

3. **Skill-a-thon/Project Judging:** 4-H dog exhibitors must bring their up-to-date Dog Project & Record Book 201 with complete up-to-date records for their dog(s) enrolled and other requirements as outlined for your level in the project. All 4-H dog exhibitors must go through dog skill-a-thon/project judging to be eligible to show their dogs at the Clark County Fair.
4. **Dog Project Animal Requirements:**
 - A. Exhibitor must have access to the project dog by **April 15th**.
 - B. Exhibitor's dog(s) must be a domestic breed six months of age and older by the Clark County Fair Dog Shows and Events. No wolf and wolf hybrids allowed.
 - C. Dogs in season (heat), a pregnant and/or lactating (nursing) dog, and puppies under the age of 12 weeks are not permitted to be shown at the Clark County Fair and are not allowed on the Fairgrounds at any time during the Fair.
 - D. Only the exhibitor may show his/her dog from **April 15th** until 4-H county/state competition is complete.
 - E. More than one family member may show a dog at the Clark County Fair if the exhibitors are in separate dog projects. A dog shown by multiple exhibitors is not eligible to show at the State Fair.
 - F. Exhibitor along with his/her parent/legal guardian must read, complete, and sign the "Permission to Participate in 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims Form" as part of the 4-H on-line enrollment submission by April 15th.
5. **Dog License & Vaccination Requirements:**
 - A. All 4-H project dogs must show proof of a current county dog license to participate in 4-H events.
 - B. Each 4-H project dog must have proof of current vaccinations given by a licensed veterinarian for rabies, distemper, hepatitis (CAV2), leptospirosis, parainfluenza, and parvovirus. If a veterinarian has determined that a dog cannot receive a vaccination; the exhibitor must have a written statement from the veterinarian documenting the reasons. Any proof of current vaccinations from the veterinarian is acceptable. Titer tests are also acceptable.
6. **Show Entries:**
 - A. All exhibitors must submit entries for all dogs and dog classes they plan to show in at the Clark County Jr. Fair by July 1st. Make entry on-line at <http://clarkohjfair.fairentry.com> through Fair Entry.
 - B. Only one dog per exhibitor may show per class except two dogs per class for Rally and Graduate Novice and higher obedience. Entry must include dog's name, breed, age, and birth date. No dog substitutions or class changes allowed after the entry deadline. The Dog Committee reserves the right to make corrections to the entries to place 4-H'ers in the correct classes.
 - C. Exhibitors may only enter classes that correspond to the 4-H dog project(s) they are currently enrolled.
 - D. Exhibitors must enter classes based on their age as of January 1st of the current year and experience level.
7. **Lessons and Training:** Lessons, instruction and advice for the exhibitor are encouraged. Only the exhibitor can train the dog at any type of training classes, including 4-H training classes, on or after the **April 15th** enrollment deadline. Instruction can include occasional demonstration by another person with a dog, if the 4-H'er is the only one training the dog.
8. **Approachability and Control:**
 - A. All dogs must be approachable by show officials. Dog owners accept full responsibility for the dog's actions and do not hold the 4-H Dog Committee, Senior/Junior Fair Board, or the Clark County Agricultural Society liable. Judge's decision is final.
 - B. Keep dogs under control and on a leash while on the fairgrounds except when in the ring & judging.
 - C. Exhibitors and/or their parents/legal guardians must always attend to dogs in the dog tent/barn. Penalties for dogs left unattended by exhibitors include confiscation by animal control/Humane Society, pay fines and/or lose future 4-H Dog Show privileges or participation as determined by the 4-H Dog Committee.
 - D. Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior at any time before, during or after exhibition **MUST** leave the fairgrounds and may not return at any time.
 - E. The judge or show officials will immediately excuse from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe/threatening behavior.
 - F. Dogs that snap, bite, or attempt to bite while in the ring must leave the ring and then be removed from the Fairgrounds for the remainder of the Fair.
 - G. If **it is observed** that a dog is exhibiting unacceptable behavior, then it is to be reported to and acted upon by Executive members of the Dog Committee.
9. **Show Level:**
 - A. Dogs that have shown at any Licensed or Member Obedience trial or at a Sanctioned match must show during the 4-H project year at the same or higher level than they are showing in AKC, UKC, etc. shows.
 - B. Eligibility for showing in an "A" class defined as "no training or showing experience for the handler and/or dog prior to **April 15** of current year." Handlers &/or dogs not meeting this requirement **MUST** show in "B" class.
 - C. Dogs that have completed their Companion Dog (C.D.) Title or (UKC equivalent) prior to the enrollment deadline must show in Graduate Novice or higher classes.
 - D. Dogs that have completed their Companion Dog Excellent (C.D.X.) Title or (UKC equivalent), must show in Open B or higher classes.
 - E. Any dog receiving one or more legs towards an obedience title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the first leg was earned.
 - F. For Handling & Showmanship Classes, dogs with AKC Jr. Handling, Showmanship or like experiences or champion titles, or experience in conformation (AKC, UKC etc.) must show in exhibitor age-appropriate B class

Department – Jr. Fair Dogs Division 400 – All Jr. Fair Dog Classes
Obedience Judging Day - Sat., July 19
Registration Begins: 9 AM Show Begins: 10 AM

Awards:

Obedience: 1st Place – Trophy & Rosette 2nd – 10th Place – Rosette **Grand Champion** – Trophy
Assistance Dogs: 1st Place – Trophy 2nd – 5th Place – Rosette

Beginner Novice: 4-H'ers will demonstrate the ability of the dog to heel on lead, figure 8, sit for exam, recall, sit stay. Div. A - all exercises performed on leash. Div. B - sit stay with leash attached & on ground while handler walks around the ring, recall off leash & all other exercises done on leash.

Class 7 Beginner Novice A - Is for the 1st year member & dog that have had no formalized training before the current year. Youth may not show the same or different dog in any other obedience class.

Class 8 Beginner Novice B - A member and/or dog with some experience &/or formalized training. May show the same dog in Class 8 & 9.

Pre-Novice: 4-H'ers will demonstrate ability of the dog: to heel on lead, figure 8, stand for examination, recall, long sit (one minute), and long down (one minute).

Class 9 Pre-Novice – Member and/or dog have had formalized training prior to the current 4-H year. May show the same dog in Class 8 & 9.

Preferred Novice: 4-H'ers will demonstrate the ability of the dog to: heel on lead and figure 8, heel free, stand for examination, recall, sit or down stay while handlers walk around the ring and sit-stay while handler get the leash. Heel free, stand for exam, recall, sit or down stay, and sit-stay **performed off lead**

Class 10 Pref Nov A - Neither 4-Her or dog have had preferred novice obedience experience prior to the current 4-H year

Class 11 Pref Nov B - 4-Her or dog has had preferred novice obedience experience prior to the current 4-H year. The dog has not had experience at the novice level.

Novice: Exercises: heel on lead and figure 8, heel free, stand for examination, recall, sit-stay while handler gets their leash, long sit (1 minute) and long down (1 minute). Heel free, stand for exam, and recall **performed off lead**.

Class 12 Novice A – Neither 4-Her or dog have had novice obedience experience prior to the current 4-H year

Class 13 Novice B – 4-Her or dog has had novice obedience experience prior to the current 4-H year. The dog has not had experience at the graduate novice level.

Graduate Novice: All exercises performed off lead. Exercises: heel free & figure 8 off leash, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, dumbbell recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, and stand-stay while handler gets the leash.

Class 14 Graduate Novice A – Neither 4-Her or dog have had graduate novice obedience experience prior to the current 4-H year.

Class 15 Graduate Novice B – 4-Her or dog have had graduate novice obedience experience prior to the current 4-H year. The dog has not had experience at the open level.

Open: All exercises will be performed off lead. Exercises: heel free and figure 8, command discrimination stand-down-sit, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, broad jump, stand-stay get your leash.

Class 16 Open A – Neither 4-Her or dog have had open obedience experience prior to the current 4-H year.

Class 17 Open B – 4-Her or dog have had open obedience experience prior to the current 4-H year. Dog has not had experience at the graduate open level.

Graduate Open: All exercises performed off leash. Exercises: signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand & examination, go out & directed jump.

Class 18 Graduate Open A – Neither 4-H'er or dog have had graduate open obedience experience prior to the current 4-H year

Class 19 Graduate Open B – 4-H'er or dog have had experience prior to the current 4-H year, at the graduate open level or higher.

Utility: All exercises performed off leash. Exercises: signal exercise, scent discrimination article (1) & (2), directed retrieve, moving stand & exam, & directed jump.

Class 20 Utility A – Neither 4-H'er or dog have had utility obedience experience prior to the current 4-H year.

Class 21 Utility B – 4-H'er or dog have had experience prior to the current 4-H year at the utility level.

Brace: One youth with two dogs performing Novice exercises. Both dogs must be showing at the novice level or above.

Class 22 Brace

Assistance Class
Class 23 Assistance Dogs

Obedience Show Class Progression:

- Div. A exhibitors must move to Div. B the next year regardless of score except Beginner Novice A can move to Beginner Novice B and/or Pre-Novice.
- Beginner Novice A youth are not permitted to show the same or different dog in any other obedience class.
- Members may show the same dog in both Beginner Novice **B** and Pre-Novice in the same year at the County level but may only show one at State Fair. A dog that has three qualifying scores at County or State Fair, in Beg. Nov B and/or Pre-Novice must move to Preferred Novice or a higher class the next year. A dog that has received a Beginner Novice title in AKC or equivalent may no longer show in Beginner Novice B at county or state level, and the Beginner Novice title considered as a qualifying score in Beginner Novice B.
- If a dog in Novice or higher wins with a qualifying score in a B div. Class, it must move to the next level the following year. Qualifying Score: 170>/200.
- If a dog in Novice or higher receives a qualifying score at County or State Fair in a level at which it has competed for more than one year, it must move to the next level the following year.
- All dogs that win at the State Fair must advance to the next Division or Level.
- If a dog has had obedience experience more than one year prior to the 4-H year or a 4-H'er takes outside advance obedience classes that are not divided into levels, the advisor must place the 4-H'er in the appropriate class according to the observed level the dog is currently working.
- In Rally Obedience, a dog that wins in the Novice B class at county or state must move to the Intermediate level the following year.
- In Rally Obedience, if a dog earns two qualifying scores (70/100) at the county or state level, they must move up to the next level.

Department – Jr. Fair Dogs

Division 400 – All Jr. Fair Dog Classes

Showmanship Judging Day – Sun., July 20

Registration Begins: 10 AM – Noon

Show Begins: 10:00 AM

Judging Criteria: For the interview, six age-appropriate questions will come from the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook, 2024 edition.

<https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> A bank of questions, without answers, posted at www.go.osu.edu/dog.

Class 24 Junior A – The 4-H member is 11 years of age or younger as of January 1, current year. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Showmanship or like experiences, or experience in conformation (AKC, UKC etc.) before April 15.

Class 25 Junior B – The 4-H member is 11 years of age or younger as of January 1, current year. The exhibitor and/or the dog has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Showmanship or like experiences, or experience in conformation (AKC, UKC etc.) before April 15.

Class 26 Intermediate A – The 4-H member is 12-14 years of age as of January 1, current year. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Showmanship or like experiences, or experience in conformation (AKC, UKC etc.) before April 15.

Class 27 Intermediate B – The 4-H member is 12-14 years of age as of January 1, current year. The exhibitor and/or the dog has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Showmanship or like experiences, or experience in conformation (AKC, UKC etc.) before April 15.

Class 28 Senior A – The 4-H member is 15 years of age or older as of January 1, current year. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Showmanship or like experiences, or experience in conformation (AKC, UKC etc.) before April 15.

Class 29 Senior B – The 4-H member is 15 years of age or older as of January 1, current year. The exhibitor and/or the dog has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Showmanship or like experiences, or experience in conformation (AKC, UKC etc.) before April 15.

Class 30 Senior Division Showmanship for Showman of Showmen Class – The 4-H member is 15 years of age or older as of January 1st of the current year. Dogs shown in this class must be a project dog of the exhibitor. Previous Showman of Showmen dog representative exhibitors are ineligible to compete in this class. If the winner declines, the representative for Dog Showman of Showmen goes to the 2nd place and continues through 5th place in this class only until a representative emerges.

Awards:

1st Place – Trophy & Rosette

2nd – 6th Place – Rosette

Grand Champion Showmanship – Trophy

Department – Jr. Fair Dogs Division 400 – All Jr. Fair Dog Classes
Rally Judging Day: Thurs., July 24, 6 PM

Class 31	Novice A
Class 32	Novice B
Class 33	Intermediate A
Class 34	Intermediate B
Class 35	Advanced
Class 36	Excellent

Awards: 1st Place – Trophy 2nd-10th Place - Rosette

Department – Jr. Fair Dogs Division 400 – All Jr. Fair Dog Classes
Tricks and Agility Judging Day: Tuesday, July 22, 1 PM – 4 PM

Class 37	Beginner
Class 38	Intermediate
Class 39	Advanced

Department - Jr. Fair Dogs Division 401 – Dog Contests

Class 100	Canine Ambassador(s)	2024 Canine Ambassador Jr. – Anastasia Glass
Class 200	4-H Dog Project Member Scholarship	2024 Canine Ambassador Int. – Alexandra Peters
Class 300	Overall 4-H Dog Exhibitor	2024 Canine Ambassador Sr. – None
		2024 Dog Scholarship Winner – None
		2024 Overall High Score Exhibitor – Ella May

Canine Ambassador Awards: Sashes and Tiaras or Medals

Canine Ambassador Contest Rules and Guidelines:

- 1. Requirements:**
 - A. Open to all 4-H members enrolled with a dog project.
 - B. **Applicant must complete and submit on-line survey application by midnight June 9.** Go to <https://go.osu.edu/2025clarkcojrfairanimalambassadorapp> to apply.
 - C. Applicant must participate in an interview with their dog at the Dog Skill-a-thon, **June 16, 6 PM, Dog Barn.**
 - D. Suggested that the applicant is dressed in appropriate dog show attire. No jeans or cut-offs.
 - E. Previous winners may not participate again in the same age division **in consecutive years.**
- 2. Judging Criteria:** The 4-H'er judged on five areas: a written quiz, an interview, the Ambassador application, and activities described on the application, dog's appearance and manners, and a demonstration with their dog.
- 3. Division(s):**

Jr. Ambassador: Dog project members ages 8 and in 3rd grade to age 12 as of Jan. 1 of current year.
Sr. Ambassador: Dog project members ages 13 to 18 as of Jan. 1 of current year.
- 4. Duties:**
 - A. Assist with Dog Shows and Events at the Clark County Fair.
 - B. Serve as a youth representative on the 4-H Dog Committee if at least 13 years of age.
 - C. Promote the Clark County 4-H Dog Program at various community events throughout the year.
- 5. Recognition: Canine Ambassadors** will be announced at the Jr. Fair Dog Awards Program on Fri., July 18, 7 PM.

4-H Dog Project Member Scholarship:

- A. Applicants currently enrolled in the Clark County 4-H Program with a dog project and be a High School Senior or College Freshmen.
- B. Submit application by July 1 on-line and additional supporting documentation to the Extension Office. Go to <https://go.osu.edu/2025clarkco4hscholarshipapp> to apply.
- C. Winner announced and awarded **\$250** scholarship at the Clark Co. Jr. Fair Dog Awards Program by the Clark County 4-H Dog Committee.

Overall High Score Dog Exhibitor: Award - Traveling Trophy and Trophy for Previous Year Winner

1. Requirements: All 4-H'ers enrolled in a dog project are eligible.

2. Judging Criteria:

- A. Scores, as awarded by the judges, from Obedience, Showmanship, You & Your Dog, Rally Obedience and Skill-a-thon will be combined to determine the winner. The winner will be the 4-H'er with the highest total combined score.
- B. If a 4-H'er competes in Obedience and/or Rally Obedience with more than one dog, the highest score used. Scores from all 5 classes will count, regardless of what dog or dogs the 4-H'er competes with. This award follows the 4-H'er, not the dog being shown.
- C. Scores from Royalty and Poster contest will not count towards this award, since 4-H'ers may not be eligible to compete in those competitions each year, because of previous wins.

3. Awards: The awards will be given at the conclusion of the last Fair dog event.

Department – Junior Fair Dogs	Division 402 – Dog Posters
Poster Judging Day: Tuesday, June 16 at Skill-a-thon	Presentations & Awards: Friday, July 18, 7 PM

Class 100 Junior – age 8, and in the 3rd grade to age 11

Class 200 Intermediate – age 12 to 14

Class 300 Senior – age 15 to 18

Awards: 1st – 5th Place – Rosettes

Dog Poster Contest Rules and Guidelines:

1. Requirements:

- A. Select a topic of your choice related to dogs and your dog project(s).
- B. Make poster using a 22" x 28" poster board, displayed horizontally. Do not mount posters on any type of stiff backing. No shadow boxes, foam boards, overlays or three-dimensional posters allowed. Stick on letters and stickers permitted. Disqualification of any poster that does not meet requirements.
- C. Poster must be clearly labeled in the lower right-hand corner, with the exhibitor's name, county, and age as of January 1st of the current year.
- D. Turn in posters at Dog Skill-a-thon for judging.
- E. Posters must be new each year, and the same poster cannot be entered for judging more than once.

2. Judging Criteria: Posters judged on Educational Content (50 pts.), Neatness/Appearance (30 pts.) and Originality (20 pts.).