair upon approval of the Director of Agriculture at ESE.
 - d. All displays and display materials must comply with West Springfield Fire Prevention Code. (Please see Fire Prevention Regulations).
 - e. The display shall be completed and in place **by 9 PM Friday** (Display is not to be changed after this time). The steward's number will be placed on their display for identification.
 - f. Educational displays will have a 4-H clover in the display.
6. Stewards will be asked to assist in the obedience and/or showmanship ring, to be a ribbon runner, gatekeeper, or to perform other similar duties at the discretion of the show committee.
7. **The High Overall Steward score is given to the 4-H steward who accumulates the most points during the show in the following categories: Fitting and Showing (100 points); Educational exhibit (100 points); Dog Knowledge (100 points); Poster Contest (10 points); and Participation throughout the weekend (up to 100 points available per day).**
8. Interested 4-H members apply to be stewards using the regular application form provided in the New England 4- H Dog Activity information packets and choosing to circle STEWARD.
9. **Stewards must bring the following items with them: folding chair, clipboard, pen and pencil, green and white recommended show uniform as described in the Rules section of this packet.** Another item which is optional, but encouraged, is up to 2(two) Photos for the contest. The optional item will be used as a tie breaker if needed.
10. If a judge releases a steward from duty, the steward must immediately check in with the Steward Coordinator before leaving the building or "being done" with the activity.

Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Program Kenneling

Kenneling is the term that refers to the management of the area in which the dogs reside during Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog program. This document will provide participants with a guide to kenneling, that is, what to bring with them for adequate canine care while at Eastern States Exposition. This guide is not all-inclusive and does not claim to be the single source for kennel management; however, while at Eastern States Exposition, the participants must follow this guide. The Kennel is set up for two people (possibly three when numbers of participants are excessive). There will be a maximum of three dogs per kennel area.

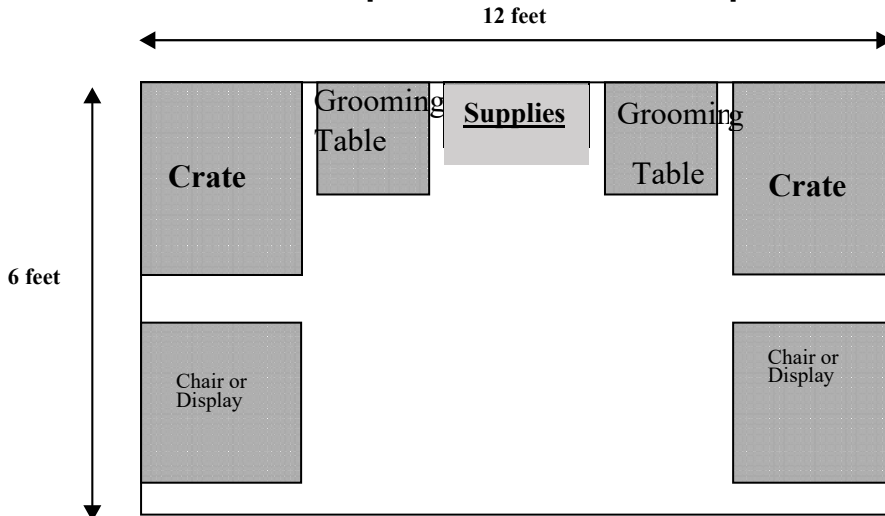
Kennel areas may be decorated using fire-safe materials; the Massachusetts fire code regulations must be followed. Burlap and corn stalks are not allowed in the kennel areas. Everything, including decorative lights, must be unplugged when no one is present in the kennel area. Kennel decorating should focus on the 4-H Dog Activity, in areas such as the 4-H Dog Project, your particular dog breed, dogs in general, or 4-H promotion. The front gate should not be covered with Fabric. Kennel decorations, signs or other items not considered to be in good taste by the dog activity committee will be removed or taken down. Stall cards must be visible at all times and located on the back wall. Donation containers for non-approved organizations will not be permitted.

Scoring of the Kennel areas will be based on the Danish System using a 300 point grading score. Scoring begins at the Friday registration and set up time. Throughout the weekend, each kennel area will be judged and scored on a daily basis. This allows each kennel participant a way in which to improve their scores. The awards are as stated and decision of the judge(s) is final; there will be no appeal. **Kennels must be left intact until after the awards presentation.**

Equipment:

Required Items:	Optional Items:
6" Lead	Display Items
Duplicate copy of animal health records (for each dog participating)	Chair or Stool
Flat or buckle collar for agility	Grooming Table
Floor Covering (Tarp or liner) Approx. size: 6'x6'	Tack box
Obedience approved collar for obedience	Hand towel(s)
Showmanship Lead	Treat pouch (for Agility and Games)
Grooming Equipment	Other items: (fill in yourself)
Chew bone, toy for dog	
Crate	
Blanket or cover for crate	
Food Dish	
Water Dish	
1 Gallon Water Container with water to keep at kennel area (may want to bring from home)	
Dog food (enough for weekend and two extra meals)	
First Aid Kit (must be at least 1 per family. Families may share one kit)	
Feces removal system (scoop or baggies)	

Sample Canine Kennel Setup



ITEMS REQUIRED TO BOARD YOUR ANIMAL

6' Lead: A 6-foot lead provides the handler and animal enough walking distance and is used in the obedience ring.

Flat or buckle collar: This collar is less likely to choke the animal should it get caught on something, especially during agility.

Floor Covering: Used to put on the floor of the kennel area for an attractive look and to keep the area cleaner.

Obedience Collar: Used for Obedience event. May be a buckle collar, slip collar, or martingale-type collar made of leather, fabric, or chain. Prong/Pinch collars or electric collars are NOT permitted.

Showmanship lead: Used for Showmanship event. Acquire one for the particular breed you are showing, as there are many different types and sizes.

Grooming Equipment: Enough tools and supplies for your particular breed of dog. Items may include brush, comb, nail clippers, nail files, scissors, etc.

Chew bone or toy: Something for your pet to relax with and have a little fun under these stressful conditions.

Crate: The crate should be large enough to allow your animal to comfortably lie down and/or sit.

Blanket or Cover: The cover should provide insulation from extreme weather conditions and privacy for your animal. The blanket is to provide warmth or cover the crate also.

Food dish: Unbreakable plastic or stainless steel only.

Water dish: Unbreakable plastic or stainless steel. Dishes attached to the crate or water bottles cannot be left full or in crate when animal is unattended.

1 Gallon Water container: Potable for both human and animal consumption.

Dog Food: Whatever is currently fed to your canine, but insure there are two extra meals for the time at Eastern States Exposition.

Feces Removal System: Your choice – scoops and/or biodegradable plastic bags are suggested.

First Aid Kit: See attached list for First Aid Kit items. This list is also included in the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Program Application. First Aid kits will be judged as a separate item and will not count toward high overall scores. It is suggested that plastic toolbox or fishing tackle box may be used to hold first aid kit items. Families may share a first aid kit. Please denote at time of check-in and indicate on your kennel card the exhibitor's number with whom you are sharing a kit. Kits must be checked in by 11am Saturday morning. (See first aid kit page)

Sample Kennel Scoresheet

Eastern States Kennel Scoresheet

Eastern States Kennel Scoresheet						
	Exhibitor's numbers:					
	Fri PM	Sat AM	Sat Noon	Sat PM	Sun Am	Sun Noon
Organized Storage of Equipment & Supplies (20pts)						
Comments:						
Evidence of Proper Animal Care (20)						
Comments:						
Kennel Area Neat & Clean (20)						
Comments:						
Safety - training collars off, appliances unplugged when not in use, First Aid Kits visible (10)						
Comments:						
Total for Day						
First Aid Kits (5 pts)			Personal Display (15)	Comments:		
Member 1						
Member 2			Public Education (15)			
Member 3			Promotion of 4-H (15)			
First Aid Kit Average					Grand Total	

Sample of First Aid Kit Scoresheet

Eastern States Expo First Aid Kit	Name & Number:
Latex Gloves (at least 2)	
Gauze Sponges Assorted sizes (4-5)	
2" wide roll gauze	
Roll Bandage (gauze wrap, Ace bandage, Vet wrap)	
Splint material (appropriate for breed of dog)	
Medical Adhesive tape	
Non- Adherent sterile pads (Telfa Pads)	
Scissors	
Grooming clippers OR safety razor(disposable accepted)	
Nylon leash	
Towel and Clean cloth	
Compact thermal blanket	
Muzzle	
Rectal thermometer	
Water base sterile lubricant (K-Y, Personal Lubricant)	
3% hydrogen peroxide	
Isopropyl Alcohol	
Topical antibiotic ointment (Neosporin, Bacitracin etc.)	
Dose syringe	
Sterile eye lubricant	
Saline wash	
Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) 1-2mg/lb. every 8 hours	
Glucose Paste or corn syrup (Karo)	
Styptic Powder or pencil	
Expired store card (to scrape bee stingers)	
Emergency Phone numbers (including dog name & description/photo)	
Penlight	
BONUS ITEMS 2pt each	
Cotton Balls	
Tweezers or hemostats	
Band-Aids	
Pepto Bismol	
Hydrocortisone cream	
Ascriptin (buffered aspirin) 5mg/lb. every 12 hours	
Anti-diarrheal medicine	
Baggies (2-3)	
Q-Tips	
Ice Pack/heat pack (optional)	
Grand Total	

All kits must be checked by 11 am Saturday morning to be awarded points.

2024 NEW ENGLAND 4-H DOG ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

All Times are Subject to Change

Friday, 9/27/2024

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Arrival, Registration. Dog to be taken to Mallary Arena entering Gate 1 and Gate 10. Youth and chaperones will be housed in the 4-H Dormitory in Moses Building.
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Dinner at Moses 4-H Dining Hall
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Orientation and Dog Knowledge Test at Mallary Arena 1
8:00 pm- 9:30 pm	Costume Class & Evening Activities- Mallary Arena 1
9:30 pm	Finish preparing dogs for the night. Meet at kennel area; be ready to go to dorm

Saturday, 9/28/2024

6:30 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast at Moses 4-H Dining Hall
8:30 am	Opening Ceremonies – Mallary Arena 1
9:00am -12:00 noon	Obedience Event – Mallary Arena 1
11:30am - 1:15 pm	Lunch at Moses 4-H Dining Hall Obedience Event (continued)
1:15pm – 4:30 pm	Quiz Bowl – Mallary Arena 1- Immediately following Obedience event or after lunch Agility Clinic – Mallary Arena 1 immediately following Quiz Bowl
5:00pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner at Moses 4-H Dining Hall
7:00 pm-9:00pm	Agility – Mallary Arena 1
9:30 pm	Finish preparing dogs for the night. Meet at kennel area; be ready to go to dorm

Sunday, 9/29/2024

6:30 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast at Moses 4-H Dining Hall
9:00am-12:00 noon	Fitting & Showmanship Event
11:30am-1:15pm	Lunch at Moses 4-H Dining Hall
1:30pm-3pm	Conclusion of Fitting & Showmanship Event Skillathon (immediately following the conclusion of Showmanship)
3:30pm	Awards & Closing Ceremonies
5:00pm	Release Time

MEAL TIMES

6:30am - 8:00 am	Breakfast
11:30am-1:15pm	Lunch
5:00pm-7:00pm	Dinner

4-H CAMPER POLICY:

1. Camper spaces are reserved for those serving in an official capacity with their state 4-H program at The Big E. Three camper spots are allotted per state per animal activity. Each state will provide to ESE the names and responsibilities of each person they are requesting receive a camper space reservation. This one list from each state will be provided to the Agriculture office by August 15 of each year. If not postmarked or received by August 15, ESE reserves the right to use these spaces for other purposes. The following methods of communication are acceptable:

- a. US Mail ESE Ag Office 1305 Memorial Ave W.Spfld, MA 01089
- b. Email aginfo@thebige.com

Please Note: Lists will not be accepted via the telephone!

2. Camper spaces in the Mallery Agriculture Complex area and the area designated for the 4H Horse Committee are assessed a \$20/Day.
3. Spaces reserved for the 4H Horse Committee in the Horse Show Camper Lot will be allocated by the 4-H Horse Committee Chair.
4. No cars, trucks or other non-camper vehicles are allowed to be used as overnight accommodations on the grounds of The Big E. Any vehicles used in this manner will be towed.
5. More information is available regarding the availability of camper parking spaces for parents and non-official personnel in our public parking lot. For specific information regarding public parking camping and pricing, please email us at aginfo@thebige.com.
 - a. Members, chaperones, parents or club leaders not serving in an official capacity are encouraged to contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908 regarding camper space availability in Lot 9. **RESERVATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**
 - b. Eastern States Exposition does not encourage the use of tents due to their possible placement near moving vehicles in our public parking lot. Persons wishing to use canvas-sided/pop-up/tent campers must tell the Parking Attendant upon entering the parking area so they may be directed to the designated areas. For specific information, please contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908.
 - c. No tents are allowed in the Mallery Agriculture Complex parking area.
 - d. Any persons using canvas-sided/pop-up/tent-type campers will be required to sign a waiver accepting all responsibility for any theft, safety and/or personal liability.
 - e. Management reserves the right to refuse access, and is not responsible for accidents or personal loss, injury or damages to any property.

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SEE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS)

- Fairgrounds in general
In the case of a major emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones are to report to the front lawn of their respective state buildings along the Avenue of States and remain there until released by the 4-H Dormitory Supervisor. In the case of an active shooter seek safety immediately until instructed to do something else by an official security detail. Upon all clear please report to the Moses Dorm or Mallery, whichever one you are closest to.
- Mallery Complex and New England Center
In case of emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones participating in activities in the Mallery Complex or New England Center should follow the instruction of Eastern States Exposition personnel or staff given through announcements and if possible stay in a group with their volunteer leaders.
 - ▶ **Emergency contact telephone numbers**
 - **413-205-5011 Agriculture Department**
 - **413-205-5185 Moses Dormitory Office**
 - **413-205-5555 Big E Police—24 Hour**
 - **Do not call 911.**

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Updated January 2024

**2024 Fire Prevention Regulations
for Exhibit Halls / Temporary Structures / Agricultural Events**

1. Smoking is prohibited inside any building or temporary structure
2. Aisles shall be a minimum of 10' in width and remain free of obstructions at all times
3. All exits and fire lanes shall remain unobstructed and free at all times per 527 CMR 1.00
4. All fire alarm pull stations, fire extinguishers, sprinkler heads and any other fire protection devices or equipment shall be free and clear of obstructions and readily visible per 527 CMR 1.00
5. All columns marked with a red band at the top (indicating a fire extinguisher location) shall not be obstructed or obscured from view
6. No signs, decorations, or products shall be attached to any part of the automatic fire sprinkler system
7. All decorations, fabric used as backdrops and / or table coverings must be flame retardant
 - a. Use of spray flame retardant is acceptable (NFPA 701 testing standards)
8. All tents (i.e. "pop-up tent") must have flame retardant ratings
 - a. No vendor shall set up more than (2) 10' x 10' tents next to each other without a 10' space in between
9. All lighting / electrical mechanisms shall have a UL label
 - a. Extension cords must be proper wire gauge (AWG) for the load connected
 - b. Home extension cords are prohibited
10. Electrical devices shall not be left unattended
 - a. Displays utilizing lights / electrical mechanisms shall be shut-off or unplugged at the end of the event day

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11. Flammable liquids and gases (propane, butane, etc.) are not permitted within buildings
12. Non-flammable gas cylinders shall be supported by metal stands / a proper chain
13. Any motorized engine (automobile, truck, motorcycle, RV, ATV, etc...) shall have the positive battery lead disconnected / taped [527 CMR 1.00 Ch. 20.1.5.5.4.12.2]
14. All fuel tank openings shall be locked and sealed (taped) to prevent escape of vapors
 - a. Fuel tanks shall not contain in excess of $\frac{1}{2}$ their capacity or in excess of 10 gallons (whichever is less) [527 CMR 1.00 Ch. 20.1.5.5.4.12.1]
15. Keys are not permitted to be within the ignition [527 CMR 1.00 Ch. 20.1.5.5.4.12.3]
 - a. Vehicles may operate off of shore power only
16. Vehicle engines are not permitted to be started / run at any time within a building while occupied by the public [527 CMR 1.00 Ch. 20.1.5.5.4.12.5]
17. Lithium-ion (Li-Ion) batteries (on display) must not be stored in excess quantities according to the Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention
 - a. Approval required from WSFD Fire Prevention Office prior to setup
 - b. Li-ion batteries in larger quantities for sale shall be stored outside of structures at least 10' from a building
 - c. Li-ion batteries on display shall be inspected and protected from potential damage
 - d. Li-ion batteries on display shall not be left unattended while charging / in-use
18. Electric vehicles, which contain Li-ion batteries must adhere to the following
 - a. Electric vehicles shall not be moved during exhibit hours
 - b. Manufacturer's recommendations must be adhered to when concerning the length of battery use
 - c. Carbon monoxide alarms must be present within 10' of electric vehicle use
 - d. Electric vehicles must be stored within 10' of overhead roll-up doors (to facilitate rapid removal if on fire)
 - e. Electric vehicles are prohibited to be stored within 25' of building systems or services (i.e. electrical room, sprinkler room, etc..)

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19. Live trees, baled hay / straw, corn stalks, and vegetation shall be watered daily
 - a. Approval required from WSFD Fire Prevention Office prior to setup
 - b. The use of burlap is prohibited
20. Home and garden events, where bark mulch is an integral part of vendor business (landscape contractors, garden center distributors etc...) and the display is readily available as landscape or garden center exhibit, may use bark mulch under the following conditions:
 - a. Contained behind masonry or other non-combustible retaining wall
 - b. No more than 3" in depth
 - c. Shall be sprayed with water daily, before / after the event (must be kept damp)

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IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- 9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.
- 11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

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2024 Animal Health Rules for Fairs and Shows

Special Note: Due to the continuing US outbreak of High Path Avian Influenza (HPAI), Animal Health Officials from all six New England States may recommend postponing competitions, exhibitions, shows, swaps, or other in-person events encouraging the gathering or comingling of domestic fowl or poultry. If events are held, best practices for biosecurity should be implemented.

In addition to complying with all laws and regulations governing animal health issues all fairs must adopt and enforce the following rules for governance for the fair.

NO animal will be admitted to the fairgrounds unless it meets the requirements below. NO animal is to be unloaded or enter a barn or tie-out stall until the animal and its paperwork have been inspected and approved for entry.

A. General Rules for All Animals: See M.G.L. c. 128 §2C, 129 §2

1. All animals must be in proper physical condition, be properly identified and free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease at time of arrival. Specific diseases and conditions which will disqualify an animal for entry are identified for each species in the following sections of the rules. Animals of any species with open or draining wounds will not be approved for entry.
2. Evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination or testing will result in the animal's rejection for entry. **THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
3. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only, and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly-licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
4. **Official ID: See Final Rule: Summary of Traceability for Livestock Moved Interstate (Summary of general requirements by species)**

All livestock must have proper official, individual ID as required and approved for the species, e.g., official metal ear tag, tattoo, scrapie tag, or microchip. Registration forms must accompany health certificates when used as part of official identification.

5. Health Certificates: --

One Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) may be allowed for animals of the same species to be exhibited at fairs or shows in any of the New England states (*CT, *ME, MA, **NH, RI, and *VT) when submitted with an itinerary of the dates and locations of the events at which the listed animals are expected to be shown. Only animals that are healthy at the time of shipment may be moved. Note that *CT, *ME, **NH, and ***VT have additional requirements. Certificates of veterinary inspection in these states are valid for a shorter period of time and may have additional language, movement and permit requirements.**

For the 2024 Show and Fair Season, livestock animals being exhibited in New England states must have official certificates of veterinary inspection (OCVIs) that meet the following requirements:

- a. **MA and RI:** OCVIs issued on or after **January 1, 2024** may be used for those animals being shown at multiple fairs and shows in MA, and RI through the 2024 show/fair season ending October 31, 2024.

MA -Notes: **The Big E Fairgrounds** in West Springfield requires an Infectious Disease Waiver (provided by The Big E) for all **equines** entering the premises for any show, fair, or exhibition. All Bovines must have official RFID tags.
- b. **CT and ME:** An importation permit for exhibition animals is also required. *Contact CT Dept. of Agriculture (860-713-2504) or ME State Veterinarian's Office (207-287-3701) for permits or questions.*
- c. **NH:** * * NH: To qualify for the extended CVI, animals exhibited in NH must originate in a New England state and move on OCVIs issued on or after April 1, 2024 to participating NH fairs and shows from **July 1 to October 31. The extended CVI is not available for animals that do not reside in New England.** *Contact NH State Veterinarian's Office (603) 271-2404 for details and permits.*
- d. *****VT:** *Contact the VT Animal Health Office (802-828-2421) for specific import requirements that deviate from the general information in this letter and must be met for legal import of livestock.*
- e. A single OCVI from the animals' home state may be completed for travel to and from the New England states in which the animals will be exhibited. *MA animals being shown ONLY in MA may substitute a signed, dated letter on the letterhead of an accredited veterinarian for an OCVI if all required information is included and all additional requirements are met.*
- f. Multiple animals of the same species may be listed on one health certificate with appropriate individual IDs and descriptions. Animals of different species may not be listed on the same official health certificate.
- g. **An itinerary of the names and locations for each New England fair or show at which owner expects to show the listed animals and the dates when each animal is expected to be on each site, must be prepared by the owner and presented to the veterinarian at the time the OCVI is written.**
 - i. **A copy of this planned itinerary must be attached to the official health certificate (import and export) for it to be used for more than one fair or show.**
 - ii. That proposed list should be signed by the veterinarian and the owner/ exhibitor and reference the relevant OCVI number(s).
- h. The name and address of the first show or fair where the listed animals will be exhibited is to be used as the "destination" on the OCVI form. In addition, "See attached list" or a similar statement directing Animal Health Officials or Fair Inspectors to the attached proposed itinerary must be included.
- i. Exhibitors must keep an accurate list of the show locations and dates when their animals were actually on show/fair grounds. This record must be available to fair inspectors at each inspection and check-in.
- j. Any animal listed on an OCVI that becomes sick must remain home. If the animal is refused entry to any exhibition during 2024 for health reasons it must have a new health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the next interstate movement.
- k. Any New England state may end their participation in this agreement and revert to the standard published requirements for livestock imports in the state at any time, in the event of foreign animal disease outbreak or changes to state legislation.

All petting zoos are required to have a USDA APHIS Exhibitor's License (as needed) and valid 2024 health certificates.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES ARE LISTED BELOW

B. Cattle: See M.G.L. c. 129 §2, 39 and 330 CMR 4.04(2).

1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States** and in-state animals. Current brucellosis and TB status in the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state. If the exhibitor's state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795 or 857-348-3922). All animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pinkeye, ringworm, warts, cowpox and open or draining wounds.
2. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all cattle be currently vaccinated for rabies.
3. Note: ***The Big E is requiring RFID official identification tags for all cattle entering the Big E Fairgrounds premises in 2024. Other fairs may add this requirement. Contact fair office with questions.***

C. Poultry: See M.G.L. c. §2, 129, and 330 CMR 5.02.

1. No poultry will be admitted to a fairground until it has been individually inspected.
2. All poultry must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: infectious bronchitis, coryza, pullorum-typhoid, fowl-pox, external parasites and laryngotracheitis.
3. Each bird must be accompanied by written proof (ID card or test report) that the breeding flock was blood- tested negative for pullorum-typhoid within one year prior to entry date.
4. Birds from quarantined states will not be permitted entry.
5. All birds over 16 weeks of age as of January 1, 2024 shall be individually leg banded with a state leg band. This includes out of state exhibitors.
6. No bird vaccinated for laryngotracheitis within thirty days of the fair will be admitted.

D. Goats: See M.G.L. c. 129 §2, 9 CFR 79.6 and Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06.

1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States** and in-state animals.
2. All goats and kids presented, regardless of age, must be individually listed and identified on the health certificate. All goats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pinkeye, ringworm, warts, pox and open or draining wounds. All goats must also be free of sore mouth and scrapie exposure.
3. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), goats and sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA official individual identification tag or registry tattoo accompanied by current registration papers consistent with the requirements of the FSEP and the Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06. Information is available from USDA-APHIS at 508-363-2290.

E. Camelids (Llamas, Alpacas, etc.): See M.G.L. c. 129 §2, M.G. l. c. 131, §23, 321 CMR 9.02.

1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States** and in-state animals. Current brucellosis and TB status in the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state. If the exhibitor's state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795 or 857-348-3922).
2. All Camelids originating from outside the Commonwealth are required to be tested for Blue Tongue. Exception: Animals from a USDA declared "Low Incident State" are exempt. New England and New York are low incident states.
3. All animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pinkeye, ringworm, warts, pox and open or draining wounds.

F. Swine: See M.G.L. c. 129 §14E, 330 CMR 11.04(2), 9 CFR 71.19

1. All swine must be identified by an official ear tag or registration.
2. Swine must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: erysipelas, atrophicrhinitis, mange and open or draining wounds.
3. No person shall import into Massachusetts from outside the state any swine which have been pseudorabies vaccinated. M.G.L. c. 129 §14E.
4. No person shall import into Massachusetts swine from Stage I or Stage II Pseudorabies States.
5. All swine shall originate from qualified pseudorabies-free herds or monitored herds in qualified pseudorabies free States only. The pseudorabies status of the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state.

G. Sheep: See 9 CFR 79 and Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06.

1. No sheep will be allowed entry from flocks in which Scrapie has been diagnosed or in which animals are under surveillance for Scrapie during the previous eighteen months. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), goats and sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA official individual identification tag or registry tattoo accompanied by current registration papers consistent with the requirements of the FSEP and the Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06. Information is available from USDA-APHIS at 508-363-2290.
2. No sheep will be permitted entry from flocks in which sore mouth has existed or in which sore mouth Vaccine has been administered in the previous sixty (60) days.
3. Sheep must be free from visual evidence of foot rot, sore mouth, pink eye, ringworm, and open and draining wounds. While not required, it is strongly recommended that sheep be currently vaccinated against rabies.

H. Equine: M.G.L. c. 128 §§2C, 44, 330 CMR 16.05.

1. All equines entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate.
Note: The Big E Fairgrounds in West Springfield requires for an Infectious Disease Waiver (provided by The Big E) signed by the exhibitor for all equines entering the premises for any show, fair, or exhibition.
2. All equines must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: mange, ringworm, soring, strangles, and open or draining wounds.
3. All equines originating from both within and outside of the Commonwealth must have a negative USDA-approved EIA test (i.e., Coggins test or ELISA test) dated within twelve months of entry.
4. While not required, it is *strongly recommended* that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus, EEE and WNV within one year of the fair.

I. Rabbits: See M.G.L. c. 129 §2

Rabbits must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: rabbit hemorrhagic Disease Virus 2 (RHDV2), snuffles, wet tail, and skin and ear infections. Microchips may be used for ID in rabbits originating in MA.

J. Dogs and Cats: See M.G.L. c. 129 §39G

1. All dogs and cats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: kennel cough, distemper, hepatitis, parvo, ringworm and mange.
2. All dogs and cats must be accompanied by a valid and current vaccination certificate for rabies.

Contact the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health at 857-348-3922 or 617-626-1795 for further information.



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