

DEPARTMENT 9 JUNIOR DOG



Co-Superintendents – Michelle Glandt & Brenda Reuter
All dogs must have distemper and rabies shots

MEMBERS ENROLLED IN DOG CAN ALSO EXHIBIT ITEMS LISTED IN DEPARTMENT 10 (these are non-animal items)

In order to show at the fair: All exhibitors showing a dog must turn in a completed Animal ID & Vet Check Information Form (found in the back of the Exhibitor Guide and Premium List book) along with a copy of the most recent shot records to the Dog Project Superintendent. Also, exhibitor must complete all the registration paperwork for the dog project. All dog project competitors must attend a minimum of 3 classes to pass a safety check and to receive their class placement with a dog project instructor in order to exhibit at the fair by June 15. Project members must attend a minimum of two Quizbowl classes as an educational requirement. Fair entries are completed through on 4H Online.

Members enrolled in the Dog Project can also exhibit non-animal items listed in Department 10 – Junior Animal Science/Small Pets

Dog Participation Rules & Guidelines for all classes

1. The dog is in good health and is current on rabies & distemper shots. A Vet ID/Check Information form and shot records have been turned into the Dog Project Superintendent prior to the Fair.
2. It is required that the youth and dog successfully complete at least one year of dog obedience training before moving to agility. The handler and dog must demonstrate a successful sit/stay, down/stay and the ability to control the dog when stationary of on leash to a 4-H dog instructor for a year of obedience training acquired elsewhere to count. It is a parent's responsibility to contact an instructor or the superintendent to set up an appointment for evaluation.

Dogs must continue to compete in obedience in order to remain in agility and/or showmanship until the dog has received a qualifying score in Novice class to be able to drop obedience and still be allowed to compete in agility and/or showmanship

3. The dog must have the ability to be peacefully approached by other dogs and handlers.
4. Any breed or mixture of breeds and/or size of dog is allowed to compete.
5. Family members may share a dog, but there is a maximum number of four runs per dog per day.
6. The discretion of the instructor determines whether the dog/handler team is ready to exhibit at the next level or OFF leash.
7. The dog may not be pregnant or nursing puppies at the time of competition. Bitches in heat may not compete.
8. Dogs must be at least 12 months old to compete in agility. It is recommended that larger breeds be at least 18 months old as their growth plates in their bones are still developing until the average age of 14 months.
9. Dogs 18 months and younger and 7 years and older are encouraged to jump at least one height lower than their measured jump height.

Class Jump Heights:

- 4" – for dogs up to 10 inches at the shoulder
- 8" – for dogs 10 - 14 inches at the shoulder
- 12" – for dogs 14 -18 inches at the shoulder
- 16" – for dogs greater than 18 inches at the shoulder

Premiums:

1st \$4.50 2nd \$3.50 3rd \$2.50 4th \$1.50

CLASS A – PRE NOVICE

Member's Grade

3-7	8-13
Item No.	Item No.
1	2
3	4
5	6

Beginners Pre-Novice – This is the first year exhibitors will begin training their dog. This class is for the circumstance in which neither the child or dog has received any training. Heel ON leash, figure 8 ON leash, sit for exam ON leash, recall ON leash (no finish), sit/stay ON leash (45 seconds)

Pre-Novice A – This class is for circumstances in which either the dog or the child has had prior training experience. All ON leash. Stand for examination, heel, figure 8, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (1 min).

Pre-Novice B – This class is for the circumstance in which the dog and handler have both had prior training experience. All ON leash – Stand for examination, heel, figure 8, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (1 min).

*Depending on the number of students registered, grade levels 3-13 may be put together for 1 trophy. Pre-Novice A&B may also be combined.

Class B – Obedience – All Dog Project exhibitors in grades 3-13

Item No.

1. **Novice** – ON leash heel, figure 8, OFF leash heel, recall, stand for examination, long sit (1 min.), down (1 min.)
2. **Graduate Novice** - ON leash heel, Off leash heel, figure 8, stand for examination, drop on recall, long sit (3 min.) and down (5 min.)
3. **Pre-Open** – OFF leash heel, figure 8, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, broad jump, long sit (3 min.) and down (5 min.)
4. **Open** – OFF leash heel, figure 8, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, broad jump, long sit (3 min.) and down (5 min.)
5. **Pre-Utility** – OFF leash signal exercise, retrieve over high jump, directed retrieve, directed jumping, high jump only and moving stand.
6. **Utility** - OFF leash signal exercise, scent discrimination (leather & metal), directed retrieve, directed jumping and moving stand.

Class C – Obedience – Other All Dog Project exhibitors in grades 3-13

Item No.

1. **Brace** – One handler & two dogs. ON leash heel, figure 8, stand for examination. OFF leash heel, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (1 min.).
2. **Team Pre-Novice** – Four team members plus one alternate. ON leash heel, figure 8, stand for examination, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (1 min.).
3. **Team Novice** – Four team members plus one alternate. ON Leash heel, figure 8, stand for examination. OFF leash heel, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (1 min.).

Premiums: 1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.50 3rd \$2.00 4th \$1.50

Class D – Showmanship

Judged on the skill of the exhibitor in handling, grooming & conditioning the dog. Conformation of dog will not be considered.

Item No.

1. Junior, grade 3-6
2. Intermediate, grades 7-9
3. Senior, grades 10-13

Class E – Costume Contest (Ribbons & trophy, no premiums)

Judging takes place at Fair before Agility Show and is based on most original and most fitting costume for both the dog and the handler. Audience votes for favorite.

Item No.

1. Costume Contest, All project members in grades 3-13

Premiums (Classes F, G):

1st \$4.50 2nd \$3.50 3rd \$2.50 4th \$1.50

Class F – Dog Agility Can sign up for 1 JTT AND 1 Standard class.

Item No.

Jump / Tunnels / Tables (JTT) – Course obstacles and course time

1. **JTT A (on-leash)** – Consists of 7-10 obstacles with a course time of 50 seconds.
2. **JTT B (off-leash)** – Consist of 10-15 obstacles with a course time of 50 seconds
3. **JTT Advanced (off-leash, students based on instructor's discretion)** – Consist of 16-20 obstacles including weave poles with a course time of 60 seconds

Standard Course obstacles (A-frame, dog walk, teeter-totter, weave poles, jumps, tunnel, table with set course times.

4. **Standard A** – (First year on-leash). Consist of 10-15 obstacles with a course time of 75 seconds
5. **Standard B** – (Second+ year on-leash). Consist of 10-15 obstacles with a course time of 75 seconds
6. **Standard Novice** – (First year off-leash). Consist of 10-15 obstacles with a course time of 75 seconds
7. **Standard Novice Advanced A** – (Second year off-leash). Consist of 16-20 obstacles with a course time of 60 seconds
8. **Standard Novice Advanced B** – (3+ years off-leash) Consist of 16-20 obstacles with a course time of 60 seconds

Class G – Rally (Exhibitors in grades 3-13)

For dog project exhibitors in Novice Obedience or above.

Item No.

1. **Novice** – All exercises are performed on leash with 10-15 stations to complete and no more than 5 stationary exercises. *Exhibitors at this level can clap their hands and pat their dogs through the course.
2. **Intermediate** – This is the second level of rally performed on-leash with 12-17 signs with a min. of 3 and a max. of 7 stationary signs. There is a min. of 3 advanced level signs in this class and no-jumps.
3. **Advanced** - This is the third level and includes more difficult exercises throughout the course. This is performed off-leash and includes 12-17 stations with no more than 7 stationary exercises. This level includes a jump and a call to front.
4. **Excellent** - This is the highest level of rally and most challenging. Exercises are performed off-leash except the honor exercise. There is a requirement of 15-20 stations with no more than 7 stationary exercises. Handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs verbally but no physical encouragement is allowed at this level. The excellent level exercises include backing the dog up three steps, while the dog stays in the heel position and a moving stand, while the handler walked around the dog

Class H – Critter Hunt (Prizes, no premiums)

The exhibitor and dog will work OFF leash together to have the dog locate 1 or 2 tubes containing a live critter (typically a rat). Tubes are hidden in or beside bales of straw. Decoy tubes are also hidden that have critter litter and are empty. The handler must call out "Rat" when they feel that the dog has indicated it has found the tube(s) with the critter. In addition, the dog must go through a straw bale tunnel and climb onto the bales with all 4 paws on the bales at one time. The timer will be stopped once all three requirements have been completed or the time limit is up. If the exhibitor runs out of

time, an NQ score will be given rather than a timed score. **Critters are handled humanely and their safety is ensured with enclosure inside a perforated tube and the attention of a Critter Wrangler.

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9. **Instinct** – First year for exhibitor or dog. Three tubes; one with a critter, one with litter and one empty that are not hidden and laying in a row in plain sight. Time limit of 1 minute to find the tube with the critter. The dog does NOT need to do a tunnel or climb.
10. **Pre-Novice** – First year exhibitor or dog. Child and/or instructor decides whether the dog is ready for Pre-Novice. 3 tubes (with critter, with litter, empty) are hidden in bales of straw. The dog MUST do a tunnel, a climb and find the critter tube. Time limit is 2 minutes.
11. **Novice** – Second & Third year for exhibitor and dog. 3 tubes (with critter, with litter, empty) are hidden in bales of straw. The dog MUST do a tunnel, a climb and find the critter tube. Time limit is 2 minutes. **May stay in Novice class up to 2 yrs.
12. **Open** - 4 tubes (2 with critters, 1 with litter, 1 empty) are hidden in bales of straw. The dog MUST do a tunnel, a climb and find both critter tubes. Time limit is 2 1/2 minutes.

***Special Announcement found in the back of the fairbook Alumni Exhibition Class (no premiums)**

Reservations should be turned in to Dog Project Superintendent no later than the night of fair clean up at 6pm at the farm progress building. Students must be an alumni of the La Crosse County 4-H dog project in the past 6 years. We will only have Novice class obedience so the dog must be able to work off leash. Showmanship class will be on leash. Only 1 dog may be shown for each class. Dogs must be friendly and approachable by children, and in a cage when not showing. Shot records of current rabies and distemper must accompany the registration.

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1. Novice class obedience
2. Showmanship