

DOG show | (DS)

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ELIGIBILITY:

- Exhibitor must be five (5) years old by September 1, of the current 4-H year.
- Cloverbuds may enter all classes, however they will not be judged, but will receive feedback on their performance.
- Exhibitor must be a current member of Osceola County 4-H or FFA and may enter all open class shows.

GENERAL RULES:

- Registration will be online only.
- The show will be held on Sunday, January 25th, 2026 , in the KVLS Arena. Time 0830. This will be held PRIOR to the Osceola County Fair.
- All exhibitors MUST have completed the ethics training to show.
- All animals must have proof of vaccinations. Please bring this to the workshop you attend.
- Females in season will not be allowed to participate.
- All dogs must be owned and/or in the exhibitor's possession by November 1st, 2025. The junior handler must be the exclusive handler in all venues (4H, AKC, UKC, etc) throughout the project (November 1st thru March 1st) year.
- All dogs must be at least 6 months old in the Obedience, Rally and Showmanship classes. Dogs must be 15 months old to compete in Agility.
- All dogs must be in good health on show day.
- Approval for use of a substitute dog, due to extenuating circumstances, may be granted by the dog Show Chairperson. Substitute dogs must be owned and in your possession by November 1st. Exhibitor must notify the chairperson as soon as possible after determination that a substitute dog is necessary no later than January 11th, 2026. No substitutions will be allowed after that date, **except females in heat.**
- Dog show committee shall reserve the right to refuse entry to any aggressive people or animals.
 - **MANDATORY PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED AT A SCHEDULED WORKSHOP, DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED**, with your dog to participate in the show. This will be strictly enforced. This is for the safety of everyone involved. Please bring every dog that you intend to exhibit.

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- Exhibitors must be able to control their dogs at all times.
- All exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning up after their dog.
- Animals **MUST** be kept on a leash at all times, except during performances requiring unrestricted movement.
- While on show grounds, no one other than the Youth exhibitor may handle, train, work, or groom his/her dog. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.
- Talking to your dog is always encouraged in Rally, Agility & Showmanship and acceptable while exhibiting. No touching will be allowed in Obedience, Agility & Rally.
- No pinch collars will be allowed.
- Treats will only be allowed in the ring during Showmanship. No treats are allowed in the ring during, Obedience, Rally or Agility.
- Dogs must be clean, nails trimmed, coat brushed and parasite free.
- Exhibitors should be clean, neat and well groomed.
- Limit of one dog per handler per class. You may exhibit a different dog in each class as long as all dogs have attended the mandatory workshop.
- For families, a dog may be shared between siblings, but the dog may only show once per class.

YOUTH DOG SHOW DEFINITIONS:

- **Basic Handler/ Exhibitor** -Exhibitors WHO HAVE never competed in ANY state-level dog show, OR any outside venue (i.e. AKC, USDAA, UKC, NADAC, etc.) **AND** is competing within their FIRST PROJECT YEAR of 4H or FFA. Handlers may compete in Basic classes with a basic dog for only one year and then must move up to the next level.
- **Basic Dog**- Any dog that that has NEVER competed in ANY state level dog show, or any outside venue (i.e. AKC, USDAA, UKC, NADAC, etc.) **AND** is being shown by a basic handler. A dog may compete in Basic classes with a basic handler for only the first full year of 4H or FFA with a dog project.
- **Experienced Handler**- Exhibitor who has previously shown at a state-level dog show, has competed in outside venue (i.e. AKC, USDAA, UKC, NADAC, etc.), or has already competed their first full year of 4H or FFA with a dog project.
- **Experienced dog**- Any dog that has previously shown at a state-level dog show, has competed in any outside venue (i.e. AKC, USDAA, UKC, NADAC, etc.), or has been part of a dog and handler team that has completed their first full year of 4H or FFA with a dog project, OR any titled dog whether handler was the person who titled the dog or not. Any titled dog must be entered into the class equivalent to their title or higher **AND** entered into the "B" class.

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ATTIRE FOR OBEDIENCE, RALLY & AGILITY:

1. All exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat and dressed in white, green, blue, or black jeans/slacks, or tan Khaki slacks with a solid white shirt with a white collar. FFA or 4-H accessories are strongly recommended.
2. No caps or hats.
3. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.

ATTIRE FOR SHOWMANSHIP:

Exhibitors should be clean, neat, and well-groomed. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog shows. Clothing should not distract, limit, or hinder the judge's view of the dog. Official 4-H or FFA dress is acceptable. No heels or open-toed shoes are allowed due to safety issues.

Exhibitors should appear confident, prepared, businesslike, and attentive. They should be courteous to both the judge and other exhibitors. Exhibitors are expected to handle their dogs without distracting the dogs of the other exhibitors. Exhibitors should not crowd, and they should not distract others by continued use of toys and bait. Exhibitors should be alert to the needs of their dogs. They should use firm but thoughtful hands in controlling and handling their dogs. Exhibitors should not be impatient or heavy-handed.

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SECTION 1 - Showmanship

CLASSES:

01. Cloverbud
02. Novice
 - All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.
01. Advanced
 - All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.

SECTION 2 - Skill-a-thon

CLASSES:

01. Cloverbud (age 5-7)
02. Junior (age 8-10)
03. Intermediate (age 11-13)
04. Senior (age 14-18)

SECTION 3 - Obedience

CLASSES:

01. Cloverbud.
 - Cloverbuds will follow the Novice Obedience Test.
02. Basic
 - For **basic** handlers and **basic** dogs in their first year of show.
 - All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.
03. Novice (A & B)
 - For handlers and dogs ready to compete in novice exercises, except dogs with novice obedience titles or handlers and dogs that have won First Place in Novice A at a previous State Level Dog Show. Those teams will compete in Novice B.
 - All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.
04. Advanced
 - All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.

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Basic :

- Heel on leash
- Figure 8 on lead
- Sit and Down commands
- Recall on lead
- Sit for exam on lead
- 30 Second Sit Stay on lead in a group
- 30 Second Down Stay on lead in a group

Novice Obedience Test:

- Heel on leash
- Figure 8 on lead
- Sit and Down commands
- Recall on lead
- Stand for examination on lead
- One minute Sit Stay on lead in a group
- One minute Sit Stay on lead in a group

Advanced Obedience Test:

- Heel on leash
- Figure 8 on lead
- Heeling off lead
- Recall off lead
- Stand for examination off lead
- Sit Stay walk around ring and get Leash
- One minute Sit Stay on lead in a group
- One minute Sit Stay on lead in a group

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SECTION 4 – Rally Obedience

CLASSES:

01. Cloverbud

05. Novice

- Basic
For first year handlers with beginner dogs
- Novice A
For 2nd year or greater handlers, or dogs with qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience from any recognized accredited outside venue (i.e. AKC, UKI, etc.)
- Novice B
For Dogs or handlers that have earned a Novice Title in Rally or Obedience in an accredited outside venue, or have placed Top 3 with a qualifying score at a state event or previous fair.
- All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.

06. Intermediate

- Intermediate A
For dogs that have won a Novice Rally title, but have not earned a qualifying score in Rally Advanced.
- Intermediate B For dogs and handlers that have earned an Intermediate title, but are not ready to perform off leash.
- Intermediate courses will contain a minimum of 3 advanced signs.
- All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.

07. Advanced

- Off lead
- Courses will have a minimum of 3 advanced level stations plus 1 required jump per class.
- Signs 1-118 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.
- All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.

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08. Excellent

- Off lead
- Courses will have a minimum of 3 advanced level stations plus 2 required jumps per class.
- Unlike in the Rally Novice and Advanced classes, in Rally Excellent, handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections
- All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.

JUMP HEIGHTS FOR ADVANCED AND EXCELLENT The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form. Entries will be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, from either high to low or low to high. The judge may allow handlers to run out of order to allow for conflicts at their discretion.

Height of dog at withers	Height to be jumped.
11 inches and under	4 inches
12 inches to 15 inches	8 inches
15 inches to 18 inches	12 inches
18 inches to 22 inches 16 inches over 22 inches	20 inches

Broad jump is to be set at twice the height the dog jumps

SECTION 5 – Poster Contest

CLASSES:

01. All Entries

- All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age divisions.

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- Posters must not exceed 22" x 14" in size and can depict any topic related to dogs: Example: care, history, training, psychology, breeds, careers, or Skillathon topics of health.

SECTION 6 - Agility

ALL DOGS MUST HAVE A HEIGHT CARD AND BRING IT TO CHECK-IN, OR THEY MUST BE MEASURED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR YOUTH DOG COMMITTEE TO PARTICIPATE IN AGILITY.

Equipment provided at the show will be based on AKC standards as modified by the Osceola County Fair Youth Dog Committee.

12' - A-Frame

12' - Dog Walk

8' - Teeter

For handlers and dogs with agility training, the only acceptable collar is a flat buckle collar. NO TAGS OR ATTACHMENTS ARE ALLOWED. Off-lead dogs may also run with no collar. No contact familiarization before each class. Dogs capable of off-lead work should not enter in on-lead classes.

Dogs WITHOUT FORMAL AGILITY TRAINING or dogs unfamiliar with obstacles SHOULD NOT BE ENTERED. Dogs entered in Agility must be at least 15 months of age as of the day of the show. In the on-lead agility classes, a loose leash must be always maintained. Judges will deduct points each time the leash is tightened, and a major deduction will be taken for a constant tight leash.

PLEASE NOTE: IN AGILITY, A DOG WILL BE ALLOWED THREE REFUSALS. Points will be taken for each refusal, after three refusals the maximum points off will be taken and the exhibitor will be instructed to "move on" to the next obstacle.

Jump Heights (measured from the ground to the dog's withers.)

4" Dogs measuring 11" and under

8" Dogs measuring 14" and under

12" Dogs measuring 18" and under

16" Dogs measuring 22" and under

20" Dogs measuring 22" and over

NOTE: ABOVE CHART IS ALREADY ADJUSTED DOWN ONE LEVEL FROM AKC RULES! Our goal with the youth program is to promote the safety and wellbeing of all animals, and therefore, the standard AKC jump heights have been reduced.

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However, if you wish to participate at a lower jump height you may do so as a fun run with no points, placement, prize, etc.

CLASSES

- 01. Basic - On Lead: For beginner handlers and beginning dogs in their first year of showing.** Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above (Sit OR Down position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately Six Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.
- 02. Sub-Novice A - On Lead: For experienced handlers with beginning dogs or beginning handlers with experienced dogs. (If a team has scored 200 points in State Dog Show or if they have two or more years of showing, they must move to Sub-Novice B.)** Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above (Sit or Down position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately Six Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.
- 03. Sub-Novice B - On Lead: For experienced handler (two or more years of showing) who has won first place in the Sub-Novice A Agility class in the previous year OR who has achieved a score of 200 at a previous State Dog Show.** Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12" and 16" Table for 16" and above (Sit or Down at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately six hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties. If the dog has any qualifying agility legs, it must be shown in Novice or higher.
- 04. Novice-Off Lead:** Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above (Sit OR Down position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately Six Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.
- 05. Advanced-Off Lead: Dogs that show off lead agility in outside venues (i.e., AKC, UKC, NADAC, etc.) must show in Advanced Class.**

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SECTION 7- Costume Contest

CLASSES:

01. All Entries

- Dogs will NOT be dressed and judged at the show.
- All entries will be submitted as a photo with a description. Extra points will be given for exhibitors to dress up as well.
- Photo entries are to be in color and a 5x7 plain picture, no frame or mount.
- Costumes must be family friendly and without gore.
- All ages compete together unless the number of entries warrants splitting age division.
- Dogs must be shown in at least one of the classes above to be shown in the costume contest and can only be shown by the registered exhibitor.
 - Participation Ribbons Only – 1st-5th Place in each class

Awards:

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

- Blue ribbon \$5.00
- Red ribbon \$4.00
- White ribbon \$3.00
- All other competitors receiving a qualifying score of 70 or above, shall receive \$2.00 per class.
- Cloverbud One (1) premium for show, plus cloverbud ribbons for all classes competed.
- Highest scoring Junior, Intermediate & Senior in Showmanship will receive a Belt Buckle.

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Dog Show Champion of Champions

The following classes will be used to tabulate this award:

- Showmanship
- Skillathon
- Informational Poster
- Rally Obedience
- Obedience
- Agility

Showmanship is mandatory for consideration in this award. Each section gets a point value; all points will be added together with the highest score receiving:

- ***Champion of Champions - \$25, Belt Buckle & Rosette***