

PUEBLO COUNTY DOG TRAINING

DISCIPLINE RULES

1. No mistreating dog - example: kicking, using grooming or training tools to discipline dog.
2. You must pay attention to trainers at all sessions.
3. No disrupting class.
4. No unruly dogs. If there is a problem with your dog being deemed vicious by the trainers or leaders, you may be asked to substitute the dog or drop out of the training program with this dog. If you do not agree with this determination by the leaders and trainers, the CSU Extension Office and/or Fair Board will make the final determination. You are responsible for clean up after your dog.
5. Good sportsmanship and good manners. Any negative behavior on the part of the 4-H member, family members, or leaders may result in dismissal from the club.

RECORDS TO BE KEPT:

1. **RECORD OF EXPENSES**
 - a. grooming tools (brushes, combs, toe nail clippers, etc)
 - b. dog food and miscellaneous food treats
 - c. entry fees
 - d. gasoline to and from classes, meetings, shows, etc.
 - e. film and developing
 - f. veterinary costs
 - g. club dues
 - h. price of professional grooming
 - i. donations to club or county functions
2. **RECORD OF ACTIVITIES**
 - a. time spent at training class
 - b. time spent training at home
 - c. time spent grooming
 - d. time spent attending all club and county functions

- e. AKC shows included
- f. 4-H shows and scores
- g. fun matches on exhibitor record

Here is a list of the equipment you will need:

- ... a 6 foot lead (leather preferred)
- ... a training collar - will advise you on best kind for your dog
- ... a showmanship lead - will advise you on best kind for your breed
- ... a good slicker brush, a good grooming comb, and an old tooth brush
- ... a paperback book describing the breed your dog is or looks most like
- ... a loose leaf notebook or calendar to keep record of expenses and activities

Here is a list of the things you will need to keep track of:

- ... all expenses (example dog food, vet bills, treats, toys, equipment, gas for car, film, any time you spend money on your dog or anything you yourself needed during your project year).
- ... all visits to the vet, what happened and medication if any and if you need a return visit
- ... a daily itemized sheet of how long you worked with your dog and what exercises you worked on
- ... an itemized list of all training classes you attend and activities you participate in
- ... take notes and write them down on a separate sheet of paper on what you have learned, problems you need to overcome, cute stories about you and your dog. This will help you write your story in your record book. **DON'T PUT IT OFF!** Start keeping records today. Honest - you'll be glad you did!

INFORMATION ON CLASSES :

Puppy Classes: Puppy classes will be for puppies which are not ready for regular obedience classes. The purpose of this class will be to introduce obedience commands to a puppy without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will introduce the puppy to dog shows in a positive manner,

thus setting the puppy up for a life time of enjoyment in the show ring.

Handlers will be encouraged to use a reward system of food treats or toys in the ring to reward the puppy during and after each exercise. Double commands (or more) will be allowed. This class will be evaluated more on the handler's skill in training a young dog and dealing with the animal's mistakes than on the skill of the animal when performing the exercises. This will be a NO SCORE CLASS. The score sheet will consist of Excellent, Good or Needs Improvement in each of the following areas: Loose Lead Walking; Sit for Exam; Recall; and Down Stay and Serpentine Walking.

EXPLANATION OF PUPPY CLASS EXERCISES:

Loose Lead Walking – This exercise is used to encourage the puppy to feel comfortable and happy on lead while maintaining a distance of no more than two feet from the handler's left side. This does not need to be heel position. Handlers may use bait and toys to keep the puppy in the correct position, and may tell the puppy to sit after a "Halt." Things to be considered in judging include the enjoyment of the puppy, the bond between the puppy and the handler, and the handler's ability to get the puppy's attention back after a distraction.

Sit for Exam – In this exercise the puppy is commanded to a sit position. The judge will approach the puppy and examine it. The judge is required to handle the puppy's ears, mouth, and one front foot during the exam, although petting and scratching are encouraged. The purpose of this exercise is to teach the puppy to

accept handling from a friendly stranger. **Recall** – The handler will command the puppy to stay in a sit position and will step just in front of the puppy with his or her toes no more than six inches from the puppy's front feet. When the judge says "Call your dog," the handler will proceed to walk backward no more than six feet while calling the puppy. The puppy should get up and follow the handler in a happy manner. After the six feet has been reached, the handler will command the puppy to sit.

Down Stay – The handler will put the puppy in a down. When the judge says "Leave your puppy," the handler will tell the puppy to stay. The handler will walk to the end of the lead, pause, and then immediately walk behind the puppy and back to heel position.

Serpentine Walking – The puppy and handler will walk on a loose lead through a serpentine of three people in a straight line. The expectations are the same as for Loose Lead Walking, with the addition of the distraction of the three "posts."

After one year of showing in the Puppy Obedience Class, the dog and handler team are then eligible to move up to Sub Novice A the following year.

This class will be judged with 4-H members (scribes) assisting the judge. These scribes must be recommended by their trainers and/or Extension Agent. Scribes are teen leader positions, and the teen scribe must fill out the Pueblo County 4-H Teen Superintendent Form in order to be eligible to judge.

EXHIBIT CLASSES:

All 4-H obedience classes will be patterned after the latest AKC obedience guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required.

Only one command can be given in obedience classes per exercise unless additional commands are appropriate to that class. Use of the dogs name with a verbal

command ("Spot, sit") can be used. If no verbal commands are used, one appropriate hand signal may be used.

OBEDIENCE

CLASS 530	Sub-Novice A
CLASS 531	Sub-Novice B
CLASS 532	Sub-Novice C – 1 st year
CLASS 533	Sub-Novice C – 2 nd year
CLASS 534	Novice A
CLASS 535	Novice B
CLASS 536	Veterans Class
CLASS 537	Graduate Novice A
CLASS 538	Graduate Novice B
CLASS 539	Pre Open A
CLASS 540	Pre Open B
CLASS 541	Open A
CLASS 542	Open B
CLASS 543	Utility A
CLASS 544	Utility B

Note: In all classes except Puppy Class, ten points will be deducted in the obedience classes for the following: strong correcting, disciplining, fouling the ring, excessive barking, leaving the ring, rules violation or showing fear.

Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.

Sub-Novice A & B & (C – 1st year and 2nd year):

All exercises in this class performed on leash; 6-foot lead required.

A. Heel on leash.....	45
B. Figure 8 on leash.....	35
C. Stand for exam on leash.....	30
D. Recall on each.....	30
E. Sit and stay (1 min., handler in front of dog holding lead).....	30
F. Down and stay (3 min., handler in front of dog holding lead).....	30
TOTAL.....	200

Novice A & B:

All exercises in this class are according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required.

A. Heel on leash, then figure 8.....	40
B. Stand for exam (off leash).....	30
C. Heel free (figure 8 not included)...	40
D. Recall (handler about 35 feet from dog).....	30
E. Sit and stay (1 min., handler on opposite side of ring).....	30
F. Down and stay (3 min., handler on opposite side of ring).....	30
TOTAL.....	200

Graduate Novice A & B:

A. Heel on leash.....	40
B. Moving stand for exam (off leash).....	30
C. Heel free and figure 8 (off leash).....	40
D. Moving drop on recall.....	30
E. Recall over broad jump.....	30
F. Down and stay (3 min., handler out of sight).....	30
TOTAL.....	200

Pre Open A & B:

A. Heel off leash & Figure 8.....	40
B. Drop on Recall.....	40
C. Dumbbell Recall.....	30
D. Recall Over High Jump.....	30
E. Recall Over Board Jump.....	30
F. Long Down (3 min., handler out of sight).....	30
TOTAL.....	200

Open A & B:

All exercises in this class according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required.

A. Heel free and figure 8.....	40
B. Drop on recall.....	30
C. Retrieve on flat.....	20
D. Retrieve over high jump.....	30
E. Broad jump.....	20
F. Sit and stay (3 min., handler out of sight of dog).....	30
G. Long stay (5 min., handler out of sight of dog).....	30
TOTAL.....	200

Utility—A & B

All exercises in this class according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required.

A. Signal exercise.....	40
B. Scent discrimination-leather...	30
C. Scent discrimination - metal...	30
D. Directed retrieve of glove.....	30
E. Moving stand and exam.....	30
F. Directed jumping.....	40
TOTAL.....	200

EXPLANATION OF GRADUATE NOVICE A & B CLASSES:

Grad Novice Moving Stand and Examination:

The judge will give the command “forward,” at which time the handler will heel forward with his/her dog. After the handler has proceeded forward about ten feet, the judge will give the command “stand your dog.” Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and continue forward about 10 to 12 feet and turn and face the dog. The judge will approach the dog from the front, gives a novice exam and gives the command “return to your dog.” The handler will return to his/her dog by going around and behind and back to heel position.

Moving Drop on Recall:

The principle feature of this exercise is that the dog heels and executes a prompt response to the handler’s command and/or signal to down and remain in the down position until called, or signaled to come on command. Orders for the exercise are “Forward,” “Down your dog,” “Call your dog” and “Finish.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at a point designated by the judge, who will then ask “Are you ready?” and order “Forward.” The handler may command or signal his/her dog to heel, and will walk briskly and naturally. After he/she has gone about 15 feet, the judge will order “Down your dog.” Without pausing, the handler will command and/or

signal the dog to down. The handler will continue forward to the end of the ring, turn around and stand in a natural manner facing the dog. On the judge’s orders or signals, the handler will command or signal the dog to come and immediately sit in front of the handler until the command to “Finish” is given by the judge.

Recall Over Broad Jump:

The principle feature of this exercise is that the dog stays until directed to jump, clears the jump on a single command or signal, and immediately returns to sit in front of the handler. Orders are “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog” and “Finish.”

The handler will stand with his/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 the command and/or signal to stay, go at least eight 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 until the command to “Finish” is given by the judge.

EXPLANATION OF PRE OPEN A & B CLASSES:

Drop on Recall.

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

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 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 turns 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.

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.

Recall Over Broad Jump.

The principal features of the 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 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 Recall. All penalties in the Novice Recall will apply. The distance of the jump will be the same as in the Open Classes.

Long Down.

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.

EXPLANATION OF VETERAN'S CLASS:

The Veterans Class is for dogs that have obtained a qualifying score in a Novice or Open class and are at least 7 years of age on the date of the show. The exercises will be performed and judged as in the Novice or Open Class. Jumps in the Open Class will be $\frac{1}{2}$ the regular height. Dogs may be entered in another class or classes. This class will count toward overall high point in Novice or Advanced Obedience.

BREED SPECIFICATION:

The breeds will jump according to the following chart: (If your dog is not purebred, the most apparent breed will apply.)

BREED EXCEPTIONS	Measured Height at Withers	Broad Jump in Inches
Akita	Less than 12½"	16 inches
Argentine Dogo		
Basset Hound	12½" to less than 15"	20 inches
Bernese Mountain Dog		
Black Russian Terrier	15" to less than 17½"	24 inches
Bloodhound		
Borzoi	17½" to less than 20"	28 inches
Bulldog		
Bullmastiff	20" to less than 23"	32 inches
Welsh Corgis		
Chinese Shar-Pei	23" to less than 25½"	36 inches
Chow		
Clumber Spaniel	25½" to less than 28"	40 inches
Dachshund		
Dogues De Bordeaux	29" to less than 31"	44 inches
French Bulldog		
Great Dane	31" to less than 33½"	48 inches
Great Pyrenees		
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog	33½" to less than 36"	52 inches
Irish Wolfhound		
Kishu Kens	36" to less than 39"	56 inches
Kovaszok		
Leonbergers		
Mastiffs		
Newfoundland		
Otterhound		
Petite Basset Griffon Vendeen		
Pug		
Saint Bernard		
Scottish Terrier		
Skye Terrier		
Sussex Spaniel		
Swedish Vallhund		

Other Breeds:

The broad jump will consist of four telescoping hurdles, all about eight inches wide and painted a flat white. The largest hurdle will measure about five feet long and about six inches at the highest point. In the ring, they will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to the specifications of your breed (see chart on jumps).

HIGH JUMP	BROAD JUMP
8" - 8	16" - 2 boards
10": - 8, 2	20" - 2 boards
12" - 8, 4	24" - 2 boards
14" - 8, 4, 2	28" - 3 boards
16" - 8, 8	32" - 3 boards
18" - 8, 8, 2	36" - 3 boards
20" - 8, 8, 4	40" - 3 boards
22" - 8, 8, 4, 2	44" - 3 boards
24" - 8, 8, 8	48" - 4 boards
26" - 8, 8, 8, 2	52" - 4 boards
28" - 8, 8, 8, 4	56" - 4 boards
30" - 8, 8, 8, 4, 2	60" - 4 boards
32" - 8, 8, 8, 8	64" - 4 boards
34" - 8, 8, 8, 8, 2	68" - 4 boards
36" - 8, 8, 8, 8, 4	72" - 4 boards

All other breeds will jump a distance of twice the height of the dog at the withers with a minimum being 16" and a maximum being 72".

Dogs who measure less than 10 inches at the withers will be allowed to jump 4 inches high jump and 8 inches for the broad jump.

Example: A dog that measures 20" at the withers would jump a total of 20 X 2= 40".

Example: A dog that measures 31" at the withers would jump a total of 31 X 2=62".

Example: A dog that measures 7" at the withers would jump the minimum of 16".

Example: A dog that measures 39" at the withers would jump the maximum of 72".

SHOWMANSHIP:

Dog Showmanship (Scoring):

- A. Appearance of handler.....15
 - Cleanliness and neatness Of handler
 - Appropriateness of apparel
- B. Grooming of dog.....15
 - Brushing (mats, dead hair), trimmed toes nails, clean teeth – groomed to a neat, clean appearance
- C. Exhibitor's handling of dog:
 - Front set-up10
 - Judges side first
 - Head high (no choking)
 - Feet placed directly beneath the shoulders
 - Toes pointing straight forward
 - Legs should fall vertical from shoulder and parallel (within limit of the most apparent breed)
 - Rear set-up.....10
 - Legs slightly wider apart than front
 - Adjust the leg that is most out of line first
 - Try not to let the head drop while setting up the hindquarters
- D. Gaiting.....20
 - Ability to follow direction in judge's pattern
 - Dog always fully visible to judge in gaiting position
 - Smoothness in turns
 - Gait proper to most apparent breed (when applicable)
 - Ability to exhibit dog's movements according to most apparent breed
- E. Examination.....10
 - Stand properly during entire examination
 - Does not sit or move away before or during examination
 - Does not growl or snap (a dog attempting to bite handler or anyone else in the ring will be dismissed from the ring)
 - Dog is happy and attentive to handler

- F. Desirable and sportsmanlike behavior of exhibitor.....5
- G. Ability to answer judge's questions.....5
- Sub-Total90
- H. Group exercise.....10
- TOTAL.....100

The following breeds of dogs are normally tabled (See Rule # 1 above)

TABLED BREEDS:

SPORTING BREEDS

Spaniels (Cocker) Black
Spaniels (Cocker) Ascob
Spaniels (Cocker) Parti-Color
Spaniels (English Cocker)

TERRIER BREEDS

Australian Terrier
Bedlington Terrier
Border Terrier
Cairn Terrier
Dandie Dinmont Terrier
Fox Terrier (Smooth & Wire)
Glen of Imaal Terrier
Lakeland Terrier
Manchester Terrier (Standard)
Miniature Bull Terrier
Miniature Schnauzer
Norfolk Terrier
Norwich Terrier
Parson Russell Terrier
(aka Jack Russell Terrier)
Scottish Terrier
Sealyham Terrier
Skye Terrier
Welsh Terrier
West Highland White Terrier

WORKING BREEDS

None

HOUND BREEDS

Basenji
Beagle (13 inch)
Beagle (15 inch)
Dachshund (Longhaired, Smooth, & Wirehaired)
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
Whippet

NON SPORTING BREEDS

Miniature American Eskimo Dog
Bichon Frise
Boston Terriers
French Bulldogs
Lhasa Apso
Lowchen
Miniature Poodle
Schipperke
Shiba Inu
Tibetan Spaniel
Tibetan Terrier

HERDING BREEDS

Puli
Shetland Sheepdog (Sheltie)
Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)
Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)
Swedish Vallhunds

TOY BREEDS

Affenpinscher
Brussels Griffon
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chihuahua (Long Coat)
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)
Chinese Crested
English Toy Spaniel
Havanese
Italian Greyhound
Japanese Chin
Maltese
Manchester Terrier (Toy)
Miniature Pinscher
Papillon
Pekingese
Pomeranian
Poodle (Toy)
Pug
Shih Tzu
Silky Terrier
Toy Fox Terrier
Yorkshire Terrier

GENERAL TIPS FOR OBEDIENCE AND SHOWMANSHIP:

- A. No grooming equipment will be allowed in the showmanship ring at any time.
- B. Depending on what you are wearing in the showmanship ring, use proper kneeling etiquette. If you are in a skirt, it is best to kneel on both knees. If you are wearing pants, it would be appropriate to kneel on only one knee.
- C. No haltie or gentle leaders in the show ring.
- D. The length of your obedience leash should be six feet (preferably leather lead)
- E. No dog tags should be on the dog when showing in the ring. Only the correct equipment for the appropriate class should be used. It is very important that your dog wear tags at all times, except when in the show ring.

If you have any questions about the material in this supplement, contact your leader, trainer, or the CSU Extension Office.

If you have a mixed breed dog, you can go to AKC website and look at different pictures of the breeds of dog to decide which breed your dog looks most like.