Participants Study Guide

2025 Colorado State Fair Dog Show

Junior Showmanship Study Guide
Question Bank Youth Ages 8-11

Questions asked during the 2025 Colorado State Fair Dog Show Junior 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 these answers to all of these questions in the Ohio State Dog Resource Handbook, © 2018 or © 2024.

Chapter 2 Breeds

1. Name the seven AKC groups of dogs .
2. Dogs that are alert and bold are named after the Latin term for Earth. Which breed group is this?
3. What is the purpose of the dog that make up the Working Group?

Chapter 3 Conformation

4. Name one type of a dog's forequarters.
5. Study and understand the different types of ears.
6. Name the four common types of a dog's bite.
7. What is the term for when a dog has hocks that turn in toward one another and rear feet that toe out?
8. Study and identify the four types of feet.
9. What are the four main eye shapes?
10. What is it called when discussing the form or structure, make, shape and arrangement of parts of the dog as they conform to the breed standard of a particular dog?
11. How are the forequarters connected or attached to the body of a dog?
12. Study and identify the different types of rear legs.
13. Which type of tail has a long fringe of hair that covers either part of or the entire tail?

Chapter 4 Grooming

14. When grooming your dog, why should you pay special attention to those areas like behind the ears, under the elbows, in the groin and between the toes?
15. Why is it important to have styptic powder on hand?
16. What are the slicker brush, pin brush, bristle brush, and rubber brush used for when grooming a dog?
17. Why is it important to do regular grooming, combing and brushing of your dog's coat?
18. What should you use to trim the hair between your dog's pads?

Chapter 5 Selection

19. What is a dog's pedigree?
20. What is a purebred dog? What is a crossbred dog?

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Chapter 6 Communication and Behavior

21. Name three signs of stress in dogs?
22. What is the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Program?

Chapter 7 Puppy Care and Socialization

23. When should you start grooming your puppy?
24. Why should you crate train your dog?

Chapter 8 Beginning Training Techniques

25. What is the difference between positive punishment and positive reinforcement?

Chapter 11 Showmanship

26. Once your dog is stacked, what is the general term for the food or object the handler would use to keep the dog's attention?
27. What is the first and most important step in stacking a dog?
28. What does the term gaiting mean?
29. Why do you use a courtesy turn with larger breeds of dogs?
30. When stacking the dog and the front legs are in position, what should you do next?
31. Why would you not stack your dog behind the examination table?
32. What AKC Toy breeds are typically shown on a table in Showmanship?
33. What pattern requires two turns but never a hand change?
34. When stacking your dog, you position which leg first?
35. What are the two parts that consist of training your dog for showmanship?
36. What pattern requires two turns but no hand change?

Chapter 15 Anatomy and Physiology

37. Name each of the pads on a dog's foot and their location.
38. Dogs have 12 small incisors, what are they used for?

Chapter 16 Health

39. What is one reason why a dog's anal glands are sometimes called scent glands?
40. What is the normal body temperature range in dogs?

Juniors should also study the external body parts of the dog located on page 130 and memorize the following and their location:

Occiput	Skull	Muzzle	Brisket	Wrist
Pastern	Pad	Stifle Joint	Feathering	Withers
Neck	Chest	Hip	Point of Rump Stop	
Nose	Hock	Point of Shoulder		