



San Diego County

4-H Dog Project Show Rules

San Diego County 4-H Dog Advisory Board

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Introduction

This booklet explains the rules and procedures for San Diego County 4-H dog shows. Each entrant to a dog show must be a 4-H member and sign-up, i.e. register, for the show by the required date stated on the show registration form. Each entrant is expected to arrive prior to start of the show. Each show will hold at least two main venues of Obedience and Showmanship competition. This booklet only covers Obedience, Showmanship and participation in Round Robin competition. Rules for other types of events will come from either AKC (American Kennel Club) and/or **4-H rules**. Where those rules conflict, **4-H rules will take precedence**. For more information see the section on Dog Show Organization.

Any dog trained by that 4-H member may be entered. There is no requirement for using pure bred dogs. Shows and the ribbons & trophies are to help the member see how well they and their dog can perform the exercises in a distracting atmosphere under a judge. The competitive aspect should not be emphasized over the individual's ability to handle the dog. The intent is to encourage improvement from one show to the next and reaching the next level by receiving **qualifying scores**.

It shall be the responsibility of members to familiarize themselves with the rules and/or procedures for the events in which they plan to show. Member, parents, and leaders are reminded that competition, ribbons, trophies, and medals are secondary to the goals of 4-H. Projects should promote leadership, honesty, good sportsmanship, goal-setting, and participation in the group before over-emphasizing "winning." Promotion of members in the club as a whole, not just the dog care project, is also valuable.

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ADDENDUMS FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS

These addendums cover the specific rules particular events that may be held at a show. New events are added as an addendum that is presented to the Dog advisory Board for inclusion in this document. Before the event can be held a set of rules must be written up as the addendum by those proposing the new event. Each new event will undergo a minimum one year trial period where the rules will be verified in practice and fine tuned. During the first Dog Advisory meeting for each year, any addendum(s) for new events will be presented for a vote on inclusion to begin their one year trial period. During that first meeting new events that have completed at least one year of trail period will be voted on for inclusion as an official 4-H event in San Diego County.

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referenced from within this one:

Dog show registration form template: An example for creating the registration form for a dog show

Dog show program, catalog and schedule template: an example to work from when hosting a show

Dog show planning guide: intended to assist the dog show committee

Associated score sheets for Showmanship and Obedience competition

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1. Dog Show Organization

This section explains how the dates for the dog shows are set up and how to host a dog show.

1.1 DETERMINING THE OVERALL DOG SHOW SCHEDULE

The San Diego 4-H Dog Advisory board holds a meeting in the fall, typically in October. During this meeting one of the items that will be discussed is what shows will be held on what dates for the following year. This meeting will also cover topics such as making improvements to this document.

1.2 HOSTING A DOG SHOW

San Diego 4-H County dog shows are hosted and run by the San Diego 4-H Dog Advisory Board Chair person or an approved dog group. The dog show will conform to the rules, regulations and guidelines set forth in this document and other applicable 4-H rules. In general, the show host is responsible for finding a suitable location to hold the show (if not already provided), obtaining qualified judges for the Obedience and Showmanship events, handling participant registration, developing the show program, schedule and catalog as well as reporting the show results to the county office when the show is over. Providing ribbons for winners is the responsibility of the Dog Advisory Board Chair person. If a volunteer is hosting the show then these ribbons will be provided to the volunteer.

1.3 DOG SHOW REGISTRATION

At least two months prior to the show date, the host for the dog show will provide a show registration form to the San Diego 4-H office for distribution to San Diego county 4-H clubs. The deadline for when registration ends must allow time for the show host to compile the show catalog, program and schedule. See the companion document: **Dog show registration form template**. This is copied and modified to show the information needed for the specific dog show.

1.4 TIMING OF DOG SHOW EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Each dog show will hold both Obedience and Showmanship events. Additional or optional venues such as Open-B, Rally Obedience, Agility or other dog competition related events may be held, they must have approval of the San Diego County Dog Show Advisory Board Chair person prior to sending out the show registration forms.

See the example show program, catalog and schedule. There are some conventions that are recommended so that the participants are not required to be in two places at the same time. Older members start in Obedience competition first. Obedience competition begins around one hour before Showmanship competition begins. Showmanship runs a bit faster than obedience so by the end of the day the events will end about the same time.

During the hour before Showmanship event begins the primaries will have opportunity to participate in the same events as other competitors. All primaries are given a ribbon for participation right away and encouraged to work with their dogs.

1.5 DOG SHOW EQUIPMENT

Equipment necessary to run a show:

Three 8' x 10' shade canopies

Stakes and colored plastic tape for making the dog show rings

2 6' long tables

6 chairs

1 grooming table for judging showmanship

1 set of jumps

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1.6 OBTAINING JUDGES

The show host has the responsibility to obtain qualified judges for the show. They may contact current and former AKC judges, current and former 4-H dog event judges. Finding Judges with previous experience on working with junior competitions is highly recommended. See the individual addendums for each event for the judging eligibility requirements for that event. It is highly recommended that those judging understand the need to provide positive verbal feedback to 4H members on how they can improve their skills for the event they are competing in. **Judges need to be contracted 60 days prior to show.**

1.7 GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR 4-H DOG SHOW JUDGES TO FOLLOW

Judges are expected to have a genuine interest in 4H members and in the progress they make with training their dogs. It is important that judges understand the definition and purpose of event classes and take seriously their role in guiding the future guardians of the sport. Judges shall conduct their ring in a consistent, businesslike and safe manner that will instill confidence in exhibitors and spectators.

1.7.1 RESPONSIBILITIES

It is important for judges to be teachers by example. They should be prompt, courteous, patient and properly attired. Judges must be impartial and totally separate the handling ability of the 4H members they judge from any other consideration. From the exhibitor's point of view, impartiality extends to eliminating from the judging process bias for or against the breed handled, any thought of past or future assignments, friendships, external knowledge of a 4H members record of competition, or prior knowledge or assumption of the dog's training or preparation. If asked by a show-giving club to judge, acceptance should be based on whether or not they feel capable of judging 4H members.

1.7.2 SAFETY

4H members with varying degrees of experience and dogs with great difference in size, temperament and training need safe ring conditions. Judges must make every effort to ensure the safety of the Juniors and their dogs during competition. Judges may arrange or rearrange competitors in order of gaiting speed or size of dog to avoid crowding and instruct 4H members to leave space for judging between themselves and the 4H members in front of or behind them. Moving two dogs together (side by side) is allowed as is any pattern which places any dog in close proximity to other dogs when lead control is at a minimum, i.e., on a loose lead, etc. Class size is limited to **15** 4H members in the ring. Never hesitate to divide any class for any reason where the safety of the individuals or the dogs is involved. Likewise, do not hesitate to excuse any dog from the ring which is out of control, lame or which is otherwise ineligible to compete. Any dog showing signs of viciousness should be excused immediately. Any member using a lead to whip a dog or another member during any event will result in an **immediate disqualification** from that event.

1.7.3 MEMBER APPEARANCE & CONDUCT

The judge should be aware of the appearance of both the handler and the dog. The 4H member should be suitably dressed for the occasion. It is recommended that the member wear the 4H uniform but it is not required **unless stated in the show rules**. The 4-H uniform consists of: white shirt (short or long sleeved) white pants/blue jeans, 4H hat & either 4H tie or scarf. Belts must be worn with pants with belt loops. The dog should be groomed and trimmed in the manner associated with the breed. The judge should evaluate the dress of the handler and the grooming of the dog, acknowledging the degree of effort that has been made. Excessive grooming of the dog in the ring to gain the judge's attention is inappropriate and should be faulted accordingly.

The judge shall evaluate the general conduct of 4H members in the ring. 4H members should appear prepared, confident, businesslike and attentive. They should be courteous to both the judge and their fellow exhibitors. 4H members are expected to handle their dogs without distracting the dogs of other competitors. For example, a 4H member who crowds or disturbs other dogs should be faulted.

A principle of these competitions is to afford the opportunity to learn the spirit of fellowship and fair play. Winning is important but is secondary to development of sportsmanship in competition. Judges **should not reward unsportsmanlike** conduct or actions, **regardless of a handler's other capabilities** or they will compromise the very premise of Showmanship. 4H members should be alert to the needs of their dogs, realizing the welfare of their dog is important. They are responsible for the control of their dogs at all

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times. However, 4H members who exhibit impatience or heavy-handedness with their dogs should be penalized.

2. General Dog Show Rules and Regulations

The final decision on interpreting these rules shall be with the current 4-H Dog Project Advisory Committee. The Dog Project Advisory Committee shall consist of any meeting of dog project leaders representing at least three clubs to which all dog leaders were fairly invited.

2.1 MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

1. A member's age group as of January 1 of the current club year, is the member's age *all year* and does *not* change with the individual's birthday or grade change.
2. The age divisions are as follows: Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. The age groups will be divided in compliance with San Diego County age division protocols.
3. Dogs and exhibitors must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dog Care Project and under the 4H member's care and management during the 4H year.
4. Dogs must be groomed, cared for, and trained by the 4H member.
5. Dog care project leaders shall determine and approve participation of their members and dogs.
6. There will be no discrimination of a dog's breed whether it is a purebred or all-American.
7. Dogs vaccination is up to the dog owner. If an unvaccinated dog gets infected by another dog at a show there is no recourse legal or otherwise by the owner of the unvaccinated dog.

2.1.1 SPECIAL NEEDS EXHIBITORS

At a county level, project leaders shall encourage special needs members to participate in classes based on their abilities. Special exceptions or modifications to classes shall be made as required to allow the 4-H member a satisfactory experience.

2.2 GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to know and follow the rules as set up by 4H.
2. A 4H uniform may be worn but it is not to be considered over any participant maintaining a neat and clean appearance. The uniform is only required if stated in the show rules. Some county shows may require the participants wear the 4-H uniform.

2.3 GENERAL REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SHOWS

1. Any "Dog Show" will be held with the permission of, and conformity to, these rules and regulations.
2. At all shows, all classes up to Open B in Obedience and all three classes (Novice, Open, & Master) in Showmanship must be offered.
3. Shows shall be pre-entry only. Check entry form to determine payment policies.
4. **All entry forms must be signed by a dog project leader.**
5. It is the responsibility of the member and leader to keep personal show records accurate and to enter the class for which the member and dog are eligible.
6. According to State 4-H policy, all 4-H activities must essentially be free to 4H members. This means that participants in 4-H activities can only be required to pay for the costs of the event (i.e. judges' expenses, awards, etc.). Profits cannot be made from entry fees and entry fees must be made separately. If an excessive amount is received over the cost of the event, it should be submitted to the Dog Advisory Treasury.
7. In cases of extreme weather the dog show secretary will make a decision whether the show will continue in view of dog and handler safety.
8. No refunds. Weather conditions, sick, injured dogs, or bitches in season do not constitute grounds for refunds to participants.
9. All **dogs entered must have received a County I.D. number**. The same number is used as long as the dog is in 4-H.
10. No ill, injured, or lame dog will be allowed to participate.

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11. Scheduling of dog shows charging an entry fee must be approved by the Dog Advisory Committee and must follow the committee's rules and regulations. The scheduling for all of the shows is planned during a meeting held by the San Diego County Dog Advisory board.
12. Any individual club or group of clubs holding a dog show charging an entry fee will be responsible for the following:
 - a. All necessary paperwork.
 - b. Ribbons and trophies.
 - c. Necessary judges.
 - d. Scoring sheets and arm bands.
 - e. General clean-up (however individuals shall clean up after their own dogs and their general area of activity during the day before leaving the grounds).
13. Clerk records will be kept by show chairperson, and shall be sent to the County Dog Project Points and Awards Recorder within seven (7) days of the show's completion.
14. Equipment shall be the same specifications as per AKC rules.
15. Rings will be approximately 50' x 45' or larger.

2.4 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE

1. Dogs will remain on leash at all times except when doing an off-leash exercise in the obedience ring.
2. Dogs must be able to be controlled by the 4H handler so as to avoid any injury to another child or possible dog fight. At each show, the Show Chairperson shall designate three adults (preferably from two or more clubs), familiar with the Dog Show Rules to be the Show Grounds Committee. This committee shall handle any complaints regarding infractions of rules, or dismissal for a potentially aggressive dog. They shall use their judgment and discretion to quietly speak to member and/or parents.
3. Cruelty to any dog in the ring during a 4H function will be penalized by having the handler leave the ring. Any cruelty outside the ring will be handled by the Show Grounds committee and can result in dismissal from the show grounds.
4. Dogs not entered are not allowed on the show grounds without prior approval of the show chairperson.
5. No dogs shall be allowed in the rings before or during the show except for those currently being judged.
6. No female dog in season will be permitted on the show grounds.
7. Individual show rules may require participants to certify that their dog has current vaccinations for Rabies, DHLP, and Parvo Virus. Those shows that require vaccinations may also require proof of vaccinations.
8. No tags or license on collars while in the ring. Standard training collars or flat buckle collars are appropriate in the obedience ring. Standard 6 ft. obedience leash (leather or fabric) is appropriate in Obedience competition. Showmanship leads are appropriate in the Showmanship ring. No pinch collars are allowed.
9. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to be at proper class at the proper time. Exhibitors shall notify ring stewards if double entered.
10. Moderate practicing and warm-up of dogs shall be allowed on show grounds, but not near rings.
11. All judges should have some form of ribbon or tag identifying them as judges to the exhibitors.
12. Dogs belonging to the judge or a member of the judge's immediate family may not exhibit under that judge.
13. All decisions regarding placements made by the judges of the dog show will be honored.
14. Those not complying to the 4-H rules are subject to disqualification and may be asked to leave the show grounds. Any dog or handler that is disqualified and/or asked to leave the show grounds shall forfeit all awards and points earned at that show. The Show Grounds Committee shall handle such incident.
15. The rules of the American Kennel Club shall be used where there is no 4-H rule to cover the situation and where the AKC rule would apply to a 4H show.
16. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on show grounds.

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2.5 GENERAL RULES ON SHOW AWARDS

1. Placements will be awarded for 1st through 4th place in all classes for any given event.
2. Participation for primary members should be limited to cooperative learning activities, with no competition. Primary members should only receive recognition for their participation.
3. Equal awards should be offered among the events held at the show.
4. **A non-qualifying score will win placement ribbons, although a qualifying score is necessary to earn county points.** That is, earning county points requires a qualifying score for the event in question.
5. In case of ties, run-offs shall be held for show awards only. A run-off shall have no effect on County Points.

3. County Awards & Incentive Program

For any events that may earn county points the following rules shall apply.

County Points will be given in all classes and categories:

- First place 4 points
- Second place 3 points
- Third place 2 points
- Fourth place 1 point

1. Points accumulate during the 4H Calendar Year and awarded for placements at San Diego County 4H shows. The events that currently earn county points are:

- Showmanship County points are accrued to the handler
- Open B Showmanship..... County points are accrued to the handler
- Obedience County points are accrued to the handler/dog team
- Rally Obedience..... County points are accrued to the handler/dog team

2. **A qualifying score is necessary to earn County Points.**

3. County Winner certificates will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place in all categories. Medals are given for first place only.

4. County Awards shall be awarded for Obedience, in each of the three age groups: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior: Beginning Novice A, Beginning Novice B, Novice A, Novice B, Graduate Novice, Open, and Utility.

5. County Awards shall be awarded for showmanship in each of the three age groups: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior: Novice and Open A

6. Open B and Master Showmanship have no age categories and only one medal/award certificates.

7. Duplicate county medals and awards will be given in case of a tie.

8. County title certificates will be given for dogs earning the following Obedience titles at 4-H shows:

- Buddy Dog (BD) Three qualifying scores in Beginning Novice
- Companion Dog (CD) Three qualifying scores in Novice
- Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) Three qualifying scores in Open
- Utility Dog (UD) Three qualifying scores in Utility

9. The recording and maintenance of the County Point Report report shall be the responsibility of the Dog Advisory Chairman.

10. All awards must be distributed at the end of the 4H calendar year.

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Addendum A: Showmanship Class

Showmanship is a competition in which 4H members are judged on their ability to handle a dog. The prime objective for the handler is to demonstrate the ability to show a dog to its best advantage. The exercises include gaiting the dogs together around the ring, posing the dog for examination, gaiting the dogs individually at the correct pace, and knowledge of dog body parts. The dog should be properly groomed and gaited according to the type of dog being exhibited.

It is recommended that a specific showmanship choke and lead be used in the showmanship ring. This equipment helps the dog differentiate between showmanship and obedience exercises. It also adds to the overall picture of a smooth flowing handler and dog team. The judging criteria with scoring points and scoring deductions are as follows. Scoring deductions are examples only and are not meant to be comprehensive.

A.1 SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

The eligibility requirements and criteria for Showmanship Judges are as follows:

Licensed AKC Conformation and/or Junior Showmanship Judge

Provisional AKC Conformation and/or Junior Showmanship Judge

Professional Handler with the following criteria:

Minimum 5 years involvement in AKC Dog Shows

Minimum 2 years experience as a Professional Handler

Owner/Handler Exhibitor with the following criteria:

Minimum 5 years involvement in AKC Dog Shows

Has finished a minimum of 2 dogs to their Champion of Record titles, with the majority of points earned with the owner/handler serving as primary handler

4H Dog Project Leader Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum 2 years of service as a Dog Project Leader

Must not have served as a Dog Project leader for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

4H Dog Project Member Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum age - 19 years of age

Minimum 2 years of competition in Open (or equivalent) 4H Dog Show Competition

Must not have competed in a 4H Dog Show for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

AKC Junior Showmanship Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum age - 19 years of age

Minimum 2 years competition in AKC Open Junior Showmanship Competition

Must not have competed in a 4H Dog Show for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

In the interest of objectivity, it is suggested that:

Any individual who has a child involved in active 4H Dog Showmanship Competition should consider carefully before accepting a Judging Assignment.

Under NO circumstance should a parent judge their own child (children) in competition.

A.1.1 Preparation needed by the judge prior to the day of the show

Those who judge Showmanship must be familiar with the Showmanship Rules and Regulations. At least two weeks prior to judging, the Judge should be provided with the following:

1. San Diego County Guidelines
2. Showmanship Judging Guidelines
3. Showmanship Patterns Handout
4. Showmanship Score Sheets: Individual & Group

A.2 SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE GUIDELINES

Showmanship classes are judged solely on the ability and skill of 4H members in handling their dogs as in the breed ring. The purpose of Showmanship Competition is twofold: to introduce and encourage 4H members to participate in the sport of dogs; and to provide 4H members with a meaningful competition in which they can learn, practice, and improve in all areas of handling skills and sportsmanship.

The prime objective for the handler is to demonstrate the ability to show a dog to its best advantage. The exercises include gaiting the dogs together around the ring, posing the dog for examination, gaiting the

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dogs individually at the correct pace, and knowledge of dog body parts. The dog should be properly groomed and gaited according to the type of dog being exhibited.

A.2.1 JUDGING ROUTINE

The actual routine of judging will vary according to the judge, the number of 4H members, size of the ring, conditions, weather and time of day. However, judges should strive to evaluate competitors in an appropriate and consistent manner. It is very important that only those procedures and patterns of gaiting commonly used in regular dog show classes be used. Approved gaiting patterns are: O Pattern "Circle"; I pattern - "Down & back"; Triangle; L Pattern; T Pattern; Down & Back Side by Side. (Please refer to the Showmanship Pattern guide for visualization of these patterns).

The judge should be aware of the different breeds he will see in the ring and the particular ways in which these breeds are normally handled. Examining tables shall be used only for small dogs & breeds that are normally examined on a table. Although the procedure for completing the examination of the dogs should closely resemble that of breed judging, examination of the dogs for Showmanship can be done rapidly because the conformation of the dog is of no concern. Judges should be consistent in the initial examination of each 4H member using the same gaiting patterns, the same procedural requests and allow each 4H member approximately the same amount of time. However, judges may change the examining routine when making a further appraisal of competitors.

A judge should not confuse the ability of a 4H member to take directions with the 4H member's ability to handle the dog. Some freedom of expression and expertise should be allowed. To have all exhibitors handle as if by rote defeats the basic premise of showmanship. Judges should consider how their own movements in the ring may precipitate awkward and unusual handling results. For example, when examining the class as a whole in motion, the judge should be inside the circle; and when examining a class of standing or posed dogs the judge should not move from one side of the line to the other excessively, creating unnecessary handling movements.

A.2.2 KNOWLEDGE EVALUATION

A minimum of three questions should be used as a means of testing a 4H member's knowledge. The question phase of judging is usually done after an exhibitor performs their individual gaiting pattern. Questions generally involve dog anatomy, breed specific questions, showing and/or ring procedure, general dog care and dog knowledge. The question phase of judging can be precarious. Insure that complete knowledge of answers posed to the 4H member is done before asking the questions. Reevaluation of answers may be required for clarification and is suggested, especially if a 4H member provides an answer that is unexpected.

A.2.3 JUDGE'S EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION

The judge should examine and evaluate the class of 4H members in four basic areas: proper presentation, skill in the individual dog's presentation, knowledge of ring procedures, and appearance & conduct. The general rule in evaluating a handler's capabilities is *economy of motion*. Handlers who use exaggerated motions and gestures in any phase of their presentation of the dog should be faulted. In essence, the judge should hardly be aware of the capable handler's presence while completing the dog's examination. In many respects a Showmanship judge's principal consideration should be to find those 4H members who possess a hand for dogs. Those handlers having this attribute neither over- nor under- handle their dogs. They present their dogs in a quiet, efficient manner. They are able to keep their dog's attention without dramatic or unnatural movements. They are able to gait their dogs in a collected trot, never distracting or interfering with the judge's vision of the dog.

A.2.4 PRESENTATION

While the judge must consider all areas important in evaluating the overall capabilities of 4H members, it is doubly important that the 4H member presents his dog in the proper manner for the breed being handled and that the judge is cognizant of the proper presentation for that breed. In the individual presentation of the dog, the 4H member should demonstrate the ability to handle the dog as it is handled in the breed ring, showing the dog to its best advantage in pose and in motion. During all phases of handling, the 4H member's concentration should be on the dog and not on the judge; but not to the extent that he/she

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is unaware of what is taking place in the ring. Remember, you are judging the handler, but time should be spent looking at the dog to gain insight as to how well it is being handled.

1. Is the dog responsive to the handler? Do they work as a team?
2. Does the dog appear posed or interested at all times?
3. Is the dog under control?
4. Is the dog moved correctly to the best of its ability?
5. Do both the dog and handler appear relaxed?
6. Is the dog presented with an apparent minimum of effort?
7. Focus is on the handler, faults of the animal are not to be considered

A.2.5 KNOWLEDGE OF RING PROCEDURE

The judge shall evaluate the ability of the 4H member to follow directions, use space wisely, and execute the requested gaiting patterns. 4H members should appear ring wise, alert to the judging progression and be prepared for changes in the judging routine. It is never acceptable for one handler to pass another while moving around the ring unless they were specifically ordered to do so by the judge.

Showmanship collars include nylon or very small chain link slip collars, or combination lead and collar, such as a martingale. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar. Showmanship leads may be of fabric or leather, proportionate to the size of the dog, and long enough to allow for easy handling. Chain leads are not acceptable. Using a lead to whip a dog during the event will result in an **immediate disqualification from that event.**

A.3 THE JUDGES SCORE SHEET

Judging is done on the Danish system, with each 4H member judged using a point system. A group judging sheet that lists each 4H member within a competition class will be provided. The judge has the sole responsibility for his score decisions, especially for its correctness. He should take proper care in the recording of armband numbers, seeing they are in the right place and clearly legible. Comments from the Judge in the appropriate section of the scoring sheet should be brief & specific; they are commendable but not required. The judging criteria with scoring points and scoring deductions are as follows. Scoring deductions are examples only and are not meant to be comprehensive.

Placements & awards are distributed at the completion of all Showmanship classes. Before placements & awards are announced & distributed, the judge may opt to speak to the group and impart educational critique. The judge, with the help of the show committee, who has the responsibility of keeping record of all the awards, may present awards to the 4H members.

At the completion of a class, the ring steward will collect the class's judging sheet(s), note the placements given by the judge then deliver the sheet(s) to the show committee. Placements, first through 4th place, will be awarded points toward their county total by the show committee.

MAXIMUM POSSIBLE POINTS 200

QUALIFYING SCORE 170

A.4 SCORING RULES

1. **A non-qualifying scores will win placement ribbons**, although a qualifying score is necessary to earn County Points.
2. Any member who has **won two county medals in Open Showmanship A** shall move to the Master class.
3. Once a member moves up to a new class within an event, he/she may not revert back to the previous class with that same dog.
4. Entries in the Showmanship Open B class are not eligible for Showmanship High Point awards.

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A.5 SHOWMANSHIP RUN OFF'S AND HIGH POINT

At 4H shows, High Point awards are given. These are awarded in age group divisions and the award goes to the highest score between the Novice Junior & Open Junior; Novice Intermediate & Open Intermediate; Novice Senior & Open Senior, etc. In such case as the first place winner of two different classes hold the same numeric score, a runoff may be held to determine the High Point winner. The run-off is conducted as described below to determine a High Point winner.

The 1st place winners for each age division (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) will participate in a division level run-off to determine the high point winners. The run-off cannot result in a tie for 1st place. Each age division run-off will result in a single 1st place winner for that division who will be the high point winner.

A.6 DESCRIPTIONS OF THE POINTS CRITERIA

(ITEM NAME) : (points)

Description

HANDLER'S APPEARANCE : 5

The standard 4H uniform is appropriate for all shows but may not be required. Individual show rules may require that 4H members wear a 4H uniform.

HANDLING LEAD CORRECTLY : 5

The lead is held in the hand closest to the dog. The lead is held looped completely into the hand and held securely. It is kept taut but not too tight. The choke is positioned high up on the dog's neck. Deductions: letting lead hang in dog's face, holding lead in wrong or both hands.

CONTROL OF DOG : 10

Practice makes perfect. Daily practice will significantly help in developing control of the dog. The dog needs to know what is expected and be relaxed and confident in following the handler's instructions.

GENERAL STRUCTURE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE DOG : 10

The junior handler may be asked up to three questions about the particular dog's breed, anatomical parts and function of the dog.

DOG'S CONDITION AND APPEARANCE : 15

In 4H, the breeding of the dog is unimportant. The dog may be AKC registered or a mixed breed. The important aspect is the care provided to the dog by the member. Deductions: unbrushed, badly matted, dirty ears, bad odor, toenails too long, dirty teeth.

RING PROCEDURE : 20

Explanation: Has familiarized her/himself with normal ring procedures. Showing the dog in a smooth and natural manner without distracting movements is the goal. Deductions: excessive grooming in the ring, interfering with other handlers, interfering with another dog.

HANDLER'S ATTITUDE : 20

The handler is attentive, courteous, and considerate to others, including the judge, other handlers and dogs. Cruelty to a dog may be cause for expulsion from the ring. Deductions: watching activity outside the ring, rudeness to the judge or other handlers, excessive roughness.

HANDLER'S SET UP : 30

The dog should be trained to stand quietly and motionless. The handler positions the dog in a 'stack' position, according to the breed and maintains the dog in this position while being observed by the judge. The set up usually takes place when all dogs in the ring are lined up and prior to the judge's examination. Deductions: not knowing correct 'stack' for the breed, leaning on dog, placing dog's feet incorrectly, incorrect position of handler.

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JUDGE'S EXAMINATION : 25

The dog should not react negatively to the judge. If the dog tries to bite the judge it will be disqualified. This is typically used in 4H to assess the cleanliness and grooming of the dog.

FOLLOWING JUDGES INSTRUCTIONS : 25

It is the handler's responsibility to give full attention to the judge at all times.

The judge examines the dog including the head, teeth, body and rear. The handler must never come between the judge and the dog. He/she should be relaxed and poised while moving around the dog as the judge examines the dog from a variety of viewpoints. The teeth are shown on request and must be shown quickly and easily. Deductions: awkward when moving around dog, coming between the dog and the judge, getting in the judge's way, showing the bite incorrectly.

GAITING DOG CORRECTLY : 35

The correct gait is determined by the dog's breed. A large dog may require the handler to run while a toy dog may only need a handler to walk slowly. The handler will be directed to gait the dog in a specified pattern, beginning with a courtesy turn and ending with the dog coming to a natural stop in front of the judge.

Deductions: running too fast or slow, holding lead too tight or loose, arm position too high or low, lacking natural smoothness (dog and handler), no courtesy turn, handler distracting from dog, handler coming between dog and judge.

A.7 EXPLANATION OF SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

PRIMARY

None or minimal experience with handling dogs in showmanship is required. 4H members are eligible for this class in the ages of kindergarten to 3rd grade. No class placements are made at the Primary level; it is a participation only class.

NOVICE

None or minimal experience with handling dogs in showmanship is required. Handler moves to next class after three first places with qualifying scores in point shows or after winning a county medal.

OPEN A

Has showed a dog in Novice and won three first places with qualifying scores or a county medal. Handler remains in this class until winning a county medal twice, and then moves to Master Showmanship.

OPEN B

Any handler may show a second dog in this class. Novice, Open A, and Master Showman may compete in this class.

MASTER

Handler moves into this class after winning a county medal twice in the Open A class.

A 4H member who is actively competing in Junior Showmanship and has earned three first placements in Novice Classes at AKC (or other qualified competition venues) and currently competing in Open Showmanship classes may compete in the 4H Open Classes.

1. Once a handler moves to a more advanced class, they may not return to a lower level with that same dog.
2. Novice and Open A are each offered in three age categories (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).
3. Open B and Master Classes will have no age categories.

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Addendum B: Obedience Class

Obedience classes are judged solely on the ability and skill of 4H members in handling their dogs as in the obedience ring. The purpose of Obedience Competition is twofold: to introduce and encourage 4H members to participate in the sport of dogs; and to provide 4H members with a meaningful competition in which they can learn, practice, and improve in all areas of obedience skills and sportsmanship.

The judge should have a consistent pattern for students to follow based on their level of experience in obedience competition. Timing of what to do when, including the figure eight, recall and other obedience competition items should follow standard AKC rules. It should be noted that some competition is done off-leash within higher classes.

B.1 EXPLANATION OF OBEDIENCE CLASS NAMES

Beginning Novice A First Year, First Dog

Beginning Novice B is for second or more years or second dog.

Junior, Intermediate, Senior refer to the contestants age range

B.2 GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO OBEDIENCE

1. Classes involving scent (i.e. utility) shall go first.
2. Novice A & B classes may be run together at judge's discretion.
3. No minimum number of dogs is required in the group exercises.
4. Once a member moves up to a new class within an event, he/she may not revert back to the previous class with that same dog.
5. Group exercises (sits & downs) must be judged at the same class level. Beginning Novice (A & B) classes cannot be combined with Novice (A & B) Classes for any group exercise.
6. High Point awards in Obedience shall be determined by skill level - Beginning Novice (A & B), Novice (A & B), Graduate Novice, etc.
7. A dog may trophy in only one obedience class with the exception of the following:
 - * Dogs who are competing in Open A, may also trophy in Graduate Novice.
 - * Dogs who are competing in Utility A, may also trophy in Open B.

B.2.1 BEGINNING NOVICE A & B

1. A qualifying score is required for county points.
2. Qualifying scores are 170 Points or more out of 200, with at least 50% of the points in each exercise.
3. A handler may exhibit more than one dog and acquire points on each dog.
4. Qualifying scores towards titles carry over from one year to the next.
5. A member shows in Novice until he/she has won three first places (with qualifying scores) in point shows or a county medal.
6. A handler/dog team will only move up at the beginning of a competitive year, not during it.

B.2.2 NOVICE AND ABOVE

1. A qualifying score is required for county points.
2. Qualifying scores are 170 Points or more out of 200, with at least 50% of the points in each exercise.
3. Points may come from one class only (per dog), at each show.
4. Qualifying scores towards titles carry over from one year to the next

B.3 BEGINNING OBEDIENCE GOALS

The following is an outline of obedience exercises a 4H member should learn during the first year in the project. The member and dog will be judged on these exercises in dog show competition with his/her first dog.

B.3.1 BEGINNING NOVICE A

For the first year member with a dog they have started to train. If a member receives three qualifying scores, they move to Novice A. If, during their first year of showing they do **not** receive three qualifying scores, they move to Beginning Novice B. Qualifying scores from Beginning Novice A carry

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over into the next year. Thus, any combination of three qualifying scores from A & B will move the member to Novice).

B.3.2 BEGINNING NOVICE B

For experienced handlers with experienced and/or inexperienced dogs is required. Examples:

1. A member whose dog has not received three qualifying scores in Beginning Novice A during the first year or
2. A member who has trained a dog previously & starting with a new dog

B.3.3 SCORING FOR BEGINNING NOVICE A & B

A qualifying score will be a score of 170 points or more with more than half of the points in each exercise. Three qualifying scores are required to move to the Novice class.

1. Heel on Leash	45 points
2. Figure Eight	25 points
3. Stand for Examination	30 points
4. Recall	40 points
5. Long Sit	30 points
6. Long Down	30 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

B.4 EXPLANATION OF THE SIX EXERCISES

All exercises in Beginning Novice are on leash. The leash must be six feet in length. Flat collars or training collars are acceptable. Training collars shall be 'choke' style in either chain or nylon. No pinch collars shall be allowed when competing for points.

1. HEEL ON LEASH

Dog will walk at handler's side in whatever direction the judge commands. Dog will walk on handler's left side and sit when handler stops. The pattern shall be the same for each handler and will include changes of pace, and at least one left, right and about turn. The handler shall enter the ring with his dog on a loose leash and shall stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge asks if the handler is ready and then gives the command "forward." The handler may give the command or signal to heel, and shall start walking briskly, with the dog on a loose leash. The importance of a slack leash cannot be overstressed during practice and showing.

The dog shall walk close to the left side of the handler without crowding, permitting the handler freedom of motion at all times. At each order to "halt" the handler will stop within two steps, the dog shall sit straight and smartly in the heel position without additional command or signal, and shall not move until the handler again moves forward on order from the judge. It is permissible after each halt, before moving again, for the handler to give the command or signal to heel.

The leash may be held in either hand, at the handler's option, provided the hands are in a natural position. However, the handler and dog will be penalized if, in the judge's opinion, the leash is used to signal the dog or give assistance.

Judging Process

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask if the handler is ready before giving the order, "Forward." The handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. At each order to halt, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal and shall not move until the handler again moves forward on the judge's order. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. The judge will say, "Exercise finished" after this portion of the exercise.

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2. Figure 8

The Figure 8 shall be a pattern of a figure eight around two posts (people) 8 feet apart.

Judging Process

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will be standing 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight in the Novice Classes will be done on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. After the judge asks, "Are you ready?" and gives the order, "Forward," the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

3. STAND FOR EXAMINATION

Handler will stand dog in a comfortable position, give the dog a "stay" command and walk to the end of the leash. Judge will examine dog to determine if dog remains in position. When instructed to "return to your dog," the handler will return to the heel position by walking around the behind the dog and returning to the heel position and remain there, without the dog moving, until judge says, "Exercise finished."

Judging Process

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. Orders are, "Stand your dog, and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise finished." The handler will take their dog to the place indicated by the judge and, on the judge's order, will stand/pose the dog by the method of the handler's choice, taking any reasonable time if they choose to pose the dog as in the show ring. The handler will then stand with the dog in the heel position, give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet, and then turn and face the dog. The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch the dog's head, body, and hindquarters. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said, "Exercise finished."

4. RECALL AND FINISH

Dog is in a sit position. When instructed, the handler will give a "stay" command and go to the end of leash. On judge's command, handler will call "Dog's Name, come" and the dog will come to handler and sit in front of handler. When instructed, "Finish," the handler will command the dog to heel, and the dog will go to left side of handler and sit. (Exception: A guide dog's finish will be in accordance with guide dog regulations; finish is included in command "come." At no time does the dog stop until in the heel position.)

Judging Process

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler's command or signal to come. Orders from the judge are, "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish." On order from the judge, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog, and stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop and sit straight, centered in front of the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

5 & 6 LONG SIT AND LONG DOWN

These exercises are executed together with up to 15 dogs. If, however, there are more dogs competing than can be spaced 4 feet per dog on one side of a ring, some must be judged in another group. All dogs will return to the ring with handlers and line up in the proper order, as directed by the ring steward. The one minute sit will be done and then the three minute down. Handlers will give the stay

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command on each exercise, walk to the end of the leash and stay there until instructed "Return to your dogs." Handlers will then return around and behind the dog to the heel position, and wait until the judge says "Exercise finished." Dogs are to remain in proper position without getting up until each exercise is executed.

Judging Process

The principal feature of these exercises is that the dog remains in the sitting or down position, whichever is required by the particular exercise. Orders are "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs" and "Back to your dogs." All competing dogs in the class perform these exercises together. If, however, there are more dogs competing than can be spaced 4 feet per dog on one side of a ring, some must be judged in another group. The judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections, and the Group Exercise will be judged after each section. If the same judge judges both Novice A and Novice B and the combined class would not have to be divided into equal sections, the two classes may be judged in one group. The dogs that are in the ring will be lined up in catalog order along one of the four sides of the ring. Each handler's armband, weighted as necessary, will be placed behind the dog. Before starting the Long Sit, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready.

When the judge gives the order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit, if they are not already sitting. On further order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers will give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately will go to the opposite side of the ring, turn, and face their dogs. If a dog gets up and starts to wander or follow its handler or if a dog moves to interfere with another dog, the judge will promptly instruct the handler or one of the stewards to remove the dog from the ring and/or keep it away from other dogs. After one minute from the time the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order to return. The handlers must go back promptly, walking around and in back of their own dog to the heel position.

The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished." This order will not be given until the handlers are back in heel position. Before starting the Long Down, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready. On the judge's order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to down, without touching either the dogs or their collars, so that the dogs are facing the opposite side of the ring. The rest of this exercise is done in the same manner as the Long Sit, except that the judge will order the handlers to return after three minutes, and the dogs must not move from the down position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished." The dogs will not be required to sit at the end of this exercise.

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B.4 ADVANCED OBEDIENCE GOALS: Novice

The following is an outline of obedience exercises a 4-H member should learn after graduating from beginning novice. The handler and dog will be judged on these exercises in dog show competition.

NOVICE A

Handlers show in this class until receiving three qualifying scores on first dog. Qualifying scores from Novice A carry over into the next year. Thus, any combination of three qualifying scores will move the member to Graduate Novice.

NOVICE B

Class is for handlers who have received three qualifying scores in Novice A on one dog & are handling their next dog. A 4H member who, with their project dog, is actively competing or has earned at least one leg toward an AKC (or other qualified competition venue) Companion Dog (or its equivalent) title, may compete in the Novice classes without first competing in the Beginning Novice Classes.

SCORING FOR NOVICE CLASS (A & B)

- 1. Heel on Leash and Figure 8 40 Points
- 2. Stand for Examination 30 Points
- 3. Heel off leash 40 Points
- 4. Recall and Finish 30 Points
- 5. Long Sit (1 minute) 30 Points
- 6. Long Down (3 minutes) 30 Points
- MAXIMUM 200 Points
- Qualifying 170 Points**

A qualifying score will be a score of 170 points or better with at least one-half of the points in each exercise. A member shows in Novice A until receiving three qualifying scores (and moves to Graduate Novice). Novice B is for members who have previously received three qualifying scores on a dog in Novice A.

EXPLANATION OF THE SIX EXERCISES

1. HEEL ON LEASH AND FIGURE 8

Dog will walk at handler's side in whatever direction the judge commands. Dog will walk on handler's left side and sit when handler stops. Any tightening or jerking of the leash or any act, signal, or command which in the opinion of the judge gives the dog assistance shall be penalized. The judge will give the orders "forward," "halt," "right turn," "left turn," "about turn," "slow," "normal" and "fast." (These last three orders signify that both the handler and dog must change pace and move forward at noticeably accelerated or decelerated speed.) These orders may be given in any sequence and may be repeated if necessary. In executing the about turn, the handler will do a right about turn in all cases.

The judge will say "Exercise finished," after the heeling. Then the judge shall say "Are you ready?" before starting the Figure 8. The handler then gives the command "heel." With his/her dog in heel position, the handler shall walk around and between the stewards who shall stand about eight feet apart. The handler may begin in any direction.

The Figure 8 in the Novice Class shall be done on leash. There shall be no turns in the Figure 8, but the handler and dog shall go twice completely around the Figure 8 with at least one halt before the end of the exercise.

Judging Process

The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. Orders for this exercise are: "Forward," "Halt," "Right turn," "Left turn," "About turn," "Slow," "Normal" and "Fast." "Fast" means that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. All about turns will be right about turns.

Orders for halts and turns will be given only when the handler is moving at a normal speed. The other orders may be given in any sequence, and turns and halts may be repeated. However, the judge should standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class. The leash may be held in either hand or in both

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hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position. Any tightening or jerking of the leash and use of any extra commands and/or signals will be penalized. The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask if the handler is ready before giving the order "Forward." The handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. At each order to halt, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal and shall not move until the handler again moves forward on the judge's order. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again.

The judge will say, "Exercise finished" after this portion of the exercise. For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand, and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will stand 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight in the Novice classes will be done on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. After the judge asks, "Are you ready?" and gives the order, "Forward," the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

2. STAND FOR EXAMINATION

The judge will give the order, "Stand your dog and leave when ready." The handler, without further orders from the judge will stand or pose the dog off leash, give the command or signal, "Stay", walk forward about six feet in front of the dog, turn around and stand facing the dog. The method by which the dog is made to stand or pose is optional with the handler who may take any reasonable time in posing the dog in the show ring before deciding to give the command or signal "stay."

The judge will approach the dog from the front and will touch the dog's head, body, and hindquarters only, and will then give the order "back to your dog," whereupon the handler will walk around behind the dog to the heel position. The dog must remain in a standing position until the judge says "Exercise finished." The dog should show no shyness or resentment at any time during the exercise.

Judging Process

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. Orders are: "Stand your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise finished." On the judge's order, the handler will remove the leash and give it to a steward, who will place it on the judge's table or other designated place. The handler will take their dog to the place indicated by the judge and, on the judge's order, will stand/pose the dog by the method of the handler's choice, taking any reasonable time if they choose to pose the dog as in the show ring. The handler will then stand with the dog in the heel position, give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet, and then turn and face the dog.

The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch the dog's head, body and hindquarters. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said "Exercise finished."

3. HEEL OFF LEASH OR HEEL FREE

This shall be executed in the same manner as Heel on Leash, except that the dog is off leash. The dog must remain in the heel position. Minor deductions (1/2 to 3 pts.) shall be made for lagging, forging, crowding, and heeling wide and poor sits. Substantial deductions (3-5 pts.) shall be made for additional commands or signals and for failure to change pace. Applies to all heeling exercises on or off leash.

Judging Process

This exercise will be performed as in the Heel on Leash but without either the leash or the Figure Eight. The scoring and orders will be the same.

4. RECALL

Upon the order or signal from the judge "Leave your dog," the dog is given the command or signal to "stay" in the sitting position while the handler walks forward about 35 feet towards the other end of the ring, turns around, and faces his dog.

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Upon order or signal from the judge, "Call your dog" the handler calls or signals the dog. The dog must come straight forward at a brisk pace and sit in front of the handler's feet, close enough so the handler can readily touch its head without moving either foot or having to stretch forward. The dog should not touch the handler nor sit in between his feet. Upon order or signal from the judge to finish, the dog must go to the heel position and sit. The method by which the dog goes to the heel position shall be optional with the handler, provided the dog goes smartly to the heel position. (An exception is made for guide dog puppies: the dog will not stop at front, but shall move around behind the handler into the heel position with no extra commands.

Judging Process

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler's command or signal to come. Orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish." On order from the judge, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog, and stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop and sit straight, centered in front of the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or moving either foot. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

5. & 6. LONG SIT AND LONG DOWN

In the long sit all competing dogs in the class take the exercise together, except if there are more than 10 dogs, they shall, at the judge's option, be judged in groups of not less than six dogs nor more than 10 dogs. If, however, there are more dogs competing than can be spaced 4 feet per dog on one side of a ring, some must be judged in another group. Where the same judge does both classes, the dogs that are in the ring shall be lined up in catalog order (as they completed the previous 4 exercises) along one of the four sides of the ring. Handler's armbands weighted with leashes shall be placed behind the dogs. On order from the judge, the handlers shall sit their dogs (if they are not already sitting). On further order from the judge to "Leave your dogs," the handlers shall give the command and/or signal to "stay" and immediately leave their dogs, go to the opposite side of the ring, and line up facing their dogs. After one minute, the judge will order handlers, "Return to your dogs," whereupon the handlers must return promptly to their dogs, each walking around and in back of his/her dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge says, "Exercise finished".

The long down in the novice class is done in the same manner as the long sit, except that instead of sitting their dogs, the handlers on order from the judge will down their dogs without touching the dogs or their collars. The judge will order the handlers back after three minutes. The dogs must stay in the down position until the judge says, "Exercise finished." Before leaving the ring, dogs shall be placed on leash.

Judging Process

The principal feature of these exercises is that the dog remain in the sitting or down position, whichever is required by the particular exercise. Orders are: "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs." All competing dogs in the class perform these exercises together. If, however, there are more dogs competing than can be spaced 4 feet per dog on one side of a ring, some must be judged in another group. The judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections, and the group exercise will be judged after each section. If the same judge judges both Novice A and Novice B and the combined class would not have to be divided into equal sections, the two classes may be judged in one group.

The dogs that are in the ring will be lined up in catalog order along one of the four sides of the ring. Each handler's armband, weighted as necessary, will be placed behind their dog. Beg Novice exhibitor will hold the leash for the Group Exercises. Before starting the Long Sit, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready. When the judge gives the order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit, if they are not already sitting. On further order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers will give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately will go to the opposite side of the ring, turn and face their dogs. The

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judge will promptly instruct the handler or a steward to remove any dog that interferes with another dog. Any dog that leaves the place where it was left during the first group exercise must be excused from the remaining group exercise. After one minute from the time the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order to return. The handler must go back promptly, walking around and in back of their own dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished." This order will not be given until the handlers are back in heel position. Before starting the Long Down, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready.

On the judge's order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to down, without touching either the dogs or their collars, so that the dogs are facing the opposite side of the ring. The rest of this exercise is done in the same manner as the Long Sit, except that the judge will order the handlers to return after three minutes, and the dogs must not move from the down position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished." The dogs will not be required to sit at the end of this exercise.

B.6 ADDITIONAL OBEDIENCE GOALS: Graduate Novice

Dogs may compete in this class until the leader feels the member is ready for the next class, which is Open. A qualifying score will be 170 points or better with at least one-half of the points in each exercise.

AKC 2010 Obed Regs Note: Exercise Changes

1. Heel on Leash and Figure Eight (off leash)	40 points
2. Drop on Recall	40 points
3. Dumbbell Recall	30 points
4. Recall Over High Jump	30 points
5. Recall Over Broad Jump	30 points
6. Long Down	30 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

EXPLANATION OF THE SIX EXERCISES

1. OPEN HEEL FREE

The exercise and scoring will be executed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, except that the dog is off leash. For the judging process the exercise and scoring will be executed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, except that the Figure Eight will be done off leash.

2. Drop on Recall

The exercise and scoring will be executed in the same manner as the Open Drop on Recall, except that the handler may give the command and/or signal to drop the dog.

Judging Process

The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, are the dog's prompt response to the handler's command or signal to drop and the dog's remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come. The dog will be judged on the promptness of its response to the command or signal. The judge will order "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by "Call your dog" and "Finish." On order from the judge, the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, face the dog, and stand naturally.

On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge's arm or hand signal, the handler shall give the command or signal to drop, and the dog must drop immediately to a complete down position. The dog must remain down until the judge gives the order or signal for the handler to signal or command the dog to come. The dog completes the exercise as in the Novice Recall.

3. DUMBBELL RECALL

This exercise will be performed like the Novice Recall, but with the dog holding the dumbbell. In addition to the Novice Recall, the additional features are that the dog promptly take, hold and deliver the

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dumbbell when commanded. The orders are “Give your dog the dumbbell,” “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” “Take it,” and “Finish.” The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. When the judge orders “Give your dog the dumbbell,” the handler will present the dumbbell with one command. The dog must accept it readily and hold it. When the judge orders, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay while he or she walks forward to the other end of the ring and turns to face the dog.

On the judges’ order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. When the dog is sitting in front of the handler, the judge will order “Take it,” and the handler will give a command and take the dumbbell. The finish will be done as in the Novice Recall. All appropriate penalties of the Novice Recall and Open Retrieve on Flat shall apply.

Judging Process

This exercise will be performed like the Novice Recall but with the dog holding the dumbbell. In addition to the Novice Recall, the dog will promptly take, hold and deliver the dumbbell when commanded. The judge’s orders are: “Give your dog the dumbbell,” “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” “Take it” and “Finish.” The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. When the judge orders “Give your dog the dumbbell,” the handler will present the dumbbell with one command. The dog must accept it readily and hold it.

When the judge orders, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward to the other end of the ring and turn to face the dog. On the judge’s order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. When the dog is sitting in front of the handler, the judge will order “Take it,” and the handler will give a command and take the dumbbell. The finish will be done as in the Novice Recall. All appropriate penalties of the Novice Recall and Open Retrieve on Flat shall apply.

4. Recall Over High Jump

The principal features of the exercise are that the dog stay until directed to jump, clear the jump on a single command or signal, and immediately return to sit in front of the handler. Orders are: “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” and “Finish.” The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump. When the judge orders, “Leave your dog,” the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay, go at least 8 feet beyond the other side of the high jump, and turn and face the dog as in the Novice Recall.

On the judge’s order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the high jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler and finish as in the Novice Recall. All penalties in the Novice Recall will apply. The height of the jump will be required as it is for the Open Retrieve Over High Jump exercise as designated in these regulations.

For the judging process refer to High Jump measurements and restrictions on page 27.

5. RECALL OVER BROAD JUMP

The principal features of the exercise are that the dog stay until directed to jump, clear the jump on a single command or signal, and immediately return to sit in front of the handler. Orders are “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” and “Finish.” The handler will stand with his or her dog sitting in the heel position at least eight feet from the jump, facing the lowest end of the lowest hurdle. When the judge orders “Leave your dog,” the handler will give command and/or signal to stay, go at least 8 feet beyond the highest edge of the last hurdle, turn and face the dog as in the Novice Recall.

On the judge’s order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the entire distance of the broad jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler and finish as in the Novice Recall. All penalties in the Novice Recall and the Broad Jump will apply. The distance of the jump will be as required for the Open Broad Jump exercise, as designated in the Obedience Regulations.

Note that many of the features of this exercise are the same as in the Recall Over High Jump exercise. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump, facing the lowest hurdle. When the judge orders, “Leave your dog,” the handler will give the command and/or

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signal to stay, go at least 8 feet beyond the last hurdle, and turn and face the dog as in the Novice Recall. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the entire distance of the broad jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler and finish as in the Novice

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The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until directed to jump, that the dog clear the jump on a single command or signal, and that the dog return to its handler after it has jumped. Orders are "Leave your dog," "Send your dog," and "Finish." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle. (This 8-foot distance must be clearly marked.) On order from the judge to "Leave your dog," the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay and go to a position facing the right side of the jump. Handlers may stand anywhere between the lowest edge of the first hurdle and the highest edge of the last hurdle with their toes about 2 feet from the jump.

On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler will execute a 90-degree pivot, but will remain in the same spot. The dog will clear the entire distance of the hurdles without touching them and, without further command or signal, immediately return to a sitting position in front of the handler, finishing as in the Novice Recall.

The broad jump will consist of four white telescoping hurdles, all about 8 inches wide. The largest hurdle will measure about 5 feet long and about 6 inches at the highest point. In the ring, they will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog. Four hurdles will be used for a jump of 48 to 72 inches, three for 28 to 44 inches, two for a jump of 16 to 24 inches, and one for 8 inches. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first. It is the judge's responsibility to see that the distance jumped by each dog is in accordance with these regulations.

6. LONG DOWN

These exercises are performed in the same manner as in the Novice Class except that after leaving their dogs, the handlers must cross to the opposite side of the ring and then leave the ring in a single file as directed by the judge, completely out of sight of their dogs. They must remain out of sight until called by the judge after the expiration of the time limit of three minutes for the down. On order from the judge, the handlers shall again return to the ring in a single file in reverse order, lining up facing their dogs at the opposite side of the ring, and return to their dogs on order from the judge. Handlers will remain in position until the judge says, "Exercise finished" at which time the handler may praise his dog. Before leaving the ring, the dogs shall be placed back on leash.

Judging Process

The Long Down exercise will be performed and scored as in the Open group exercise except that the judge will order the handlers to return after three minutes. During these exercises the judge will stand so that all the dogs are clearly visible. Without having to turn around, judges should be able to see all the handlers as they leave and return to the ring. These exercises are performed in the same manner as in the Novice classes, except that the handlers must cross to the opposite side of the ring then leave in a single file and go completely out of the dogs' sight. Counting from the judge's order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers must remain in the place designated by the judge until three minutes have passed for the Long Sit and five minutes for the Long Down. On the judge's orders, the handlers will return to the ring in reverse order, line up to face their dogs at the opposite side of the ring, and return to their dogs. Orders and scoring are the same as in the Novice group exercises.

B.7 CONTINUING GOALS

Members who complete Graduate Novice, may show in Open and then Utility. Rules for these classes shall be as specified by the AKC.

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B.8 OBEDIENCE RUN OFF'S AND HIGH POINT

At 4H shows, High Point awards are given. High point award in Obedience shall be determined by skill level: Beginning Novice A&B, Novice A&B, Graduate Novice, etc. In such case as the first place winner of two different classes hold the same numeric score, a runoff may be held to determine the High Point winner. The run-off is conducted as described below to determine a High Point winner.

For each skill level the member with the highest score is the high point winner. In the case of a duplicate numeric 1st place score between two or more 4H members which affects class placement, the 4H members can be called to return to the competition ring for a run off to determine placement. At this juncture, the judge should conduct the class to evaluate the 4H members further and at the runoffs conclusion, be able to make placements among the exhibitors. Placements are not given to the exhibitor at this time; the class is excused and the results reported to the ring steward, who will record then report the placements to the Show Committee. A simple placement (first, second, etc.) along with the numeric score will be reported.

B.9 OBEDIENCE JUDGE ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

The eligibility requirements and criteria for Obedience Judges are as follows:

Licensed AKC Obedience Judge

Provisional AKC Obedience Judge

Professional Obedience Handler with the following criteria:

Minimum 5 years involvement in AKC Dog Shows

Minimum 2 years experience as a Professional Obedience Handler

Owner/Handler Exhibitor with the following criteria:

Minimum 5 years involvement in AKC Dog Shows

Has earned a minimum of 1 CD title with the owner/handler serving as primary handler

4H Dog Project Leader Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum 2 years of service as a Dog Project Leader

Must not have served as a Dog Project leader for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

4H Dog Project Member Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum age - 19 years of age

Minimum 2 years of competition in Novice (or equivalent) 4H Dog Show Competition

Must not have competed in a 4H Dog Show for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

Must have received a minimum of 1 4H CD

AKC Junior Obedience Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum age - 19 years of age

Minimum 2 years competition in AKC Novice Obedience Competition

Must not have competed in a 4H Dog Show for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

In the interest of objectivity, it is suggested that:

Any individual who has a child involved in active 4H Dog Obedience Competition, consider carefully before accepting a Judging Assignment.

Under NO circumstance should a parent judge their own child (children) in competition.

Preparation needed by the judge before the day of the show

Those who judge Obedience must be familiar with the Obedience Rules and Regulations. At least two weeks prior to judging, the Judge should be provided with the following:

1. San Diego County Guidelines
2. Obedience Judging Guidelines
3. Obedience Score Sheets: Individual & Group

B.10 HIGH JUMP

The minimum jump shall be set to the multiple of 2 inches nearest the height of the dog at the withers for all other dogs, with no dog jumping less than 4 inches nor more than 36 inches. Handlers who are having their dogs jump over more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration. For breeds that jump three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers, the minimum jumps will be set in accordance with the following table

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List of breeds approved for the three-quarter jump height

AKITAS
ARGENTINE DOGOS
BASSET HOUNDS
BERGAMASCOS
BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOGS
BLACK RUSSIAN TERRIERS
BLOODHOUNDS
BOLOGNESE
BORZOI
BULLDOGS
BULLMASTIFFS
CARDIGAN WELSH CORGIS
CAUCASIAN MOUNTAIN DOGS
CHINESE SHAR-PEI
CHOW CHOWS
CLUMBER SPANIELS
DACHSHUNDS
DOGUE DE BORDEAUX
ESTRELA MOUNTAIN DOGS
FRENCH BULLDOGS
GRAND BASSET GRIFFON VENDÉENS
GREAT DANES
GREAT PYRENEES
GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOGS
IRISH WOLFHOUSES
KISHU KENS
KOOIKERHONDJES
KUVASZOK
LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLI
LEONBERGERS
MASTIFFS
NEAPOLITAN MASTIFFS
NEWFOUNDLANDS
OTTERHOUNDS
PEKINGESE
PEMBROKE WELSH CORGIS
PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDÉENS
PORTUGUESE PODENGOS
PUGS
SAINT BERNARDS
SCOTTISH TERRIERS
SEALYHAM TERRIERS
SKYE TERRIERS
SUSSEX SPANIELS
SWEDISH VALLHUNDS
THAI RIDGEBACKS
WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIERS

Measured height

Height of dog at withers **Height to be jumped for dogs jumping 3/4 height at withers**

Less than 12 1/2" 8"

12 1/2" to less than 15" 10"

15" to less than 17 1/2" 12"

17 1/2" to less than 20" 14"

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20" to less than 23" 16"
23" to less than 25 1/2" 18"
25 1/2" to less than 28" 20"
28" to less than 31" 22"
31" to less than 33 1/2" 24"
33 1/2" to less than 36" 26"
36" to less than 39" 28"

Standard Jump Height Table

Measured height of dog at withers Minimum height to be jumped

Less than 7 1/2" 4"
7 1/2" to 9" 8"
Greater than 9" up to 11" 10"
Greater than 11" up to 13" 12"
Greater than 13" up to 15" 14"
Greater than 15" up to 17" 16"
Greater than 17" up to 19" 18"
Greater than 19" up to 21" 20"
Greater than 21" up to 23" 22"
Greater than 23" up to 25" 24"
Greater than 25" up to 27" 26"
Greater than 27" up to 29" 28"
Greater than 29" up to 31" 30"
Greater than 31" up to 33" 32"
Greater than 33" up to 35" 34"
Greater than 35" up to 37" 36"
Greater than 37" 36"

B.11 BROAD JUMP

The broad jump will consist of four telescoping hurdles, all about 8" wide and painted a flat white. The largest hurdle will measure about 5 feet long and about 6 inches at the highest point. In the ring, they will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, **covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog.**

Height at Withers High Jump Broad Jump

Less than 12 1/2" 8" 16"
12 1/2" to less than 15" 10" 20"
15" to less than 17 1/2" 12" 24"
17 1/2" to less than 20" 14" 28"
20" to less than 23" 16" 32"
23" to less than 25 1/2" 18" 36"
25 1/2" to less than 28" 20" 40"
28" to less than 31" 22" 44"
31" to less than 33 1/2" 24" 48"
33 1/2" to less than 36" 26" 52"
36" to less than 39" 28" 56"

Jump Required Hurdles Used

16 - 24 inches 2
28 - 44 inches 3
48 - 72 inches 4

When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first. It is the judge's responsibility to see that the distance jumped by each dog is in accordance with these Regulations.

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Addendum C: Rally Obedience Class

C.1 RALLY COMPETITION OVERVIEW

It is not mandatory to hold this event for a dog show. This event is provided with respect to allowing 4H members to learn to compete in Rally Obedience at a wider scope of competitions. This wider scope includes consideration for when members exceed the age limit for participation in 4H events.

Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10 - 20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience.

The team of dog and handler moves continuously at a brisk, but normal, pace with the dog under control within a 2-foot area at the handler's left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect "heel position" is not required. After the judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly.

Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalized. Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Multiple commands and/or 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. The handler may not touch the dog or make physical corrections. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands or intimidating signals will be penalized.

Rally is a companion sport to obedience or agility competition. Both require teamwork between dog and handler, along with similar performance skills. In addition, rally promotes fun and enjoyment for dogs at all levels of competition. *(The above information was taken from the AKC Rally Regulations with permission. Refer to <http://www.akc.org/events/rally/index.cfm> for additional information.)*

C.2 RALLY COMPETITION RULES

C.2.1 RALLY CLASSES

Each Rally exercise is described on an 8 ½" x 11" instructional sign via words, directional arrows, colors, and geometric shapes. There are 10-20 signs per course depending on the level. Rally Novice A and B classes are performed entirely on leash. Beginning Novice level dogs must be shown in either Rally Novice A or B, depending on their experience in Rally. Rally Advanced A & B classes are performed off leash. Rally Excellent A & B classes are performed off leash except the Honor exercise. Novice or above level dogs must show in either Rally Advanced A or B, depending on their experience in Rally. Rally class signs can be viewed and downloaded at www.akc.org.

C.2.1.1 RALLY NOVICE

The Rally Novice exhibitor's dog must: (1) be able to walk on a loose leash on the handler's left, (2) pay attention to his or her handler; (3) know how to sit at the heel and sit at the front positions; and (4) know how to perform the right and left finish exercises without the handler moving his or her feet. Evidence of teamwork between handler and dog must be present. All exercises will be performed on leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and needs to be long enough to provide adequate slack. Rally Novice A and B must have between 10 to 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) stationary exercises per class. There are no jumps.

C.2.1.1.1 RALLY NOVICE A

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog with no prior experience showing at any Rally level before the county's enrollment deadline.

C.2.1.1.2 RALLY NOVICE B

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This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Novice level before the county's enrollment deadline.

C.2.1.2 RALLY ADVANCED

For Rally Advanced classes, all exercises are performed off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Advanced A and B must have between 12 - 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary exercises per class. Courses shall have a minimum of three Advanced level stations plus one required jump per class.

C.2.1.2.1 RALLY ADVANCED A

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has not had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before the county's enrollment deadline.

C.2.1.2.2 RALLY ADVANCED B

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before the county's enrollment deadline.

C.2.1.3 RALLY EXCELLENT

All exercises are judged off leash except the Honor exercise. Handlers must provide a 6-foot leash when participating in the Honor exercise. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Excellent must have between 15 to 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of three (3) Advanced level stations and a minimum of two (2) Excellent level stations, plus the two (2) required jumps and the Honor exercise 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.

C.2.1.3.1 RALLY EXCELLENT A

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has not had prior experience showing at the Rally Excellent level before April 1, 2010, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first, for Ohio State Fair exhibition. Exhibitors

C.2.1.3.2 RALLY EXCELLENT B

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Excellent level before the county's enrollment deadline. Two jumps *must* be used for Rally Excellence classes. Jumps may be any jump used as standard equipment in obedience classes (broad jump, high jump, or bar jump), except that 4-foot wide jumps may be used in place of 5-foot wide jumps. A 4-inch high jump board and bar jump will be supplied for dogs that have a height at the withers of less than 10 inches. Various colors and decorations are allowed; however, there must be nothing hanging from the jump. Jumps may not be used consecutively on the course.

C.2.1.3.3 HONOR EXERCISE FOR RALLY EXCELLENT CLASSES

Prior to each class, the judge will designate either the sit or the down for the Honor exercise, the placement of the exercise within the ring, and when the Honor is to be performed by each dog. The Honor exercise must not be in the path of the course. After having been directed by the judge or Honor steward to the Honor exercise station, the Honor handler will command and/or signal the Honor dog to take the designated position. When the judge commands the next handler to begin the course with the order "Forward," the Honor handler will command and/or signal their dog to "Stay," move forward to the end of a 6 foot leash, then turn and face their dog. The Honor steward will indicate the completion of the scoring of the Honor exercise when the running dog and handler have crossed the finish station by giving the order "Exercise finished." The Honor handler will then return to and release their dog from the stay. The Honor

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dog must maintain the designated position throughout the entire performance of the running dog and handler without receiving physical assistance from the Honor handler.

There will be no retry allowed for the Honor exercise. If the course run is interrupted at any time for any reason, the judge will direct the Honor steward to give the "Exercise finished" order. The Honor exercise will be considered complete, but the dog will remain in the ring without being scored for the next running dog. This will eliminate the need for a volunteer dog for the next running dog. The Honor steward will monitor the performance of each Honor dog. The Honor exercise is not to be considered one of the stationary exercises on the course.

C.3 Rally Class Progression

Rally Novice A - 1 year, then move to Rally Novice B class (Rally Novice A class can never be repeated by handler OR dog)

Rally Novice B - can repeat class with same dog or different dog until handler and dog have earned a total of three (3) 1st places at the Rally Novice level (Rally Novice A class included); then progress to Rally Advanced level

Rally Advanced A - 1 year, then move to Rally Advanced B class

Rally Advanced B - can repeat class with same dog or different dog until handler and dog earned a total of three (3) 1st places at the Rally Advanced level (Rally Advanced A class included); then progress to Rally Excellent level

Rally Excellent A - 1 year, then move to Rally Excellent B class (Rally Excellent A class can never be repeated by handler OR dog)

Rally Excellent B - can repeat class with same dog or different dog

C.4 JUMPS

One jump *must* be used for Rally Advanced classes. It may be any jump used as standard equipment in obedience classes (broad jump, high jump, or bar jump), except that 4-foot wide jumps may be used in place of 5-foot wide jumps. A 4-inch high jump board and bar jump will be supplied for dogs that have a height at the withers of less than 10 inches. This jump will be constructed so the maximum height does not exceed 4 inches, with a half-inch tolerance. This can be a separate board or support system placed between the two 26 standard uprights. The bar or high jump board used to create this 4-inch jump height can be supported by a means other than the two standard uprights. Designs should be such that they do not interfere with the jumping of a dog. Various colors and decorations are allowed; however, there must be nothing hanging from the jump. It is the judge's responsibility to see that the jumps are set for each dog in accordance with these regulations.

C.4.1 BROAD JUMP

The Broad Jump will consist of three telescoping hurdles, each approximately 8 inches wide. The largest hurdle will measure about 4 feet 10 inches long (if from a 5-foot set) and about 5 inches at the highest point. In the ring, broad jump hurdles will be arranged in order of size from smallest to largest. They will be evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump set for each dog. Three hurdles will be used for a jump of 32 inches and two hurdles for a jump of 16 or 24 inches. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first.

C.4.2 HIGH JUMP

The High Jump consists of two uprights and solid boards of varying widths that combine to make each dog's required jump height.

C.4.3 BAR JUMP

The Bar Jump also has two uprights. These are constructed to support only a striped bar which is set at the dog's required jump height. The bar jump may be used in the same way as the high jump.

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However, if the bar jump is to be used as a jump in both directions, the uprights must be offset to allow the bar to be knocked off from either direction.

C.4.4 JUMP HEIGHTS

The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form. Entries may be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, from either high to low or low to high. All 4-H dogs jump the height listed in addendum B under B.10.

C.5 Rally Scoring

Times will be recorded but not posted. The maximum number of points that can be deducted for any station is 10.

Incorrectly Performed (IP) stations occur when a team attempts a station and fails to perform the principal parts of the station on the first attempt. The handler may choose to retry the station once, for a correct performance, accepting the mandatory 3-point deduction for the retry of the station. The station is considered an IP if the handler chooses not to retry or fails to perform the station correctly on the second attempt.

Handler errors can be assessed from 1 to 10 points. Handler errors can be assessed at any station or during movement between stations on a course. Once a handler has stopped on any halt exercise, the handler cannot move their feet to assist a dog without incurring a handler error.

Leaving the Ring A dog leaving the ring *between* exercises shall receive a 10-point deduction. A dog leaving the ring *during* an exercise shall receive a maximum point deduction.

Fouling the Ring A 25-point deduction will be made for any dog fouling the ring.

Excusals Judges should excuse or disqualify a dog from the ring that attacks or attempts to attack any person in the ring, or attacks another dog or appears dangerous to other dogs. If a judge determines that a bitch in the ring is in season or appears to be so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element, the bitch is excused. The judge shall not obtain the opinion of the health check officials. Judges should also excuse or disqualify a handler for abusing a dog in the ring or for displaying unsportsmanlike conduct.

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Addendum D: Participation in Round Robin Competitions

D.1 HIGH POINT AWARDS - EXPLANATION

At 4H Fairs, High Point awards are very important. High Point Winners are the exhibitors who earn the highest score in their age group: Junior, Intermediate & Senior. Winners awarded the High Point award will advance to the Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship Competition, representing Dogs in the Round Robin competition.

D.2 RUN OFF

If the winners of the classes in an age division tie for the highest score, a run-off is held to determine the High Point Winner.

Example: 1st place Novice Intermediate scores 199 points & 1st place Open Intermediate scores 199 points. The two are brought back into the ring and a run off is held to determine the High Point winner. Such a run-off is judged using the standard judging procedure. Additional questions may be posed to each exhibitor and additional handling skills evaluated. Competition continues until the judge is satisfied & determines which of the exhibitors displays a higher level of performance. The result of a run off will determine the high point winner.

D.3 ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION

Fair administrators may group exhibitors in a fashion that is most appropriate for the Round Robin Competition. Additional Round Robin criteria and rules must be followed by the Dog Showmanship judge. Judging of Dogs in Round Robin Competitions is to be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Dog Project guidelines and judging procedure. As such, each group of competitors presented to the Round Robin Dog judge should be evaluated in the same manner as a regular Dog Showmanship class, with appropriate ring procedures and evaluation techniques employed. All competitors will enter the ring, perform group patterns and observe proper ring procedure, perform individual gait patterns, etc. as prescribed in the County Dog Showmanship Guidelines. Dog Showmanship Judge Sheets should be provided to the Dog Round Robin judge and used to judge the competition.

It is suggested that California State Fair Round Robin procedures are used in the Round Robin competition. Competition dogs and appropriate equipment (showmanship collar and leash) are to be provided by the Round Robin Chairman. The dogs must be comfortably secured in an individual crate. Each exhibitor chooses the dog they will handle immediately prior to judging. The exhibitor cannot handle their own dog in the Round Robin competition nor handle a dog owned by a family member, nor one residing in the competitor's household. The dog the competitor handles should not have been handled by the exhibitor prior to the competition. Judging commences as described above. The Round Robin Chairman should provide a number of different dogs, of different sizes and breeds, and a ratio of more dogs than competitors to insure that the dogs are not overworked or overstressed. All competition dogs must have stable temperaments, solid training backgrounds, and the versatility to be handled by different handlers.

Addendum E: Extra Independent Activities

E.1 PERMISSION FOR AN EXTRA INDEPENDENT ACTIVITY

At 4H Dog Shows, independent activities may be held with the written permission of the committee overseeing the dog show. For County Fairs, written permission must be obtained from the County Fair committee. For example, for the East County Junior Fair, written permission to hold an independent activity must be obtained from the East County Junior Fair Committee that is in charge of that show. Any independent activities that are held without written permission must halt when requested to do so by show personnel.

E.2 ACTIVITY ORGANIZATION

An activity will have a committee made up of at least one 4H member and at least one adult participating in 4H involved with organizing and holding the activity. The committee will be responsible for:

- 2.1. Obtaining written permission at to hold the activity at least eight weeks prior to the date on which the show is to be held. For county fairs it may be required to obtain permission even earlier. See the individual fair rules for details.
- 2.2. Arranging for any judges who are required for the activity.
- 2.3. Providing promotion for the activity to all San Diego County 4-H clubs and dog groups through the Dog Show Advisory board and San Diego County 4-H officials.
- 2.4. Providing for members to be able to sign up for the activity. Depending on the activity this will be done by either signing up through the registration form used for the show or a sign-up sheet provide on the day of the show. Signing up through registration will require coordination with the dog show committee. The rules for activity sign up may be further detailed in the event Addendum.
- 2.5. No fee may be charged to participate in any independent activity.
- 2.6. Providing any materials that have to be supplied to participants. Examples are: Easels for members to post photographs on for a dog photography exhibit. Pencils and questions sheets for knowledge bowl competition.
- 2.7. All activity committee members must be present for the entire time the activity is performed at the dog show.
- 2.8. Ensuring that the activity the committee is putting on **does not** interfere with other dog how events.
- 2.9. Providing any awards, certificates, ribbons or other means of recognition for the contestants.

Addendum E-1: Knowledge Bowl

E-1.1 KNOWLEDGE BOWL ORGANIZATION AND ELIGIBILITY

An activity committee must be formed to organize and hold this activity. A knowledge bowl activity may be held for a 4H dog show with the prior approval of the committee in charge of that dog show. The registration form is not required to include the Knowledge Bowl as an activity that 4-H members may register for. No fee may be charged to participate in this activity. If the registration form is not used as the means to sign up then a sign-up sheet must be provided at the show.

The Knowledge Bowl committee is responsible for:

- Obtaining a qualified judge for the activity, that being an adult 21 years of age or older
- The creation and development of the question sheets to be handed out
- Setting the time limit the teams have to answer the questions
- Providing any awards for contestants.
- Keeping track of who has signed up and what team they are on
- Providing pens and/or pencils for the event participants to use
- Coordinating with the Dog Show committee on the timing of the Knowledge Bowl event to fit within the Dog Show schedule
- Holding and running the Knowledge Bowl
- Enforcing the activity rules if they are broken

E-1.2 KNOWLEDGE BOWL COMPETITION RULES

- 2.1. Each knowledge Bowl team shall consist at three people but not more than five
- 2.2. Team competitions shall be separated by age groups according to 4H Dog Show event rules
- 2.3. The team may have members of different ages but shall compete at the level of the oldest team member
- 2.4. The question sheets shall be printed on one side only
- 2.5. At the junior level there shall be at least eight questions given
- 2.6. At the intermediate level there shall be at least twelve questions given
- 2.7. At the senior level there shall be at least sixteen questions given
- 2.8. All questions will be appropriate at each the age level
- 2.9. All questions asked must pertain in some manner to dogs, dog competition or canine veterinary science
- 2.10. Teams will begin with their question sheets turned face down
- 2.11. No books, cell phones or other electronic devices or an form of notes may be used to provide or look up answers
- 2.12. Teams may only begin answering questions when instructed to do so by the event judge
- 2.13. Each question given will be worth an equal amount of points toward the maximum total
- 2.14. If the judge determines that a team is copying answers from another or is finding answers using items listed under 2.6, that team will have thirty percent of the maximum possible points removed from their final score

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Addendum E-2: DRILL TEAM

E-2.1 DRILL TEAM ORGANIZATION AND ELIGIBILITY

An activity committee must be formed to organize and hold this activity. A Drill Team activity may be held for a 4H dog show with the prior approval of the committee in charge of that dog show. The registration form would then include Drill Team as an activity that 4-H members may register for. No fee may be charged to participate in this activity.

Both Traditional and Freestyle Drill Team competitions are obedience commands choreographed to music. Teams are evaluated on their ability to work together, that all obedience skills are demonstrated, and the performance overall. The Drill Team committee is responsible for:

- Obtaining a qualified judge for the activity, that being an adult 21 years of age or older familiar with the Drill Team competition, preferably having participated in and/or judged this event in the past.
- Obtaining a suitable area for this activity at the dog show to ensure it does not interfere with other dog show events.
- Providing the means to mark out the area the Drill Teams will use to compete in.
- Keeping track of who has signed up for which and which Drill Team they are on
- Providing any awards for contestants.
- Enforcing the activity rules if they are broken

E-2.2 DRILL TEAM COMPETITION RULES

2.1 Drill Team entries:

DT21 Drill Team (2-3 members)

DT22 Drill Team (4-5 members)

DT23 Drill Team (6-7 members)

DT24 Drill Team (8-9 members)

Teams will be divided into junior, intermediate and senior age groups with the age determined by the oldest member of the team.

2.1.1 The same youth may participate on more than one Drill Team provided he/she uses a different project dog on each team.

2.1.2 Both categories of the Drill Team must meet the following guidelines:

- a. Bait will not be allowed.
- b. Time limit of 5 minutes – a red flag will be visible at the one minute warning. Points will be deducted for going over time. Performances that run more than one minute overtime will be disqualified.
- c. Drill performed to music.
- e. There is a limit of one dog per handler.

2.2 **All** obedience commands must be utilized, but do not have to be performed in the same manner as they would be in a formal obedience ring.

- a. Sit
- b. Fast
- c. Slow
- d. Left Turn
- e. Right Turn
- f. About Turn
- g. Sit Stay
- h. Down Stay
- i. Recall
- j. Finish
- k. Stand

2.3 CATEGORIES:

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2.3.1 TRADITIONAL COMPETITION

1. Obedience skills to music
2. Club color shirts, any color
3. Shorts, slacks, or jeans that meet dress code requirements
4. No costumes
5. No Props
6. Minimum of 3 members

2.3.2 FREESTYLE COMPETITION

1. Costumes and props permitted following the same guidelines as the costume contest, as long as they meet dress code requirements.
2. No minimum number members
3. Individuals and teams have 4 minutes to set up props, 5 minutes for presentation and 4 minutes to remove props. Adults may assist only in set up and removal

2.4 Judging:

2.4.1. Guidelines for judging this activity are as follows:

- 2.4.a. Animal Respect – Judges will watch to see that the dog is a respected partner of the team. If the handler shows lack of respect for his/her teammate, they will incur a **substantial** point deduction.
- 2.4.b. Disciplining – The show ring is not the proper place to discipline your dog. The amount of points, up to 10, deducted will depend on the severity of the discipline.
- 2.4.c. Fouling the Ring – There will be a 25-point deduction for each instance of a dog fouling in the ring.
- 2.4.d. Barking – Points will be deducted for barking unless it is an obvious part of the routine.
- 2.4.e. Dog Leaves the Ring – There will be a 10-point deduction for each instance of a dog leaving the ring.
- 2.4.f. Unusual Behavior – Points will be deducted for and not limited to the following: dog aggression, dog displaying dominance, dog visiting spectators, etc.
- 2.4.g. Inappropriate Music – Points will be deducted for music that is offensive or has inappropriate language.
- 2.4.h. Time Violations – Five (5) points will be deducted for presentations less than 5 minutes and more than 7 minutes.

2.4.2. Points will not be deducted for team captain calling exercises.

2.5 . Each team must bring a CD of their music. Teams must also use their own battery powered CD player, and are responsible for it functioning correctly. AC power will not be provided.

2.6. Only the next team to perform will be permitted on the staging ring floor.

2.7. DRILL TEAM SCORE CARD: POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Appearance-uniformity, neatness, appropriateness 10

Appropriateness of musical accompaniment 5

Difficulty of the routine 15

Handling 15

Obedience – attentiveness to the aims of dog obedience 20

Originality 15

Precision 20

TOTAL 100

2.8. Ribbons will be given for 1st through 4th place for each level.

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Addendum E-3: DOG PHOTOGRAPHY

E-3.1 PHOTOGRAPHY ACTIVITY ORGANIZATION AND ELIGIBILITY

An activity committee must be formed to organize and hold this activity. This does not have to be held as a competitive activity. If it is a competition then qualified judges must be provided by the activity committee. This activity may be held for a 4H dog show with the prior approval of the committee in charge of that dog show.

This activity is an opportunity for 4-H members to showcase their activities throughout the year and enter dog related photographs for competition. All photographs must have been taken by 4-H members between the dates of September 1 of the current 4-H year and the time of entry. Any photographs entered for competition must have some relation to dogs. The Photography committee is responsible for:

- Obtaining a qualified judge for the activity, that being an adult 21 years of age or older familiar with the Photography competition, preferably having participated in and/or judged this event in the past.
- Obtaining a suitable area for this activity at the dog show to ensure it does not interfere with other dog show events.
- Provide easels or some other means for contestants to display their photographs.
- Keeping track of who has signed up the activity and which Photograph are theirs.
- Providing any awards for contestants.
- Enforcing the activity rules if they are broken

E-3.2 PHOTOGRAPHY ACTIVITY RULES

Size of Photographs: Each photograph can be any size with a minimum of 4 inches by 6 inches in dimension and a maximum of 8 inches by 10 inches.

1. Mounting of Photographs: All prints must be permanently mounted solid on PHOTOGRAPHIC MOUNT BOARD (mat board material) or a THIN FOAM BOARD no larger than the photo itself.

Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard, or thin poster board is not acceptable

Classes:

COLOR – Photos taken with any camera. The prints must be glued to mat or foam board the same size as the prints. Photos should NOT be cropped smaller than 4x6.

BLACK AND WHITE – Photos taken with any camera however, they must be in grey-scale only (this class does not include antiquing, cepa-tone, and/or hand tinting). The prints must be glued to mat or foam board the same size as the prints. Photos should NOT be cropped smaller than 4x6.

Divisions:

Divisions will be Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior in each class.

Judging Criteria

- └ Focus 25%
- └ Exposure 25%
- └ Lighting 25%
- └ Print 25%

Participation Ribbons will be awarded to every Primary entrant.

Dutch system will be used in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior classes.

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Addendum E-4: DOGS IN COSTUME

E-4.1 DOG COSTUME ACTIVITY ORGANIZATION AND ELIGIBILITY

An activity committee must be formed to organize and hold this activity. This does not have to be held as a competitive activity. If it is a competition then qualified judges must be provided by the activity committee. The registration form is not required to include Photography as an activity that 4-H members may register for. No fee may be charged to participate in this activity. If the registration form is not used as the means to sign up then a sign-up sheet must be provided at the show.

This is intended to be a fun class for exhibitors and dogs to get used to presenting their dog(s) and interact with judges in a less formal setting. Dogs and 4-H member may be dressed in a costume to indicate a theme. No acts or skits allowed. Pairs may show as a single unit. The dog costume committee is responsible for:

- Obtaining a qualified judge for the activity, that being an adult 21 years of age or older
- Obtaining a suitable area for this activity at the dog show to ensure it does not interfere with other dog show events.
- Providing pens, a sign-up sheet and 3x5 cards for contestants to write down their name and costume theme
- Keeping track of who has signed up the activity and which 3x5 cards go with to which contestants.
- Providing awards for the contestants.
- Enforcing the activity rules if they are broken

E-4.2 DOG COSTUME ACTIVITY RULES

- 2.1. Classes will be divided into primary, junior, intermediate and senior age groups.
- 2.2. Costumes must be representative of 4-H youth, use your imagination. They should not depict horror, alcohol, guns, tobacco, or be cruel in nature.
- 2.3. Costumes/Props should be designed and constructed in part by exhibitor. Parental assistance with costume design is encouraged, particularly with the younger age exhibitors. In order to be fair to all costume exhibitors, it is recommended that costumes and props should be of your own design, and not be rented or borrowed from any business and/or organization.
- 2.4. Each must describe their costume and it's theme on a 3x5 card that will be read by the judge
- 2.5. The exhibitor should be prepared to answer any question regarding the selection of your costume and/or prop or about your dog.
- 2.6. There will be a maximum of three dogs per handler.
- 2.7. Each exhibitor is limited to one Costume class.
- 2.8. Exhibitors can be in costume along with their dog(s).
- 2.9. Parents or adult leaders may not assist 4-H members inside the show ring. Assistance is considered physically going into a ring, verbal and non-verbal coaching or instruction from outside the ring, verbal or hand signals to a dog and anything else that may be perceived to be double handling or coaching a 4-H member or dog during competition. Stewards will give a verbal warning and then notify the show management. Appropriate action will be taken. Youth with any physical/mental disabilities that require assistance from others will need to notify the 4-H Dog Show Management Team at entry time so appropriate arrangements can be made.
- 2.10. Judging will be based on:
 - 2.10.1. Originality and attention to detail based on the theme – 50%;
 - 2.10.2. Dog's fun personality, enjoyment of the experience – 25%;
 - 2.10.3. Overall memorable impression of dog – 25%..
- 2.11. Ribbons will be given for 1st – 4th place for each level **except** for Primary which will receive a Participation Ribbon.

Addendum E-5: Educational Demonstrations

E-5.1 EDUCATIONAL DEMONSTRATION ELIGIBILITY

An activity committee must be formed to organize and hold this activity. This activity is not competitive. The registration form is not used to sign up for this activity. A sign-up sheet must be provided at the show. No fee may be charged to participate in this activity. The educational demonstrations are generally given in the order in which the members have signed up. Each demonstration is expected to last between five and ten minutes. No demonstration may take longer than ten minutes. Demonstrations lasting shorter than one minute will not be eligible for inclusion in the member's 4-H record book.

This activity is intended to allow 4H members to show off their knowledge related to dogs. Every educational demonstration given must be in some way related to dogs, dog care or veterinary science. The member is responsible for providing all items needed for giving their educational demonstration. Educational demonstrations shall not be rowdy, loud or disruptive or entail any risk of injury to people or animals. The educational demonstration committee is responsible for:

- Obtaining a suitable area for this activity at the dog show to ensure it does not interfere with other dog show events.
- Scheduling the educational demonstrations to be given at a time that does not impact other activities such as during lunch time.
- Providing a pen and a sign-up sheet for members sign up to give their educational demonstration.

Addendum E-6: Keeping the show fun

E-6.1 ALLOWING ACTIVITIES TO KEEP MEMBERS BUSY

An activity committee must be formed to organize and hold this activity. This activity is not competitive. The registration form is not used to sign up for this. The activity committee provides a sign-up sheet at the show. All of the activities under E-6 must be held well away from other dog show event areas during down times when other events are not being held. These events are intended to be held during times when other all other dog show events listed in Addendums other than E are on break or have completed. An example is the time between when all the competitive events have complete and when the committee is ready to hold the awards ceremony.

E-6.2 EXAMPLE GAMES

The games listed below are examples of what might be chosen for entertainment during down times at a show. Adult volunteers or Senior Leaders must be arranged to run these. No ribbons or placements shall be given but small gift items whole value is under one dollar may be awarded. Under no circumstances shall any game place any child or any dog in a dangerous or potentially dangerous situation.

Egg and Spoon Contest

Each handler is given a spoon and an egg. They line up and proceed to walk around in a large circle with their dogs. The egg is carried on the spoon. The adult in charge gives commands such as fast, slow, about turns, etc. The last person remaining without dropping the egg is the winner.

Cracker Barrel Race

The handler, while controlling the dog, must run to a designated point chew a saltine cracker, whistle and then run back to the starting point. This can be done against time or as a relay with teams.

Obstacle Course

Adult in charge sets up an obstacle course, possible obstacles include tires, a crate which the dog must enter then exit, a box in which the dog must sit, balloons to walk through, a tunnel or board to go under or through. Be sure to include an element such as the handler carrying an egg or ball on a spoon, which the handler must execute while controlling the dog through the course.

Addendum F: Family Dog Class

F.1 FAMILY DOG COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

This is not a required class to members to participate in. 4-H members entering this class may enter no other Showmanship or Obedience classes at the show. The member will show that their dog can sit, stay, come and walk calmly on a leash. The member will demonstrate a general knowledge of dogs and dog care including home care, feeding, and health. Members will **not** be allowed to continue in the Family Dog class for more than one year. Members who have shown in classes higher than Family Dog may not drop back into Family Dog class. This class is open to members up to ages of 13. Members competing in Family Dog are eligible to show in the Beginning Novice class in the following year after they have shown in Family Dog. That is, members cannot transfer from Family Dog to Beginning Novice class within the same calendar year.

F.2 FAMILY DOG COMPETITION RULES

- 2.1. Classes will be divided into Primary and Junior.
- 2.2. Classes will be run like an Obedience class with members in each age group entering the ring one at a time.
- 2.3. Judge will interview member by asking questions which will show the members knowledge of his/her dog's care, feeding, and health.
- 2.4. Member will then follow the judge's instructions demonstrating the sit, stay, come, and walk calmly---all exercises done on leash.
- 2.5. Judge will follow the scoring sheet as a guideline and help but the point of this class is for the member to become familiar with show ring procedures and to gain confidence In the process. The judge should give verbal encouragement and suggestions for improvement.
- 2.6. Primary group is exhibition only and will receive Participation Ribbons.
- 2.7. Junior group will be judged with the Dutch system with all members 'winning' if their dog can sit, stay, come, and walk calmly and the questions are answered to the judge's satisfaction.