

## **4-H Dog Show Rules and Regulations:**

### **Equipment:**

Crates need not be new, but must be intact and in good working order with a latching door. No holes in the sides of the crates.  
Water must be offered to all dogs at least once every hour in a clean bowl.  
Equipment must be appropriate for the class, correct size and in good repair.  
No prong (pinch) collars, halti (head) collars, or flexi leads. Max leash length is 6 ft.

### **Clothing:**

Closed toe shoes only for all classes. Please wear appropriate showmanship clothing with skirts at or just below knees (business like attire). Boys should have dress pants (no blue jeans) shirt, tie, and/or vest/jacket. Underwear should not be showing. Obedience clothing should consist of long pants and nice shirt (no t-shirts with sayings) or you may wear your showmanship clothing. No shorts allowed. Long hair must be pulled back and bangs kept out of eyes. No rings, noticeable body jewelry, or dangly earrings. Nail polish should be clear or light colored if worn.

### **Dogs:**

Must be clean (white areas white!!!) and dark areas dark, free of parasites, mats, etc. Teeth should be clean of excessive tartar. Ears must be cleaned. Toenails must be trimmed. Coats should be in good condition without bare spots, crusty lesions, or scabbed areas. Grooming should be appropriate for the breed and the dog should be groomed as close to how it would appear in the breed ring as possible. (ex. shaved faces, feet, and tails on poodles). Mixed breeds should be clean and well groomed with a neat appearance. A veterinarian will be consulted if there is any doubt to the health or safety of the dogs involved and their decision will be final. ***Rabies certificate required, and proof of distemper required. Bring photocopies of proof of BOTH shots, and turn them into the show superintendent immediately upon arrival. No exceptions.***

### **General behavior:**

No unsupervised children. 4-H'ers caught behaving inappropriately, or exhibiting discourteous behavior to the other exhibitors will be given one verbal warning. They will be asked to leave the show/booth at the second warning and not allowed to return. 4-H'ers not in the show ring during the show must be with their dog waiting quietly in the waiting area or seated in the bleachers with the dog crated. 4-H'ers are expected to be courteous to those in the ring and remain quiet. You may talk, but it should be in a quiet, inside voice that will not be disruptive to the dogs being shown. There will be no running outside of the ring allowed. Dogs must be on leash at all times unless in the obedience ring or crated.

*By signing this form, I agree to the above regulations, and I promise to abide by them.*

Youth signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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