

Participant's Study Guide

2025 Colorado State Fair Dog Show

Intermediate Showmanship Study Guide

Question Bank for Youth Ages 11 - 13

Questions asked during the 2025 Colorado State Fair Dog Show Intermediate 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, © 2024 and © 2018.

Chapter 1 Characteristics of Dogs

1. How many teeth does a mature dog have?
2. What is the mother (female) of a dog called?
3. According to the scientific classification of dogs, what is the family, genus, and species of the dog?

Chapter 2 Breeds

4. Name the seven AKC groups of dogs.
5. Which breed group is known for its ability to point out game, flush out game, and to retrieve game for the hunter?
6. Which breed group was developed to assist humans with livestock?
7. Which breed group is known for endurance, keen vision, and speed?
8. The Berger Picard, the Border Collie and the Puli are examples of what breed group?

Chapter 3 Conformation

9. What is it called when discussing the form or structure of a particular dog?
10. Name the four types of feet.
11. The conformation of the tail varies by what?
12. What are the six main ear types?
13. Name one type of a dog's forequarters.
14. How are the cat foot and hare foot different?
15. What is an example of a breed that has a ring tail?
16. What is an example of a breed that has a double-curved tail?
17. A fault in one breed may not be a fault in another breed. How do you know what faults are found in your breed?
18. Name the four types of eyes?

Chapter 4 Grooming

19. Why is it important to have styptic powder on hand?

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- 20. When brushing your dog, be sure to get all the way down to the skin but what should you be careful not to do?
- 21. What is the name of the brush that has densely set wire teeth effective at removing mats and dead coat from long-haired, wire-haired, and curly-coated dogs?
- 22. What should you use to trim the hair between your dog's pads?

Chapter 5 Selection

- 23. What is the standard of a breed of dog?
- 24. Why are designer dogs controversial?

Chapter 6 Communication and Behavior

- 25. Name the signs of stress in dogs?
- 26. Primary social attachments in puppies develop at what age?
- 27. Dogs communicate through _____.
- 28. What does a play bow indicate?

Chapter 7 Puppy Care and Socialization

- 29. What will prepare your puppy for grooming?
- 30. When should you discipline your puppy or dog for having an accident?

Chapter 8 Beginning Training Techniques

- 31. What is Operant Conditioning and who developed it?
- 32. What is targeting?
- 33. A treat in your hand that your dog follows is called a _____.

Chapter 11 Showmanship

- 34. What pattern requires two dog to move at the same time?
- 35. What is the term used to describe walking your dog into a stack without using your hands to position the dog's feet?
- 36. What does the dog's bite refer to?
- 37. If you show a mixed breed dog, how do you present the breed?
- 38. Which breed group has no dogs examined on the table?
- 39. As a handler, you should recognize the needs of your dog but what is most important?
- 40. After the judge has finished examining your dog, you are asked to gait your dog in one of four patterns. Name them.
- 41. What does it mean to be ring wise?
- 42. Name the four common types of a dog's bite.
- 43. Why do you use a courtesy turn with larger breeds of dogs?
- 44. What is the first and most important step in stacking a dog?
- 45. What type of leads are acceptable to show your dog?
- 46. Your presentation of your dog is what is being judged in showmanship. What is not being judged?
- 47. What term is used when you move your dog?

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Chapter 14 Showing Your Dog Project

- 48. What is the function of the steward in the show ring?

Chapter 15 Anatomy and Physiology

- 49. How many permanent teeth does the dog have in both upper and lower jaws?
- 50. What are the three types of a skull?
- 51. What is the make-up of the Endocrine System?

Chapter 16 Health

- 52. What is one reason why a dog's anal glands are sometimes called scent glands?
- 53. What is the normal body temperature range in dogs?
- 54. Name six internal parasites?
- 55. To check for an obstructed airway, what should you do first?
- 56. What is the range for the normal respiratory rate for a dog at rest?
- 57. What is Canine Hepatitis?

Chapter 17 Nutrition and Exercise

- 58. What foods should your dog NOT eat?

Chapter 18 Reproduction

- 59. What is a breech birth?
- 60. How many days is normal gestation or length of pregnancy in a dog?

Intermediate youth should study and know the external anatomy of the dog found in Chapter 15, Anatomy and Physiology. Pg. 130.