

PUEBLO COUNTY FAIR DOG TRIALS –
2011

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County Fair entries due: June 6, 2011
Record Registration: June 6, 2011
Show Check-In: July 12 – 8:30 am
Judging: July 12 – 9:00 am
AG PALACE – Colorado County Fairgrounds

DOG E-RECORD POLICY

All dog e-records must achieve a score of 70% or more to be eligible to show in that project or projects in the following year's Pueblo County Fair.

Youth with e-records not meeting the minimum requirement will be given one week after the grading of books to update/correct the book to meet the standard.

Your 2011 e-record score will be used for eligibility to show in the 2012 Pueblo County Fair.

If a youth does not drop a project by the project add/drop date of March 15, the youth is still required to complete a record book to avoid a score of 0% to be eligible to show the following year in that project area.

Contest Rules:

1. The Dog Trials will be held Tuesday, July 12, 2011. They will be held at the Colorado State Fair Ag Palace, starting with check-in at 8:30 and the show beginning at 9:00 a.m.
2. The County Fair 4-H Dog Show officials and/or Fair Board can and will dismiss any entrant or his/her family from the show for any mistreatment of dogs entered in this show. If a question should arise as to what constitutes "mistreatment," Superintendents and/or Fair Board will meet to decide appropriate action in each case. Any negative behavior on the part of the exhibitor, family members or leaders directed toward any official will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.
3. All entrants will be responsible for clean-up after their dogs. Failure to do so can be a basis for dismissal from the County Fair 4-H Dog Show and/or forfeiture of any placing.
4. Show management will have final decision authority. If needed, show management may request assistance with arbitration from a committee comprised of the show superintendents, the judge (if willing), and the leader and/or Fair Board.

5. Showmanship Age Requirements:
 - A. Junior exhibitor: members who are 8-10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year
 - B. Intermediate exhibitor: members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year
 - C. Senior exhibitor: members who are 14 and older as of December 31 of the previous year
 - D. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice classes are for those members who are in their first year in the 4-H dog project and have no prior outside showmanship experience as determined by the county. If prior experience is determined by the county, the exhibitor must move into open class competition in his/her appropriate age group.
7. All 4-H dog entries are due to Pueblo County Extension Office, 701 Court St., Pueblo, CO 81003, to be received no later than June 6, 2011.
8. Entrants will use their assigned armband numbers the day of the show. Armband numbers will be the same for all dogs entered.
9. Dogs must be on a leash at all times except when performing exercises off leash in the show ring.
10. No set-up will be allowed anywhere near the rings. Allowable set-up areas will be designated and no one will be allowed to set up in any other areas. Spectators must stay at least ten feet from the ring.
11. Exhibitor eligibility rules:
 - A. Member must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project.
 - B. All exhibitors must have complied with Pueblo County's eligibility rules for State Fair participation. Exhibitors must enter State Fair in the same class in which they qualified at the county level.
 - C. The member must own his/her project dog individually or in partnership with immediate family members or guardians during the complete duration of the project year. The member must provide the majority of care for the dog(s). Entrants will be encouraged to use the Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects.
 - D. All exhibitors must have at least one qualifying score in each class of exhibition. Qualifying scores are 170 and above in obedience, 90 and above in showmanship and 70 in rally. An acceptable record book

must be done and meet all guidelines required.

- E. Youth must pass a dog test with a 60% or better. Anyone with a learning disability should provide the Extension Office with a letter from your school's Special Education Teacher. Contact the Extension Office individually and the appropriate arrangements will be made to take the test.
- F. Two opportunities will be provided for testing on May 12 and June 20. No additional test dates will be provided.
- G. Questions will be taken from the 4-H manuals, showmanship book, and general commands you are taught in your training sessions. A study guide will be provided.
- H. If you score at least an 80%, you will not be required to take the test until you move up to the next age group. Tie breaker questions will be given at each test. Youth are highly encouraged to answer these questions as points from these questions might be used to break ties at the end of the dog show season.
- I. Each exhibitor may exhibit a different dog in obedience, showmanship and rally provided they meet qualifications (refer to rule D).

12. Pueblo County may enter exhibitors in obedience, showmanship and rally classes (at the Colorado State Fair according to the following quota: (Refer to Rule D).

SUB NOVICE DIVISION:

- A. Sub-Novice A: four exhibitors per county
This class is open only to handlers and their dogs in their first year of dog-project work.
- B. Sub-novice B: four exhibitors per county.
This class is open only to second-year project members and must be the same youth and dog team that showed the previous year in Sub-Novice A.
- C. Sub Novice C – 1st year: four exhibitors per county. This class includes members with previous obedience training who are working with a new dog or a dog with previous experience in an organized training class working with a new 4-H member. All exercises will be performed on leash.
- D. Sub Novice C – 2nd year: four exhibitors per county. This class is open only to those in the second year of Sub Novice C training and must be the same youth and dog team that showed the previous year in Sub Novice C – 1st year. All exercises will be performed on leash.

NOVICE DIVISION:

- E. Novice A: four exhibitors per county. This

class is open to members with no prior experience in Novice Dog Training.

- F. Novice B: four exhibitors per county. This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above who have never received a blue ribbon at a previous County Fair in this class.
- G. Veterans Class: Unlimited Entries
The Veterans Class is for dogs that have obtained a qualifying score in a Novice 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 Division. A dog may not be entered in any other obedience class if they enter the Veteran's Class. Points will not count toward overall awards in this class.

ADVANCED DIVISION:

- H. Grad-Novice A: four exhibitors per county. This class is open to members with no prior experience in Grad Novice Dog Training.
- I. Grad-Novice B: four exhibitors per county. This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above of Grad Novice 4-H Dog Training.
- J. Pre Open A & B, Open A & B and Utility:A & B - unlimited number of exhibitors per class.

SHOWMANSHIP

- K. Showmanship Classes: County limited to four entries per class in showmanship for a total of 28. Classes include Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice (first-year members only) and Junior, Intermediate and Senior Open (second-year and above) and the Senior Advanced Class. See below for requirements.
- L. Senior Advanced Class: four entries per county. The Senior Advanced Class will consist of those members who have finished in the top ten at previous State Fair Dog Trials while competing in the Senior Open Class. (A list is available if needed.)
- M. "Winner's Circle" Class will be offered to those youth who have previously won Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at the **Colorado State Fair** in the intermediate or senior age divisions. Youth may enter the winner's class **or** their regular showmanship class, but not both. A member who wins this class cannot enter any lower class. (A list of youth who qualify for this class is available from the superintendent.)
- N. Puppy Classes: unlimited entries per county based on trainer's recommendations. 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.

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 senior 4-H members (scribes) assisting the judge. A Teen Superintendent Form must be filled out to participate as a “judges scribe”. Participation ribbons will be offered for this class and will not count toward State Fair qualification.

12. DOG ELIGIBILITY RULES:

- A. After once earning a qualifying score in competition as a 4-H project dog (team) at the State Fair, that same dog is no longer eligible for exhibition in that same division at any following State Fair except Pre Open, Open and Utility classes.
- B. A dog with any other rally or obedience title is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded, or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the County Fair. In this case the dog is eligible for entry in the same class. Rule A, above, takes precedence over this rule.
- C. No bitch in heat, obviously pregnant or lactating bitches will be allowed to compete in classes at the County Fair. If the bitch is still expected to be in a state of lactation by State Fair, that dog and entrant will not be allowed to enter State Fair and the next qualified exhibitor will be chosen.
- D. Dogs in obvious pain from a previous illness or injury shall not be shown. If a dog is injured at a show, that dog will be excused from the ring. Consideration of a dog's physical disability needs to be addressed between the handler and project leader before starting the project. A veterinarian or qualified veterinarian technician's decision on doubtful cases will be accepted as final.
- E. Dates of approved current and effective vaccination of the dog for rabies and parvo-virus must be provided on the State Dog Identification Sheet available online. This *State Dog Identification Sheet* must be on file in the Extension Office by May 1st. It is strongly recommended that all backup dogs be registered.
- F. It is recommended that all dogs coming to

County Fair be vaccinated for kennel cough. A veterinarian or qualified veterinarian technician may inspect each dog to be shown, and any dog showing evidence of a communicable disease will not be eligible for show and will be dismissed from the show.

- G. No dog other than the county-qualified dog will be eligible to show or compete at State Fair. Should any problem arise with the dog designated as the county-qualified dog, the Extension agent must be notified for any course of action.
- H. 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.

13. 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.

SUB NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

Sub-Novice A
Sub-Novice B
Sub-Novice C – 1st year
Sub-Novice C – 2nd year

NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

Novice A
Novice B
Veterans Class

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE DIVISION

Graduate Novice A
Graduate Novice B
Pre Open A
Pre Open B
Open A
Open B
Utility A
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.

SHOWMANSHIP

The Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Novice classes are for those members who are in their first year in the 4-H dog project and have no prior

outside showmanship experience as determined by the county. If prior experience is determined by the county, the exhibitor must move into open class competition in his/her appropriate age group.

1. Unless it is a health or safety issue for the exhibitor or dog, all appropriate dogs will be tabled for showmanship (see Tabled Breed List in your DOG INFORMATION PACKET). It is always left to the judge's discretion.
2. A separate showmanship class must be entered separately in each of the following age divisions to qualify for Round Robin:
 - a. Junior Age (8-10 years of age)
 - b. Intermediate Age (11-13 years of age)
 - c. Senior Age – (14 & over)
3. The following classes will be offered at the Pueblo County Fair in the Showmanship Division.

JUNIORS:

- *Junior Novice Showmanship (8- 10)
- Junior Open Showmanship (8-10)

INTERMEDIATES:

- *Intermediate Novice Showmanship (11-13)
- Intermediate Open Showmanship(11-13)

SENIORS:

- *Senior Novice Showmanship (14 & over)
- Senior Open Showmanship (14 & over)
- Senior Advanced Showmanship (14 and over)

WINNER'S CIRCLE:

Intermediate and Senior – Previous Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Winners at the Colorado State Fair

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.

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.

RALLY

1. Rally Obedience Classes will be held on Tuesday, July 12, in the Ag Palace at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. Check-in will be at 8:30 with the show starting at 9:00 a.m.
2. For complete information please refer to the Colorado State 4-H Dog Project Rally Obedience Rules and Regulations for Exhibitors, Judges and Stewards available at the Colorado State 4-H website: <http://www.colorado4h.org/>
3. Members are allowed to compete in classes until they have obtained a blue ribbon at a State 4-H Dog Show, **or** the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. If they have received a blue or equivalent title, the youth competitor and dog will advance to the next higher class.
4. Pueblo County may send the following number of entries to the Colorado State Fair in the Rally Division classes:
 - Rally Novice A – Four entries
 - Rally Novice B – Four entries
 - Rally Advanced A Class – Four entries
 - Rally Advanced B Class – Four entries
 - Rally Excellent A Class – Four entries
 - Rally Excellent B Class – Four entries

The Pueblo County Fair 4-H dog show is a 4-H show. As such, 4-H youth development principles are of primary importance.

OBEDIENCE, SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY AWARDS:

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

Score of: 100-90 Blue Award
89-80 Red Award
79-below White Award

OBEDIENCE AWARDS

Ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor in the Sub Novice, Novice, and Advanced Divisions on the following basis:

- A. Blue: 170 or more points earned, provided each class exercise received 50 percent or more of the maximum point value of that exercise.
- B. Red: 140 to 169 points or those who earned more but did not qualify for a blue ribbon. No ranking of red ribbon winners will be made.
- C. White: 139 or fewer points earned. No rankings will be made.
- D. Participation ribbons will be awarded in the veteran's and puppy classes.

RALLY AWARDS

The Rally Obedience class ribbons shall be awarded using the Danish system of judging. All exhibitors shall receive ribbons based on the following scores:

100 – 70 points – Blue Ribbon Qualifying

69-40 points – Red Ribbon

39 – below – White Ribbon

Any ties will be broken using the fastest time.

Please refer to the Colorado State 4-H Dog Project Rally Obedience Rules and Regulations for Exhibitors, Judges and Stewards for complete information – this information is available on the State 4-H Website at <http://www.colorado4h.org>.

OVERALL AWARDS

A Champion & Reserve Champion will be awarded in each class if merited. Grand Champion rosettes and Reserve Grand Champions rosettes will be awarded in the following classes if merited:

- A. High Point in Sub Novice, A, B, C-1st year & C-2nd year
 - B. High Point in Novice A & B
 - C. High Point in Grad Novice A & B, Pre Open A & B; Open A & B, and Utility A & B
 - D. High Point Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship classes.
 - E. High Point Rally Novice A & B
 - F. High Point Rally Advanced A & B
 - G. High Point Rally Excellent A & B
- State Fair Qualifiers will receive a ribbon.*

*STATE FAIR QUALIFICATION: The two highest scores PLUS County Fair will determine the qualifiers to represent Pueblo County at State Fair. In all classes, copies of the score sheets from area shows outside of Pueblo County must be turned in and recorded in the Extension Office. The lowest times will be used to break any ties.

Score sheets from outside shows must be turned into the Extension Office to be counted toward State Fair Qualification. State Fair qualification Rally scoresheets from outside shows will be counted toward State Fair qualification