

Hudsonville Fair

Dog Project Guidelines – Ottawa County Dog Committee

Revised December, 2005

1. Project animals must be healthy and have met all inoculation regulations including rabies and DHLPP. Proof must be provided upon request.
2. Proper care and treatment of animals must be accorded whenever dogs are on the premises of any 4-H function. Shade and fresh water should be available to all dogs and every effort to keep the dog comfortable should be made. Crates or x-pens are recommended for dogs while they are waiting to go in the ring. Dogs must be attended at all times even when they are in crates or x-pens.
3. Members are responsible for project animal control whenever at a 4-H function. Any dog showing aggression toward a person or another animal at the fair will be removed from the grounds and not be eligible to show at that fair. If a dog is asked to leave on two or more occasions it will not be allowed back at an Ottawa County 4-H event.
4. No excessive training is allowed at the fair grounds. No corrections or training is allowed in the ring. Members training or correcting in the ring will be disqualified. Excessive roughness or correction of dogs at any time will not be tolerated.
5. Judges or coordinators can dismiss members from fairs, matches, and shows if rules on care, control, and treatment are not being followed.
6. In order for a member to show their dog in the fair they must have a completed 4-H dog notebook turned into the Ottawa County 4-H Dog Committee by July 1st. Those choosing to not show their notebook at the fair MUST have their dog shot records available on request at the fair.
7. Appropriate leads and collars will be used in the show ring. This means a buckle collar for agility, a breed appropriate collar for showmanship, and buckle or choke collar for obedience.
8. Showmanship classes will be entered according to the 4-H age of the member except 1st members 9 -13 may choose 1st year or age class.
9. In Agility, members must advance to Agility II after three qualifying scores in Agility I and to Agility III after 3 qualifying scores in Agility II. A qualifying score is 185 and above.
10. Sub-novice A obedience class is for 1st year obedience members only with a dog that they trained themselves. Sub-novice B obedience class is for 2nd year obedience members and above or 1st year members using a dog trained by someone else. Any dog with 3 qualifying scores in Sub-novice (either A or B), must move up to novice class at the next fair they are entered in. A qualifying score is 170 or above with at least 50 percent in each exercise.
11. Dress code regulations as outlined in the state 4-H dog show dress code will be followed in showmanship.
12. Pre-registration forms must be turned into the project coordinator by the deadline. All dogs must be declared by June 1st. Members wishing to switch dogs after the date must notify the 4-H dog coordinator of the fair or the 4-H office immediately to ask permission from the 4-H dog committee to make the change.
13. One person, one dog (except for 5 to 8 year olds). Members may show more than one dog if they have done the training, but may not share dogs with another member. Only one dog per class.
14. No dogs under 6 months old allowed except for the leader and service dog classes. Dogs must be at least one year old for agility classes.
15. Members who show 2 years as a non-competitive 4-H member must go in their age class for showmanship. 1st Year showmanship is for those who have not shown anywhere. Once a member has

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shown in their age group in a year, they may not move back to 1st year showmanship, however they may show in 1st year showmanship (if eligible) for the entire summer.

16. No females in season allowed to show in any class.

17. All exercises for each class must be attempted in order to complete the class and receive a premium for the class.