

2021 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").

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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 _____

- **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 July 6 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. (please check your state 4-H office for deadline entry for your state)

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 3 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.

2021 New England 4-H Program — The Big E 4-H Dog Activity Signature Form For Stewards

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Please complete the paper entry form. Photo copy 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 I Novice

Division I Intermediate

Division I Advanced

Division I Open

Division II (designates ages 15-19) (Ages are determined as of January 1)

Division II Novice

Division II Intermediate

Division II Advanced

Division II Open

- **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 July 6 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 SEPTEMBER 3 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 The Big E. 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 September 3 at the STATE OFFICE. YOU MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICATIONS FROM YOUR STATE CLUB LEADER OR ONLINE AT WWW.THEBIGE.COM/AGRICULTURE. (please check your state 4-H office for deadline entry for your state.)

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 3 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 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 2021 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)

4-H Member's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date: _____

NEW ENGLAND 4-H MEMBER PHOTO RELEASE

All fairgoers & exhibitors may be photographed or filmed by out photographers or videographers while on the grounds. Film and Footage taken on our grounds are the property of Eastern States Exposition for possible use in its promotional materials. Entrance to our grounds precludes any and all financial compensation.

Participant Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	DOB
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Phone Number	Email Address
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Parent/Guardian Authorizations

Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date
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Print Name	Date
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All exhibitors must submit their entries online and to their state office, by deadline, to participate

No entries accepted at the event

The ESE 4-H Dog Program Fall event will occur on Sunday, October 3, 2021 ONLY! All those participating will arrive no later than 8:30am on 10/3/21 and will be released at the end of the event, approximately 5pm. There will be a dog and steward option at this event.

ALL exhibitors MUST fill out and submit a photo release form!

If an exhibitor and dog participated in the summer event, and the dog's vaccines will still be current for the October 3rd date, you do not need to submit the dog's medical forms again.

If an exhibitor DID NOT participate in the summer event OR the dog's vaccines expire between July 30, 2021 and October 3, 2021, the exhibitor will need to submit all of the paperwork listed below!

- 1) Enter online at website by Sept 3: <http://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380>
- 2) Send the following forms to your state 4-H office by Sept 3. or your state's deadline:
 - a) Dog Program Signature Page (page2)
 - 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)
- 3) Mail the following forms to the Show Superintendent, Carol Ann LeBlanc, 784 Mather St, Suffield, CT 06078

Emailed forms and un-readable 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) Lease Form (if applicable) (page 4)
- d) Copy of Vaccine Certificates or Proof of vaccines current as of September 1 of the current year. ***Vaccines which expire between July 30, 2021 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 choosing to come without a dog as a steward:

- 1) Enter online at website by September 3: <http://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380>
- 2) Complete the Steward Program Signature Form (you will need 2 copies of this completed form).
- 3) Send the following forms to your state 4-H office by the required date:
 - 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)
 - d) (visit online at <http://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/380> to download the form)
- 4) Mail the following forms to the Show Superintendent, Carol Ann LeBlanc, 784 Mather St, Suffield, CT 06078, email: leblancc@cox.net. Emailed forms or un-readable forms WILL NOT be accepted!
 - a) Copy of the Steward Program Signature Form (page 3)
 - b) a 4x6 photo of the steward

- If you have any questions you may e-mail questions to the superintendent. Her email: leblancc@cox.net.

- 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. There are a limited number of spots available.
- 2) Attendance and Participation** The Dog Activity will run as a one-day event held Sunday, October 3, 2021 ONLY.
 - a) Arrival & Resgistration will be from 8am-8:30am on Sunday, October 3, 2021. Events (Fitting & Showmanship & Obedience) will take place from 9:30-4pm.

Members' parents and 4-H leaders are advised that a parent or guardian must be present to provide supervision for the duration of the event!

- 3) State Representation** If 4-H club membership is held in more than one state, and the same project is taken in both states, the 4-H member must compete and represent the state in which they reside. If the project is only taken in one state, the 4-H member should represent that state.
- 4) Exhibitor Health Condition** Members must obtain from state or county leaders a health form 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 exhibitors and chaperones is prohibited.
- 5) 4-H Dog Program Dress Code Expectations at Eastern States Exposition**
It is an honor and a privilege to represent 4-H and the excellent reputation of your local and state program in the New England Dog Program at the Eastern States Exposition. We are asking you to consider your dress while in this role and dress for respect. Chaperones may ask you to change your attire if they deem it not appropriate for representing 4-H. You may be corrected on any inappropriate language or actions while you are representing 4-H at 4-H/YWS New England Summer Event and The Big E.

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals participating in 4-H event and activities including 4-H chaperones.

- 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 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 two day event. Delegates may not appear barefoot; flip flops, sandals or clogs are not allowed
- k) Nametags are to be worn at all times while in Mallary except when exhibiting in Showmanship and Obedience.

Show Uniform Recommended 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 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 outer wear 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.

6) Any of the following rules may be changed as deemed necessary by Eastern States and New England 4-H Dog Program Committee. This committee will determine the interpretation of all the 4-H Dog Activity rules.

7) Entries Total entry will be limited to 50 participants! Each state will be allocated the same percentage of entries, and each state is responsible for selection procedures used in that state. 4-H members must have owned or leased, as well as managed and trained, their project dog (*primary and/or alternate* since June 1 of the current year in order to be eligible for entry.

- a) 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 signatures will be accepted.
- b) Primary dog- used to compete in both Fitting and Showmanship and Rally. The points from this dog's score will count towards the overall score, if offered.
- c) 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. 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".
- d) 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 Rally only, their scores will not count towards the appropriate grand championship. Assistance Dog brood bitches or stud dogs are not to be entered as there are no obedience classes in the Summer 2021 program. 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 parvo. Vaccines or titers that expire one week before or during the planned events will not be 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 can be housed in the MALLARY Building in a designated area. 4-H members MUST BRING DOGS IN CRATES SUITABLE FOR HOUSING OVERNIGHT. 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 event and should quiet their own dogs. Dogs must be able to handle the anxiety of being separated from the handler while crated. Only one dog per crate; exceptions need to obtain special permission prior to the show from the committee chair. No choke/slip collars may be left on the dogs in the crates. Prong collars and electric collars (includes any collar that runs on battery) 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. 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. You must exercise your dog in the designated area and clean up after it. Exhibitors only shall handle their dogs. Only 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.

a) **There is limited kennel space.**

- All kennels are for a single 4-H member's use. There will not be two 4-H exhibitors to a kennel.
- There will be ESE security on the grounds.

10) Unloading & Passes Exhibitors should enter Gate 1 and then 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 to unload or to load. Parents

may assist with unloading and loading vehicle and may assist with moving items into Mallary arena and with set up. After unloading, vehicle must leave the area behind Mallary via gate 10 and go to the parking area. Any vehicle left parked and unattended behind Mallary Arena will be towed. At show closing, locate the official release slip in your packet. Delegate and vehicle may then exit Gate 10 and then exit the fairgrounds through Gate 1. Departure times must be adhered to.

- 11) Awards** will be made on a Dual Merit Award System at the discretion of the judge. Awards will be presented after each event as applicable
- 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 only be used in the event that the primary dog becomes injured or ill. 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.

Foster Assistance Dog Program: Dogs will be shown in equipment that is in accordance with the age appropriate guidelines for 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 breeders for an assistance dog organization must be shown in one of the regular obedience classes. Foster Assistance Dogs may be used as a primary dog, alternate dog, or may participate ONLY in the Foster Assistance Rally class.

- 14) Bandana Program** Dogs who need more space will be wearing a special orange bandana that will be provided. 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 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 Mallary Complex.
- 16) Kennel Areas:** Each kennel area should be kept neat and tidy. Decorations and public education will NOT be judged at the 2021 Summer Event and decorating is optional. Participants should bring their first aid kits, as they will be used for the Monday morning activity. Please keep in mind the time schedule when planning on what to bring to the event. Items not needed for Monday morning may be packed up Sunday evening.
- 17)** 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.

4-H Dog Activity Classes

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

- i. 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.
- ii. Advanced: for exhibitors who have shown for 5 or more years at 4-H events
- iii. Intermediate: for exhibitors who have shown 3-4 years at 4-H events

- iv. Novice: for exhibitors who have shown 1-2 years at 4-H events
- v. Champion Showperson Class: first place in each of the classes will compete for Champion showperson. The second place from the Champion showperson's class will be invited to compete for the Reserve Championship.

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*. Dog will receive a NP (Non-Placement Score).

Obedience will consist of 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, Beginner Novice B, 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; 99.5 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 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.

- a) 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.
- b) 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.*

- c) 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.***
- d) 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.
- e) 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

- a) 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.
- b) 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.

2) 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.

- A) Preferred Novice: 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, Stay- sit or down- 30 points, Sit Stay- Get your Leash- 30 points.
 - a) 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 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.*
 - b) 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.*

B) Novice

Exercises for the following classes will consist of: 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*.

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- C) 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. 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.
- D) 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. Exercises will be: 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.

- E) 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. 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.
- F) 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 day of show.
- G) Utility A- for dogs that have not earned a UD or its equivalent. Dogs will be judged according to the AKC Utility A class.
- H) 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 day of show.

Highest Scoring Dog On-Lead Obedience- Prize awarded to the dog & handler earning a score closest to 200 points in the following classes: Service dog Sub-novice A, Service 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 – Prize 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!]

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, 2019. **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 The Big E 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 -
 - o Theme –dog related 25 points; Simplicity (easy to understand information)–15 points; Subject – must be some aspect of dog care, training, or the industry) 10points
- ☐ Art and Design -
 - o Attractive –overall appearance 10 points; Eye catching –10 points; Neatness – appropriate for entrant's age, 10 points; Use of Color –10 points
- ☐ Miscellaneous -
 - o 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 all division winners. 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: *What's that?*

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, October 2, 2021 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 & between dates of October 5, 2019 and September 2021
- 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 _____

2021 The Big E 4-H Dog Activity Schedule

Sunday, October 3, 2021

8:00-8:30 am	4-H Dog Participant Arrival	Mallary Arena 1
9:30-11:30 am	4-H Dog Showmanship	Mallary Arena 1
11:30-12:30 pm	4-H Dog Lunch Break	Mallary Arena 1
12:00-3:00 pm	4-H Dog Obedience	Mallary Arena 1
4:00-5:00 pm	4-H Dog Departure	Mallary Arena 1

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 total 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.

OPENING SAFELY - Guidelines and Procedures for Summer 4-H/YWS Event

Eastern States Exposition, along with public health officials, strives to present a clean, safe environment and to communicate with guests the changes to expect to experience this 2021 summer 4-H/YWS Event. Please check our website consistently for postings regarding COVID Safety

<https://www.easternstatesexposition.com/covid19>

Arrival:

All animals and participants should arrive during their activities check in time. Schedules are available in the activity packets. All animals must have a CVI (health papers) and will be verified and inspected for health on their arrival. See <https://www.mass.gov/doc/agricultural-fairs-animal-health-rules/download> and also review <https://www.mass.gov/doc/ne-fairs-and-shows-cvi-requirements/download>

Camping:

The Moses 4-H Dormitory will not be open this year. Camping is available for parents and committee members on the grounds of ESE. Camping (RV or tent) is charged \$15 a day and payable via credit card or cash at the gate as you enter the grounds. Camping is available on a first come, first served basis.

There will be plenty of spots available for your RV's near the Mallary complex or in the horse show area. You will be directed by the gate personnel where to go.

All those wishing to camp with tents – (We will have WBYoung open across from the Mallary complex and cordoned off for family groups. Bathrooms will be available in WB Young. Shower and bathrooms will be open in Mallary. All showers in the visitor's center at Gate 1 will open for Horse Show camping area as well.

Hotels –There is a list of hotels at info@explorewesternmass.com

Feed Store:

The ESE Feed Store will be available during the event for your needs. ESE will provide the bedding necessary for your show. All contestants should plan on bring their own feed and hay for this event. Call 413- 205-5307 or email FStore@thebige.com to pre-order your supplies.

Food: After many years of dedicated service, the church ladies and gentlemen notified ESE this week they will no longer be running the Moses cafeteria. They were a tremendous asset to our program and will be missed. There will be a food stand in the Coliseum and one open down in Mallary. ESE will not be paying for 4-H meals, all participants are responsible for their own food.

Night people: Each state may have one night person stay in the barn. We will be stalling states by aisles.

Chaperones: Each state is responsible for delineating how it will handle availability of chaperones. Parents/guardians are responsible for their children unless their respective state program offers other accommodations.

Animal Health Identification for Eastern States Exposition 2021

1. For 2021 it is required that cattle be identified with a 15 digit AIN RFID tag.

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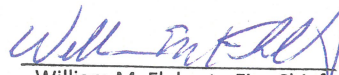


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FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL SHOWS

1. **NO** smoking allowed in the Coliseum, Barns, Mallary Complex or any other building used during an event.
2. BURLAP material is **NOT** allowed as backdrops or table coverings. All fabric used as backdrops and/or table coverings must be flame retardant. Use of spray flame retardants is acceptable.
3. All decorations must be non-flammable as certified by a National Testing Laboratory or, when permitted, rendered non-flammable by a topical flame retardant finish.
4. EZ-UP tents, if used must have flame retardant ratings. No vendor **shall** set up more than (2) 10 foot by 10 foot tents next to each other. ATTENTION PROMOTERS: **No show layout should have more than 20 feet of tent without a 10 foot non-tent space.**
5. Devices utilizing open flames are not permitted.
6. All lights and electrical mechanisms must have a UL label. Extension cords **shall** be UL listed, and must be of proper gauge (AWG) and not overloaded with electrical devices. **No** residential-type extension cords may be used.
7. Electrical devices **shall not** be permitted to be in direct contact with combustible materials such as wood chips, hay/straw bales, and decorations.
8. Electrical devices **shall not** be left unattended, i.e., displays utilizing lights and electrical mechanisms shall be shut-off or unplugged at the end of each event/show.
9. Flammable liquids and gases (propane, butane, etc.) are **not** allowed in the buildings. Non-flammable gas cylinders, such as helium, shall be supported by metal stands or secured with a proper size chain.
10. Corn stalks, hay/straw bales and fine bark mulch are not allowed for display purposes. Large wood chips, coarse bark mulch may be used in barns but **shall** be kept damp at all times.
11. Live trees and vegetation **shall** be bailed and water daily. ***Prior to set-up, approval must be granted by the West Springfield Fire Department-Fire Prevention Office. ***
12. **No** gasoline or diesel powered motorized vehicles allowed in buildings. (i.e. Golf Carts & Scooters)
13. **No** large round or square bales of hay or straw and or open piles of silage or haylage are allowed. Feed and bedding material must be bagged and bailed in small square or round bales (less than 400lbs.)
14. Feed and bedding material is **not** allowed on the floor of any aisle for display purposes. Including wood shavings, sawdust, peat moss and loose straw.
15. Coverings are **not** allowed over aisles, such as banners, farm signs, and EZ-UP tents.
16. All aisles **shall** be a minimum of 10 feet in width and **shall** remain free and clear at all times.
17. Aisle display widths are not to exceed 30" from each side in main aisle and 24" from each side in side aisles.
18. **No** excessive accumulation or rubbish or litter allowed.
19. All exits shall remain free and clear at all times.
20. All fire lanes shall remain free and clear at all times per 527 CMR 1.00 (MA State Fire Code)
21. 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 (MA State Fire Code)
22. **NO** signs, decorations, or products **shall** be attached to any part of the automatic fire sprinkler system.


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2021 Animal Health Rules for Fairs and Shows

Special Note: Massachusetts COVID-19 response orders supersede all other exhibition guidance. Please visit mass.gov/covid-10updates for the most current information and updates.

In addition to complying with all laws and regulations governing animal health issues all fairs must adopt and enforce the following rules for governance of 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 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 *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 2021 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, 2021** may be used for those animals being shown at multiple fairs and shows in CT, **MA**, and RI through the 2021 show/fair season ending October 31, 2021.
 - i. **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.*
 - ii. **MA -Note: The Big E Fairgrounds** in West Springfield requires a CVI issued within the prior 30 days for all **horses** entering the premises for any show, fair, or exhibition.
 - iii. **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, 2021 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.*
 - iv. *****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.*
- b. 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.*
- c. 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.
- d. **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).
- e. 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.
- f. Exhibitors must keep an accurate list of the show locations and dates when their animals were actually on the show/fairgrounds. This record must be available to fair inspectors at each inspection and check-in.
- g. Any animal listed on an OCVI that becomes sick must remain home. If the animal is refused entry to any exhibition during 2021 for health reasons it must have a new health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the next interstate movement.
- h. 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 2021 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). 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 2021. 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, 2021 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. I. 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).
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, atrophic rhinitis, 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 soremouth has existed or in which soremouth 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 a CVI issued within the prior 30 days 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 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.

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 617-626-1797 or 617-626-1795 for further information.

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(INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

NATIONAL 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 National 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, 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.
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 Expositions* 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 National 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.