

Obedience Class Sequence

(See Johnson County 4-H Handbook for complete descriptions of the obedience levels)

1A: Inexperienced handler and inexperienced dog, both in their first year of the project
(No training of the 4-H member or the dog before January 1st.)

1B: Experienced handler and inexperienced dog
or
Inexperienced handler and experienced dog
or
Dog was in 1A previous year, and is not ready to move to 2A.

Learning off-leash recall, off-leash sit/stay, off-leash down/stay.

1C: Handlers/dogs that have completed either 1A and/or 1B, but are not ready for exhibiting off-leash in 2A. May train with either 1A, 1B, or 2A class to become more ready for off-leash exercises. *[Not a State Fair class. Must enter 2A with off-leash exercises if entering the State Fair 4-H Dog Show.]*

2A: Learning off-leash heeling

2B: Learning drop-on-recall, longer sit/stay, and longer down/stay.
(This level may be repeated with the same dog, until the handler/dog are ready for 3A.)

3A/B: Learning retrieve and out-of-sight stays.

4A/B: Learning high jump, broad jump, and retrieve over high jump

5A/B: Learning hand signals, directed retrieve, moving stand and exam.

6A/B: Learning scent discrimination and directed jumping.

Veterans: For 4-H members whose dogs are at least 7 years old or are physically challenged. The dog must have completed at least 2B in previous years. Dogs that are physically challenged must be accompanied by a letter from a veterinarian stating that the dog is unable to perform jumping and/or retrieving exercises. A dog may not be shown by the same handler in any other obedience judging class level once they have competed in the Veterans Judging Class Level.