

## **DOGS**

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Premiums: A = \$3.00; B=\$2.00; C = No Premiums

Leader Dog: A = \$2.00; B = \$1.25; C = No Premiums

**Judging: Saturday, Before Fair, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

**Check In: Saturday, Before Fair, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.**

Location: North Side Petting Farm Area

### **REQUIRED BY JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>:**

- A. Complete online entry.**
- B. Project Record Book if competing in this case.**
- C. An interview completed 1) at Winter Achievement; 2) at dog show set up; 3) day of dog show. A project record book is no longer required. Failure to complete an interview makes the exhibitor ineligible for Grand or Reserve in any Dog Project class.**
- D. Copy of vaccination records. See below.**
- E. Veterinarian statement of fitness for dogs with a physical disability. See below.**
- F. Female dogs in season must wear panties in the rings and on show grounds. They will show last in their class.**

### **Project Requirements**

1. Exhibitors may enter 2 dogs.
  - a) Each dog entered must have its own crate.
  - b) Dog must be 5 months of age or older to participate in all activities except agility.
  - c) Dog must be 10 months of age to participate in agility.
  - d) Dogs must be on leash except when in their crate or the ring.
2. Exhibitors sharing a dog must discuss this with the superintendent before the close of entries. Dogs may be shared for all activities.
3. Vaccinations required are a completed set of DHPP-CPV and rabies. Rabies vaccine must be administered by a licensed vet per Michigan law. Vaccination protocol is as follows: puppy shots completed with a booster one year later and then an update every 3 years regardless of who gives the vaccinations. Proof of compliance is veterinarian's report or photo/copy of box vaccine came in showing vaccine is current and date administered. Proof may be submitted on or before June 15 with other paper materials, or e-mailed or texted to superintendent. Records will be kept on file for 3 years and only need to be resubmitted when updated. Statement of fitness is submitted as vaccination records but annually. IF VACCINATION RECORDS ARE NOT PROVIDED TO SUPERINTENDENT BY 8:00 A.M. ON DAY OF SHOW YOU CANNOT SHOW OR BE ON GROUNDS.
4. No un-entered dogs belonging to Dog Project families allowed at dog show unless proof of current immunization is provided to superintendent and it has a crate. Dogs belonging to spectators connected to 4-Hers are not allowed under the tent and owners are strongly encouraged to check in with superintendent and provide proof of immunization to

superintendent.

5. Failure to be a responsible dog owner at Fair may result in the forfeit of awards. Examples of irresponsibility include:

- a) Exhibitor taking a dog into any livestock area or building.
- b) Exhibitor failing to clean up poop left by exhibitor's dog.

6. Classes may be divided by age or combined at the superintendent's discretion. The superintendent will place exhibitors into "A" and "B" divisions after the close of entries. "A" divisions are for exhibitors entering a level for the first time.

7. Scores from the previous year's Fair are used to determine classes to enter. Class levels for 2016 exhibitors will be provided to the appropriate leaders, posted on the MSU Extension website, and available from the superintendent. Experienced exhibitors entering this fair for the first time are on their honor regarding their levels of experience.

8. In all venues except Showmanship ONE qualifying score requires a move up for the next Fair entered.

9. Walk-through of all courses are offered to all participants in all venues except Showmanship.

10. No 4-H Dog leader or parent is to interfere with the judging process. All grooming, warming up, etc. on the day of Fair is to be done by the exhibitor. Adults are NOT to question ring stewards about scores, placements, ring times, etc. These questions are to be asked by exhibitors when appropriate.

11. Any dog which in the opinion of the superintendent is causing a disturbance will be asked to leave the grounds. If a dog has been excused from a class by the judge for lameness or aggressive behavior it may not be shown in any other class. Aggressive dogs may be asked to leave the grounds.

12. DRESS CODE FOR EXHIBITORS: Any clothing which draws undue attention to one's self or that may distract other handlers, spectators or judges is unacceptable. Examples: Halter tops, low cut blouses or sweaters, mini-skirts, bare midriffs, short shorts, sandals, high heels, boots. No Denim!!! No clothing that identifies an exhibitor with a club, business, or identifies that exhibitor by name is acceptable. Avoid distracting the judge with long hair and noisy or glittery jewelry. Dress for the weather; finger-tip length shorts are allowed for both sexes. Athletic shoes are strongly recommended for all venues, but dress shoes may be worn in showmanship if exhibitor chooses. Showmanship is the class where exhibitor's dress can make a difference. See suggestions in the showmanship classes section.

13. CANINE DRESS CODE: Head halters or collars, harnesses of any type, bark collars, electronic training collars, Flexi type leashes and chain link leashes are NOT ACCEPTABLE. Pinch/prong collars may be worn by dogs shown by 1<sup>st</sup> year exhibitors with superintendent's permission. No Grand or Reserve awarded to handlers using these collars in the ring.

14. Ribbons and trophies will be presented day of show or as soon as practicable after if there are extenuating circumstances.

15. All judges' decisions are final.

16. A High Point trophy is offered for Obedience, Rally, and Agility.

## **DIVISION 2301 - SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

Exhibitor Dress: As appropriate for AKC/UKC Junior Showmanship classes – suits, skirts and tops, dress shorts and tops for girls; dress pants and shirt and tie for boys. Shoes appropriate for outdoor rings.

Canine Dress: collar and leash as would be used for the breed at AKC/UKC shows in conformation, varies by breed and handler preference.

**Class 2301**- Senior Clover Sprouts Dog Showmanship (8 yrs. old as of Jan. 1 only) \*\*\*\***Must sign up in Clover Sprout Division\*\*\*\***

**Class 09** - 9 years old

**Class 10** - 10 years old

**Class 11** - 11 years old

**Class 12** - 12 years old

**Class 13** - 13 years old

**Class 14** - 14 years old

**Class 15** - 15 years old

**Class 16** - 16-19 years old

**Class 08** - Champions - A class for exhibitors who have had experiences in Showmanship outside the 4-H venue or have been exceptionally successful at previous fairs may enter this class. This class is subject to being combined or entrants returned to their age group if there is no competition.

### **Awards**

Premium ribbons will be awarded. There will be 1st - 10th place ribbons and 1st place trophies for each class where the judge feels they are warranted. Grand Champion and Reserve (may be any age) will be awarded. Grand and Reserve may come from any class. The first and second place winners from each class will be considered for Grand and Reserve. A High Point Trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring from the Grand Champion trophies awarded. Ties will be resolved by the same procedure as above. Score sheets will be distributed with ribbons and trophies.

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded from Classes 21 – 28. Ties will be resolved using the score from Heel on Leash and Figure 8 exercises.

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded from Classes 40 – 44. Ties will be resolved fastest time.

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded from Classes 60 – 66. Ties will be resolved fastest time.

### **Sweepstakes Showmanship**

Two representatives will be selected during the judging process. If Grand and/or Reserve are age 12 or greater they are automatically selected. If one or both are too young, judging will continue in the upper classes until 2 are selected. Selection will be made from the exhibitors in the age appropriate classes who were not selected Grand or Reserve.

### **Fun Classes – Adult Showmanship**

Sign up day of show. Based on numbers may be divided by experience (showed a dog in 4-H or Jr. Showmanship or AKC/UKC conformation rings) and Amateur (never showed in competitive situation previously).

## **DIVISION 2302 - DOG OBEDIENCE**

General Information:

A score of 180 or more points requires a move up to the next level the next Fair entered.

An exhibitor may start at a higher level than Level 1 or skip levels under certain circumstances. This needs to be discussed with the superintendent and leader before entering the class. If an exhibitor skips a level and does poorly at the higher level, they may not move backward.

Canine Dress: 6 foot lead, buckle, martingale, or training collar. Prong collar as noted previously.

A dog may be entered in one of the classes 21 – 27 and class 28 or 29 as an additional class for each exhibitor handling the dog. A handler may enter the above classes with 2 dogs.

Description of classes and score sheets are available on the MSUE website.

Levels will be divided into “A” and “B” divisions after entries close.

### **Class 21 – Level 1**

Any exhibitor new to obedience this year enters this class. Any exhibitor starting a new dog may start at this level or see above.

### **Class 22 – Level 2**

Leaders and superintendents together will determine which exhibitors best fit in this class.

### **Class 23 – Level 3**

Any exhibitor who entered Pre-Novice A or B in 2016 and did not receive a qualifying score enters this class.

### **Class 24 – Level 4**

Any exhibitor who entered Novice A or B in 2016 and did not receive a qualifying score enters this class.

### **Class 25 – Level 5**

Any exhibitor who entered Novice A or B last year and received a qualifying score enters this class.

### **Class 26 – Level 6**

Any exhibitor who qualified in Graduate Novice previously enters this class.

### **Class 27 – Level 7**

Any exhibitor who wants to show in a class higher than Graduate Novice enters this class.

Jump heights for Levels 5 and up are those required by the current AKC rules and are available from the AKC website or the superintendent.

### **Class 28 – Brace Class**

Two dogs coupled or uncoupled, handled by one handler doing any obedience level exercises. Costume for exhibitor and dogs is encouraged. Not eligible for Grand or Reserve or High Point.

### **Class 29 – Team Class**

Four dogs, four different handlers doing exercises from any level. All dogs and handlers will perform the exercises at the same time except the recall when the dogs will be left at the same time, called separately and finished at the same time. There is no long sit or down in this class. Four dogs must be entered online. Handlers may substitute dogs if necessary.

Costume or theme is encouraged. Not eligible for Grand or Reserve or High Point.

### **DIVISION 2303 – AGILITY**

General Information:

A score of 85 or more points requires a move up to the next level the next fair entered.

An exhibitor may start at a higher level than Level 1 or skip levels under certain circumstances. This needs to be discussed with the superintendent and leader before entering the class. If an exhibitor skips a level and does poorly at the higher level, they may not move backward. Dog and exhibitor must have practiced on the equipment included in their class.

Dog's height at withers must be included in online entry.

Canine Dress:

Levels 1 and 2 – buckle collar and 6 foot leash

Levels 3 and Up – buckle collar or no collar.

Description of classes and score sheets are available on the Fair Website [www.stclaircounty4hfair.org](http://www.stclaircounty4hfair.org)

Levels will be divided into "A" and "B" divisions after entries close.

#### **Class 40 – Level 1**

Done on leash

Jump Heights

Dogs 11 inches and under 4"

Dogs 12 to 17 inches 8"

All others 12"

Exhibitors may jump with their dog.

#### **Class 41 – Level 2**

Done on leash

Jump Heights

Dogs 11 inches and under 4"

Dogs 12 to 17 inches 8"

All others 12"

#### **Class 42 – Level 3**

Done off leash

Dogs 11 inches and under 4"

Dogs 12 to 17 inches 8"

Dogs 18 to 21 inches 12"

All others 16"

\*Dogs over 22" may jump 20"

Broad jump width is double the jump height.

#### **Class 43 – Level 4**

Done off leash

Dogs 11 inches and under 4"

Dogs 12 to 17 inches 8"

Dogs 18 to 21 inches 12"

All others 16"

\*Dogs over 22" may jump 20"

Broad jump width is double the jump height.

#### **Class 44 – Level 5**

Done off leash

Dogs 11 inches and under 4"

Dogs 12 to 17 inches 8"  
Dogs 18 to 21 inches 12"  
All others 16"

\*Dogs over 22" may jump 20"

Broad jump width is double the jump height.

### **Senior Clover Sprout Agility Class**

**Class 2302 – Senior Clover Sprout Agility** (8 years old as of Jan. 1) Course will be that of level one. \*\*\* **Must Sign up under Clover Sprout Division\*\*\***

### **DIVISION 2304 – RALLY**

General Information

A score of 80 or more points requires a move up to the next level the next Fair entered.

An exhibitor may start at a higher level than Level 1 or skip levels under certain circumstances. This needs to be discussed with the superintendent and leader before entering the class. If an exhibitor skips a level and does poorly at the higher level, they may not move backward.

Canine Dress: 6 foot lead, buckle, martingale, or training collar.

Prong collar as noted previously.

A dog may be entered in one of the classes 21 – 27 and class 28 or 29 as an additional class for each exhibitor handling the dog.

A handler may enter the above classes with 2 dogs.

#### **Class 60 – Level 1**

Done on Leash

Any exhibitor new to obedience this year enters this class. Any exhibitor starting a new dog may start at this level or see above.

#### **Class 61 - Level 2**

Done on Leash

Leaders and superintendents together will determine which exhibitors best fit in this class.

#### **Class 63 - Level 3**

Done on Leash

Most exhibitors who entered Novice A or B in 2016 and did not receive a qualifying score enter this class. Some will enter Level 2 based on their experiences in 2016.

#### **Class 64 – Level 4**

Done on Leash

Exhibitors who entered Intermediate A or B in 2016 and did not receive a qualifying score enter this class.

#### **Class 65 – Level 5**

Done off leash

Exhibitors who entered Advanced A or B in 2016 and did not receive a qualifying score enter this class.

#### **Class 66 – Level 6**

Exhibitors who entered Excellent A or B in 2016 and did not receive a qualifying score enter this class.

#### **Class 67 – Level 7 - Fun Class for 2017**

Exhibitors who have qualified in Excellent A or B at least one time previously are invited to try this in 2017. No one is required to enter based on 2016 scores. The Level 6 course will be used but laid out to cover most of the agility field. Sign #210 will be included.

### **Fun Classes**

#### **Adult Rally**

Sign up day of show.

#### **Team Rally**

Sign up day of show

4 handlers and their dogs will complete the Level 4 course individually. Winning team is the one with the highest group score. The team MUST include 4-H dogs but may be made of both exhibitors and adults. Prizes will be awarded to all participants.

### **4-H Barnyard Nosework**

Sign up Day of Show

Two classes: youth and adult – dog must be entered in dog show.

Hides will consist of 3 boxes, one of which contains scent or hotdog, buried in a pile of straw. There will be 3 hides per run. Those who have not run may not watch until after they have completed their run. Youth and dog approach each hide. Youth encourages dog to investigate the hide area and indicates to the judge when the dog has located the scent. Parts of the boxes will be visible so youth can say yellow box or whatever box they believe the dog has indicated.

### **Recall with Distractions Races**

Sign up Day of Show

Two classes: youth and adult – dog must be entered in dog show

A timed straight recall that has a variety of distractions including toys and food distributed on and in the shortest path to the handler. A stay is not necessary as we will have volunteers to hold the dogs if needed.

### **DIVISION 2305 – LEADER DOG/SERVICE DOG**

General Information

Puppies are evaluated on suitability to become a Leader Dog/Service Dog. Evaluation will cover approximately 10 exercises and be those of the AKC Canine Good Citizen. Separate score sheets will be used for Leader Dog and Service Dog puppies.

Puppies who are involved with a program such as Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Michigan or PAWS with a Cause must follow any rules of their organization regarding other classes in which the puppy may be entered.

**Class 70** – Leader Dog/Service Dog Puppy

**Class 71** – Leader Dog/Service Dog already accepted by an organization. Poster, notebook or electronic presentation showing information on the organization, requirements and activities in which the exhibitor and puppy participated, and general family activities are encouraged.

### **DIVISION 2306 – RECORD BOOKS/POSTER**

Books are offered in the following areas:

Do not have to enter a dog to enter this class but must complete an interview for placement.

Level 1 – First Year in Project

Level 2 – Second in Project

Level 3 – Third Year in Project

Level 4 – Fourth Year in Project

Level 5 – Fifth Year and Up in Project

Dog Care/Training Poster

Do not have to enter a dog to enter this class but must complete an interview for placement.

Level 1 – 9-12 years old

Level 2 – 13 -19 years old

Criteria for judging: accurate information, presentation of information in legible fashion, creativity, originality, neatness.

Bring poster to the dog show for judging.

**Class 80-** Dog Project Record Book

Placement 1-5 will be awarded in each group. Grand and Reserve will be awarded. Groups: Novice – 1 year in project. Intermediate – 2 to 3 years in project. Senior, 4 or more years in project. Winning books and posters from Winter Achievement and the dog show will be displayed during the fair.

**Class 81** - Dog Care/Training Poster Display

This class may be entered by any 4-Her. Criteria for judging: accurate information, presentation of information in legible fashion, creativity, originality, neatness. Posters are to be brought to the dog show. Entries will be divided as project record books. Grand and Reserve will be awarded and displayed at Fair.

**Class 2304** – Senior Clover Sprout Record Book/Poster (8 yrs. Old as of Jan. 1) \*\*\* **Must sign up under Clover Sprout Division**\*\*\*

**Class 82** – Dogs at Work in Agriculture

This poster must be 20 x 24 and include a photo of drawing of a dog doing the job selected and the breeds of dogs that most commonly perform this task.

Title must name the task.

Interview required, and during the interview the exhibitor will explain the task's connection to agriculture.

Grand/Reserve Champion

All entries will be displayed in the Ag Education Tent beginning Tuesday. The Companion Animal Committee will also award \$15 to the Grand Champion winner and \$10 to the Reserve Champion winner. Posters will be laminated before display.

