

Participant's Study Guide

2025 Colorado State Fair Dog Show

Senior Showmanship Study Guide

Question Bank Youth Ages 15 - 18

Questions asked during the 2025 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 or © 2024.

Chapter 1 Characteristics of Dogs

Define the following:

1. Dog
2. Bitch
3. Gestation averages _____ days.
4. Whelp
5. Dam
6. Sire
7. Dogs have ____ number of chromosomes.
8. According to the scientific classification of dogs, what is the family, genus, and species of the dog?

Chapter 2 Breeds

9. Dogs that are alert and bold are named after the Latin term for Earth. Which breed group is this?
10. Which breed group varies greatly in historical and physical characteristics
11. Name the seven AKC groups of dogs.
12. Which breed group was developed to assist humans with livestock?
13. AKC breed groups are create based on what?
14. What is the PAL Program?

Chapter 3 Conformation

15. How are the cat foot and hare foot different?
16. What does eye shape refer to?
17. Define the topline as it relates to a dog.
18. Name 10 kinds of tail carriages?
19. Describe an overshot bite.
20. A fault in one breed may not be a fault in another breed. How do you know what faults are found in your breed?
21. Name one type of a dog's forequarters.
22. What is hind quarter angulation?

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23. Name the five types of feet.
24. What type of ear will reveal the burr?

Chapter 4 Grooming

25. Why is it important to have styptic powder on hand?
26. What are the 5 types of coat on a dog?
27. 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?

Chapter 5 Selection

28. Why are designer dogs controversial?

Chapter 6 Communication and Behavior

29. What is active submission?
30. Name three signs of stress in dogs?
31. Name the seven body postures when a dog communicates visually.

Chapter 7 Puppy Care and Socialization

32. What two types of exercise and play do many young dogs require?
33. Why is it important to measure how much food your puppy is eating and when he is eating it?
34. What does ignoring your puppy's behavior do?
35. When housebreaking your puppy, why should you never scold him if you did not catch him doing it?
36. Why is it important to crate train your dog?
37. What is one thing that helps with crate training?
38. What are the ten CGC items that a dog is tested on?

Chapter 8 Beginning Training Techniques

39. Study the box, "More About Positive Training," on p. 62.

Chapter 9 Obedience

40. What are the 4-H Obedience Classes modeled after?
41. Name the 9 Training Basic Obedience Exercises?

Chapter 11 Showmanship

42. When is the handler responsible for the control of their dogs?
43. What pattern requires two turns but never a hand change?
44. What is the term used to describe walking your dog into a stack without using your hands to position the dog's feet?
45. What does it mean to be ring wise?
46. Explain the Down and Back Pattern with two dogs.
47. Why would a judge ask to see the dog's teeth?

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

Chapter 15 Anatomy and Physiology

54. Different kinds of food are converted into different nutrients. What are carbohydrates, fats, and proteins turned into?
55. Name the three basic skull or head shapes in dogs and a breed that has that shape of skull.
56. What are molars in dogs for, and how many do they have?
57. What are the eight physiologic systems?
58. Define topographical anatomy?

Chapter 16 Health

59. Who is at greatest risk from zoonotic parasites and why?
60. Name three types external parasites.
61. What are examples of noncore vaccines and what are they?
62. How is Brucellosis contracted and prevented?
63. What are the signs of poisoning?
64. What is distemper?
65. What are the vital signs for dogs, and what is considered normal for each?
66. What is Lyme Disease?
67. What is ringworm, and how is it transmitted?
68. What is an example of host specific parasite?
69. What are the internal parasites that are common in dogs?

Chapter 17 Nutrition and Exercise

70. Study and understand the Body Condition Scoring Chart on p. 159.
71. Define Vitamins.

Chapter 18 Reproduction

72. Why is it important for puppies to receive colostrum?
73. Explain the term Estrus.
74. What is gestation and what is the normal number of days of gestation?
75. What are the signs of approaching labor in many bitches?

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