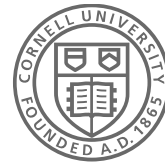




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New York State Fair 2018 4-H Dog Show

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

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EDUCATORS -- Please share this information with your dog participants!

- It is the responsibility of the 4-H educators submitting entries in the New York State Fair 4-H Dog Show to ensure that each exhibitor and his/her family, volunteer leaders and any other persons who will be supervising exhibitors, read and become familiar with the rules that follow as well as the rules and regulations published in the Youth Department 51 Animal Science Premium Book (specifically Section C). For a downloadable copy, see <http://www.nysfair.org/competitions>. Because dogs do not have their health papers checked upon entry to the fairgrounds, **it is necessary for all entries sent to the superintendent to have a valid rabies certificate attached.** A valid rabies certificate by Ag and Market rules will contain the date of vaccination; date vaccination is due, product name and lot number and veterinarian's signature or signature stamp as well as name and breed of animal.
- Each county is expected to provide 1 steward for every 10 entries (excluding drill team). Fill out a Steward Information form and return it with your packet to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will be contacting stewards before the fair via email to confirm their work schedule. Remember that only teens 13-19 years of age can be paid and you will need to work a full 6 hours to receive your teen leader premium.
- Not knowing the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for failure to adhere to them.
- Scoresheets used in **2018** are downloadable here: <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/dogs/dog-class-scoresheets/>

THINGS TO DO PRIOR TO THE NYS 4H DOG SHOW:

NOTE: 4-H members who are (or are not) exhibiting dogs on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 18** in the Dog Show, may also share their knowledge about dogs and expand their communications skills by staffing the CYNOLGY BOOTH in the Youth Building at the State Fair. CYNOLGY is the study of "dog science." Those who plan to participate must have at least one adult present and request and obtain exhibitor entry and parking passes through their county 4-H office. Please contact Education Coordinator for questions about Youth Building activities on display from **August 22 -September 3, 2018**.

1. You and your dog(s) must have been properly entered. **Entries must be postmarked by August 1, 2018.** No substitutions or additions of animals or classes will be allowed after deadline. PLEASE BE SURE TO READ YOUTH BOOK. There are THREE sections to review (Pages pertaining to ALL youth entries especially note exhibitor requirements; Department 51 pertains to all animal science exhibitors; Section C, 4-H Dog Show, is specific to 4-H dog exhibitors). **Copies of rabies certificates must be attached to the entry forms which are returned to the dog show superintendent.**

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2. **ENTRY BLANK COMPLETION:** Please be sure that **one entry blank per dog** is completely filled out. Print or type the information so that it can be easily read. For Agility and Rally classes, height of dog **MUST** be included on the entry form. Become familiar with the State Fairgrounds map. See <http://www.nysfair.org/your-fair-visit/map/> for a downloadable map and key.

3. All 4-H dog project members may participate during the dog show in the **NYS 4-H Dog Skillathon Contest at the NYS 4H Dog Show Sat. AUG 18** in the Coliseum. 2011 was the first year this opportunity was offered in a station format for 2 participant levels (Beginner and Advanced). In **2018**, youth will test their dog knowledge at up to 10 different stations. Possible stations may include: 1) Breed groups or breed identification, 2) dog science vocabulary or body part identification, 3) show term definitions like patterns in grooming, what does “contact” mean in Agility etc., 4) Fun/Famous Dogs, 5) Ears/Eyes/Teeth care, 6) Vet Talk ie: normal temp, pulse and respiration rates, 7) 4-H trivia, 8) Identify 2 different things like heartworm, tools for grooming etc., 9-10) Demonstrate something ie: how to safely lift a dog, muzzle a dog or look for fleas, trim nails etc. Collectable breed pins will be presented to all participants. Pre-registration will help contest organizers be more efficient. Simply circle **Skillathon Class on the Dog Show Entry form**. Registration will also be conducted upon arrival. For Resource suggestions see: <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/dogs/skillathon/>

4. Remember to continue to practice with your dog. Groom as necessary (dogs shown only in obedience classes should also "look their best").

5. **No exhibitor passes or parking permits are needed for the Show this year! Do consult with your county 4-H office about screening chaperones so adults can be approved to stay in the Youth Dormitory.** **2018 Dog Dorm Reservation form** can be found here: <https://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/>
 Parking spots for RV's may still be available in the Pink Lot. Check with State Fair Entry Department Phone: 315.487.7711 ext. 1337. Here is a downloadable RV reservation form. Sites are \$25/night.
<https://nysfair.ny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2018-Ag-Exhibitor-RV-form.pdf>

6. All exhibitors should **bring their dog's original rabies certificate to the Fair**. It's a NYS law.

7. Plan a special educational **exhibit about dogs for the public**. Do you have any posters that can be displayed in the CYNOLGY BOOTH? Do you have a breed of dog which requires extensive grooming? Setting up a grooming table and working on your dog will attract public interest and give you the opportunity to answer questions. **Bring exhibits/poster displays to the State Fair with an Exhibitor Entry Card**. For evaluation criteria, refer to youth building “Exhibits & Posters”.

8. Designate ONE individual from your county to pick up armbands on **SATURDAY** morning. This individual should be aware of which exhibitors are entered in which classes **and if anyone is scratching from a class**. Armbands will only be given to one adult per county. 4-H members may **not** pick up their own armbands.

OVERNIGHTERS

WeekEnd Fair Fun! Don't be Afraid to Stay!

1. **The Youth Building will be open Friday through Sunday for 4-H families and their dogs to stay overnight. Do you want to have some extra fun? Come in on Friday (after 4pm) and get a chance to relax before show day. We will have some grooming advice, tips for the show ring and Meet and Greet games to get your weekend started. Saturday, SHOW DAY! You won't have to get up so early to drive to Syracuse for that 7am registration! After the show, you can come back to the Youth Building for more fun. The dogs will be tired and probably happy to chill. Youth will have the option of just taking some down time too, perhaps with a movie or a stroll around the grounds. If you have energy to spare, a group may go to Destiny USA for dinner and some other entertainment! Lazer Tag, Amazing Mirror Maze, 5Wits, WonderWorks, Pole Position Racing, Glow Golf, Canyon Climb...awesome possibilities! Let the good times roll! Sunday, we will make breakfast together before**

our morning adventures. Geocaching, a scavenger hunt and a hike on Onondaga Lake park trails are options. Then time to say good-bye until next year. For this adventure to happen, we need to know if you are interested in participating!! We will firm up details when we know how many plan on attending. Please be aware that regular State Fair policies will still be in effect. Adult chaperones will be needed and dogs cannot be loose or make excessive noise while on the grounds. Contact Kathi Chambliss if you can help organize social activities and/or group meals.

For general state fair overnight policies see: <https://nys4-h.org/4hpolicies>

2. **Youth Dorm reservations for the Dog Show must be made by AUGUST 1. This opportunity is limited to 4-H Dog Show participants and their families and registration must be approved by a county 4-H staff person.**
3. Each dog must be housed in an appropriate crate (NO DOGS ARE TO BE TIED). **THE CRATE MUST BE TAGGED WITH THE NAME OF THE EXHIBITOR, COUNTY, WHERE EXHIBITOR IS SLEEPING (DORM, SPECIFIC TRAILER, ETC.), NAME, SEX, AND BREED OF DOG. NO EXERCISE PENS.** Remember to bring your dog's food!!
4. **There must be at least one adult per county who will be staying with the dogs.** These adults will need to bring cots, blow up mattress, sleeping bags, etc.
5. Youth are to sleep in the dorm in the Youth Building (must be properly registered by county 4-H office personnel).
6. Dogs must be QUIET at all times. If you have a problem dog from your county, you may wish to bring some bitter apple, alum, or Tabasco sauce with you!
7. Pooper scooping is a must!! Bring a supply of plastic bags!! Garbage bins will be provided.
8. Dogs must be on leash at all times.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:

1. Your dog(s)!!
2. Water dish and maybe even water if your dog is fussy.
3. Crate (and maybe crate dolly) if available, may want to bring a towel/rug/mat for dog to lie on.
4. Grooming and training equipment including leashes.
5. Show clothes. Be prepared for the weather.
6. Money for incidentals.
7. County banner to hang near where your county sits in the Coliseum.
8. Pooper scooping supplies (baggies, etc.).
9. Treats for your pet!!
10. **Your dog's proof of rabies vaccination certificate.**

WHAT TO DO ON SHOW DAY:

1. Bring your dog(s) and equipment to the Coliseum. A special section of the Coliseum may be designated for exhibitors to sit in. Please listen to announcements. Please properly dispose of trash.
2. **ONE adult from your county (the one listed on your entry forms) should check in at the registration table between 7:00 and 7:45 am.** Please let the registrars know if you know someone will be absent. The designated individual will then distribute the armbands to exhibitors from his/her county (outside of the dog show arena).
3. Show catalogs will be available by 7:00 am on **Saturday, AUGUST 18.** Please remember that several counties have their county fair during or after the State Fair entry deadline. These counties must enter all possible exhibitors and then scratch those who will not be participating in State Fair. Scratches are unknown until show day.
4. Selling of items as main focus is prohibited. Community service and education are the main goals. Helping at an exhibit may help to decrease the anticipatory anxiety some youth experience while waiting their turn in the ring!!
5. **ALL** rings will wait for Agility dogs.
6. Obedience exercises are mostly done individually so even though your class may begin at 8:15 am, you may have to wait (maybe even 2 hours or more!!) for your turn.
7. There will be **multiple** rings set up in the Coliseum. Each ring will be numbered and a sign will indicate what class is being judged. There will be a poster outside each obedience ring listing exhibitor numbers. "Sc" will indicate an absentee. A single diagonal line through a number will indicate that the exhibitor has "checked in". An "X" through the number indicates that the exhibitor has already completed his/her individual exercises. You can use the information from the poster to estimate when you will be entering the ring or doing group exercises. **PLEASE REMEMBER**, the poster marking indicated is IDEAL but we'll be training many new stewards on show day. Please be patient.
8. If a youth is in one ring and is being paged in another ring, the youth should indicate this to the judge between exercises (if obedience) and a steward can inform the other ring of the youth's present location, or, anyone hearing the page can notify the announcer that the youth is already in a ring and the announcer will be sure that the other ring is notified. With rings all going at once, conflicts are inevitable. Judges are aware of this and make every effort to accommodate youth showing in multiple classes. The Danish System of awards is used so even if an exhibitor misses his/her turn, he/she can still be evaluated later. Don't panic!! (Easier said than done sometimes, but give it a try!!).
9. Plan on rushing around and then having a long period of waiting and then getting called to more than one place at a time. Use your waiting time to plan for your next class, take a food or water break!! Participate in the Dog Skillathon, OR we can always use help stewarding...volunteer your services!!
10. **FOR YOUR SAFETY, EXHIBITORS ARE RECOMMENDED TO WALK IN PAIRS** when walking around the Fairgrounds.
11. **AT NO TIME MAY A DOG BE LEFT UNATTENDED.** Someone needs to be designated to "keep an eye" on your dog if you need to leave for any reason.
12. Adults, other than those helping, are not allowed on the Coliseum floor during the show. Address questions to someone in the announcer's stand. The announcer will then page the appropriate person. Remember, the 4-H Dog Show is hectic and for many it's their FIRST dog show ever, be patient!!
13. It is our goal to avoid as many conflicts between rings as possible. If you have any questions on which ring you should go to first, please ask at the announcer's stand.
14. STEWARDS are welcome. If you have people in your group who can help, please see the announcer.

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. If you have any suggestions for future State 4-H Dog Show judges, please contact Superintendent.

CARE OF ANIMALS:

1. All dogs should be offered water appropriately throughout the day.
2. As always, 4-H'ers are expected to continue to treat their animals humanely.
3. Any perceived infractions should be reported immediately to the Superintendent.
4. Remember, your dog is not a robot. If your dog has a "bad" day, take it in stride.
5. Do not allow your dog to sniff and/or come in close contact with another dog. If your dog shows ANY sign of aggression towards another dog (or a person), immediately get tighter control of your dog and walk away (preferably off to the side rather than exposing your dog's rear to the other dog). Report the incident to the adult responsible for your county at the show.

Enjoy the Day!!