

# 4-H Dog Project Specialist and Leader Training

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# Introductions

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In the chat box, share your name, county, and the role you play in the 4-H Dog Project.



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# Dog Project Terminology

**County Level:** Each County may qualify exhibitors for State 4-H Dog Trials by a selection procedure most appropriate to its own County program in compliance with the Dog Level Progression Chart and State 4-H Dog Trials eligibility requirements.

**Discipline:** Reference to a type of dog competition. Currently there are four disciplines competing at the State 4-H Dog Trials: Agility, Obedience, Rally and Showmanship.

**Division:** Reference to a grouping of classes specific to a discipline. For example, the Obedience Advanced Division incorporates classes Open A, Open B, Graduate Open A, Graduate Open B, Utility A and Utility B.

**Exhibitor:** A 4-H registered youth competing in any 4-H State 4-H Dog Trial ranging in age from 8 to 18 years of age as of December 31st of the previous year. Also referred to as a member, handler, or youth or competitor.

**Level:** Reference to a dog's progression through Agility, Showmanship, Obedience or Rally disciplines. For example, a dog may be in the Open level of Obedience or the Novice level of Showmanship.

**Class:** Reference to the specific Class within a Level. For example, a dog's Level might be Novice Obedience and the Class would be Novice A or Novice B.



# Showmanship

## Rule Updates

- Use of ramps (Judges and exhibitors should refer to the current Table and Ramp list to ensure they have up-to-date information. The Table and Ramp list can be found on the AKC Website at: ([https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/table\\_breeds.pdf](https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/table_breeds.pdf))
- The judge may ask what breed of dog, the AKC group, and the purpose of the breed the exhibitor is showing.

## Resources

- Study guide/tests
- Showmanship Guide (in progress)
- Showmanship score sheet

## Questions

- Dennis Corash, Showmanship Superintendent



# SHOWMANSHIP



## Changes in Showmanship:

- Some language in the rules.
- Questions that the judge may ask the exhibitor.
- Where dogs are presented varies by the breed.






## Questions Judges May Ask:

- ✓ What breed is your dog?  
Remember mixed breed dogs should be identified by what AKC breed they resemble.
- ✓ What AKC group does your dog belong to?
- ✓ What is the purpose of your breed?





Table, Ramp, Ground  
breed list link and how to  
build a ramp is on the  
State 4-H website page.

Ramp for some breeds





Some breeds are now examined on a ramp rather than the floor or table.

[https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/table\\_breeds.pdf](https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/table_breeds.pdf)

### **Dogs that must shown on ramp:**

CLUMBER SPANIEL, SUSSEX SPANIEL, BASSET HOUND, CIRNECO DELL'ETNA, KERRY BLUE TERRIER, BULLDOGS, CHINESE SHAR-PEI, CHOW CHOW, KEESHONDEN

### **Ramp Optional Breeds**

AMERICAN WATER SPANIEL, BOYKIN SPANIEL, ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL, FIELD SPANIEL, LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO, NS DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER, WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL, GRAND BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN, WHIPPET GERMAN PINSCHER, STANDARD SCHNAUZERS AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE, IRISH TERRIERS, MINI BULL TERRIER (Ground/Table), SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER, STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER, FINNISH SPITZ, ENTLEBUCHER MOUNTAIN DOG, FINNISH LAPPHUND ICELANDIC SHEEPDOGS, MUDI (or Table), NORWEGIAN BUHUND, POLISH LOWLAND SHEEPDOG, SPANISH WATER DOG, NORRBOTTENSPETS (Misc.)





# Questions



# Obedience

## Rule Updates

- Changes to Beginner Novice classes

## Resources

- Obedience Guide
- Obedience Score sheets

## Questions

- Sabrina Christie and/or Amber Hansen, Obedience Superintendent



# Rally

## Rule Updates

- Master Rally part of regular progression instead of optional class

## Resources

- Rally Guide with Signs
- Rally Apps:
  - iPhone: Pocket Rally app – Includes all signs, written directions and videos for each sign – There is a fee to download this app.
  - Android – K9Rally app – Includes all signs along with written directions – Not sure if there is a fee for this app

## Questions

- Anne Janicki Rally Superintendent



# Agility

Scoring Updates

Resources

- [Agility Waiver](#)
- [Agility Guide](#)

Questions

- [Brian Christie, Agility Superintendent](#)



# Progression Charts

Updated for all disciplines at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/>

- Overview of what they are used for and why
- Criteria and commonality for class movement
  - Showmanship
  - Obedience (with scenarios)
    - Addressing old C level placements
  - Rally
  - Agility
- Keeping track of members/dogs as they progress
- Questions



# Support & Additional Information

- e-Record Updates
- Registering for State Fair 4-H Dog Trials
  - Deadlines (Aug. 2 preferred, Aug. 7 is the deadline, registration due Aug. 11 if fairs are after Aug. 7)
  - Correct classes based on progression charts
  - Team Rally teams submitted by County Specialist
- Dog Expo is great for learning and networking around the disciplines and how to teach skills
- Watch county fun matches and shows to see how they are run
- Reach out to local AKC groups
- Compiling dog judges list
- Contact State 4-H Office ([lisa.sholten@colostate.edu](mailto:lisa.sholten@colostate.edu)) or Superintendents with questions

# Questions?

