



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

2022 Colorado State Fair Dog Show

Senior Showmanship Study Guide

Question Bank Youth Ages 14 - 18 as of 12-31-21

Show committees and Judges: Please use these questions for tests or interview of youth for Junior Showmanship during the 2022 4-H project year. Question format or wording may change if it does not affect the correct answer.

Recommended scoring: Where answers require explanations, exhibitors may answer using their own wording provided they convey the same meaning as the correct answer. As a judge, do not give hints or define a word in the question or statement. Youth are expected to know the meaning of the words. If one question asks for multiple answers, then give partial credit for each correct answer.

Questions asked during the 2022 Colorado State Fair Dog Show Senior Showmanship Dog classes will come from this bank of questions. Changes in wording or format variations of these questions are permissible and may occur. Youth can find the answers to all of these questions in the Ohio State Dog Resource Handbook, © 2018.

Chapter 2 – Breeds.

1. Dogs that are alert and bold are named after the Latin term for Earth. Which breed group is this?
2. Which breed group varies greatly in historical and physical characteristics?
3. Name the seven AKC groups of dogs.
4. Which breed group was developed to assist humans with livestock?
5. AKC breed groups are create based on what?

Chapter 3 – Conformation

6. How are the cat foot and hare foot different?
7. What does eye shape refer to?
8. Define the topline as it relates to a dog.
9. Name 10 kinds of tail carriages?
10. Describe an overshot bite.
11. A fault in one breed may not be a fault in another breed. How do you know what faults are found in your breed?



12. Name one type of a dog's forequarters.
13. Why is it important to have styptic powder on hand?
14. Name the four types of feet.
15. What type of ear will reveal the burr (the inside of the ear)?

Chapter 4 – Grooming

16. Why is it important to have styptic powder on hand?
17. What are the 5 types of coats on a dog?
18. What is the name of the brush that has densely set of wire teeth effective at removing mats and dead coat from long-haired, wire-haired, and curly coated dogs?

Chapter 5 – Selection

19. Why are designer dogs controversial?

Chapter 6 – Communication and Behavior

20. What is active submission?
21. Name three signs of stress in dogs?
22. Name five (5) of the seven body postures when a dog communicates visually.

Chapter 7 – Puppy Care and Socialization

23. What two types of exercise and play do many young dogs require?
24. Why is it important to measure how much food your puppy is eating and when he is eating it?
25. What does puppy socialization involve?
26. What does ignoring your puppy's behavior do?
27. When housebreaking your puppy, why should you never scold him if you did not catch him doing it?
28. Why is it important to crate train your dog?

Chapter 11 – Showmanship

29. When is the handler responsible for the control of their dogs?
30. What pattern requires two turns but never a hand change?
31. What is the term used to describe walking your dog into a stack without using your hands to position the dog's feet?
32. Why would a judge ask to see the dog's teeth?



33. After the judge has finished examining your dog, you are asked to gait your dog in one of four patterns. Name them.
34. What is the first and most important step in stacking a dog?
35. When gaiting your dog, when may the dog be on the handler's right side?
36. If you show a mixed breed dog, how do you present the breed?
37. What should you do if the dog in front of you is moving slower than your dog?
38. What should you do if the judge changes your dog's appearance?

Chapter 15 – Anatomy and Physiology

39. Name the three basic skull or head shapes in dogs and a breed that has that shape of skull.
40. What are the eight physiologic systems?

Chapter 16 – Health

41. Who is at greatest risk from zoonotic parasites and why?
42. Name four types of internal parasites.
43. How is Brucellosis contracted and prevented?
44. What are the vital signs for dogs and what is considered normal for each?
45. What is ringworm and how is it transmitted?
46. What are the external parasites that are common in dogs?

Chapter 18 – Reproduction

47. Why is it important for puppies to receive colostrum?
48. Explain the term Estrus.
49. What is gestation and what is the typical range of gestation.
50. What are the signs of approaching in many bitches?

Seniors should study the external anatomy, skeletal system and the anatomy of the foot located on pages 130 - 132.