

What to Expect During 4-H Dog Project Judging

1. Bring:

- Bowl and water for your dog
- Dog crate (if you have or can borrow one)
- Lawn chairs. There are usually some bleachers provided.
- Dog brush, comb, etc. for last minute grooming
- Appropriate clothes and footwear for all entered classes
- Appropriate leashes and collar for all entered classes
- Dog treats (only allowed in the spectator area and showmanship ring)
- Book, magazine, or other activity if you want something else to do during waits
- Packed snacks and beverages. We will be selling cold soda pop, water, and some snacks.
- Plastic bags. You are still required to clean up after your dog!

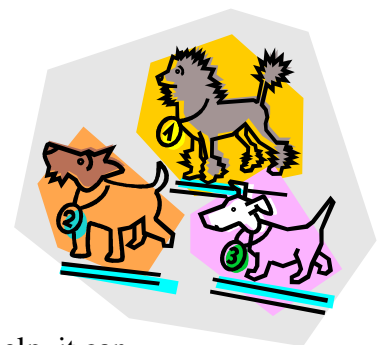


2. Arrive early to find a nice place to set up your dog crate and lawn chairs.
3. You may not be able to park near the dog show area. Be prepared to drop off your crate, chairs, etc., park your car in the parking lot, and return to the dog exhibition area.
4. Members should leave their dogs with an adult or in their crate while they sign in at the registration table under the large tent. Expect to wait in line for this process. Arm bands, running orders, and further directions will be distributed at the tent. After receiving your paperwork return to your dog to prepare for dog project exhibition. The arm band goes on your left arm, and the smile goes on your face! [Hitting or kicking your dog, or showing poor sportsmanship will result in dismissal.]
5. Be prepared for a long day. If the show starts 9 am, it should be over in the early afternoon.



Exhibition classes are scheduled based upon judge preferences, minimizing ring changes, and preventing exhibitors from being scheduled to be in more than one place at a time. The rings may not all start at the same time. Obedience and rally exhibition will be held on Thursday evening. Agility, showmanship, and tricks will be judged on Sunday. This shortens the Sunday show avoid some of the afternoon heat. All exhibitor placements, ribbons, and trophies will be announced and distributed on Sunday.

6. Remain at the show after you have exhibited your dog in case you need to return to the ring for a run-off. If there are tied scores, you will need to return to the ring for a tie-breaker exercise. Also, you can learn a lot by watching other handlers when they show their dogs.
7. On Sunday there may be a short judging break, but you should not plan on leaving the show area at that time. There will be the presentation of special awards, ribbons and trophies for completed classes, and performance of the dog tricks.
8. The High Combined Score, Reserve Grand Champions, and Grand Champions will be presented after all the classes have been judged.
9. Leave your dog at home if it is ill or in season on the day of the show. We have many ways for you to assist with the events if your dog can't attend.
10. We need your help to put everything away after the judging. With lots of help, it can all be done in less than an hour!
11. Only bring dogs registered for this year's project with up to date 4-H vaccination certificates in our files. Do not bring any other dogs to the event.
12. Smoking is not permitted in the exhibition or spectator areas.



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