Department 110



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Premiums: 1st 6.00, 2nd 5.00, 3rd \$4.00 All Others 1.00

Rules:

- 1. This is a contest-based event, designed to exhibit the skills and teamwork of youth handlers and their dogs. Each exhibitor may enter up to three events, not including the costume classes.
- 2. All dogs must have current proof of rabies vaccines
- 3. Any dog showing aggression will be asked to leave the fairgrounds and will not be permitted to participate in the event.
- 4. Dogs are only permitted on fairgrounds an hour before the event and must leave following the event.
- 5. Dog exhibitors must use the rear entrance of the fairgrounds.
- 6. Dogs must have been trained by their youth exhibitors.
- 7. Bait and treats are permitted for some classes. Please refer to class descriptions for specific rules regarding each contest.
- 8. No electric training devices allowed.
- 9. Competitions will be judged by a panel of 3-5 evaluators to ensure fairness.

Section 1 One person/One dog freestyle Obedience

A choreographed routine performed with or without music, exhibiting obedience and handling skills. Routines will be judged on creativity, level of difficulty, teamwork, skill execution, handler's control and handler's ability. Handlers may use treats discretely. Simple props/costumes acceptable, but not required. Handler must supply music with CD at time of registration.

- 1. Beginner (handlers 5-7 years): Routine must be 1-2 minutes, performed on leash
- 2. Junior (handlers 8-13 years): Routine must be 2-3 minutes, performed on or off leash
- 3. Senior (handlers 14-18): Routine must be 3-4 minutes, performed on or off leash

Section 2 Two Person/Two Dog freestyle Obedience

A choreographed routine, performed with or without music, exhibiting obedience and handling skills of two handlers and two dogs. Exhibitors must compete at the level of the oldest handler. Routines will be judged on creatively, level of difficulty, teamwork, skill execution, handler's control, uniformity, and handler's ability. Handlers may use treats discretely. Simple props/costumes acceptable, but not required. Handler must supply music on CD at time of registration.

- 1. Beginner (handlers 5-7 years)
- 2. Junior (handlers 8-13 years)
- 3. Senior (handlers 14-19 years)

Section 3 Daily Life obstacle and Skills Course

- 1. Beginner (handlers 5-7 years): Handlers will be asked to maneuver through an 8 item obstacle /skills course designed to challenge a dog's socialization level and training skills. Dogs must be under handler's control, on left side at all times. Dogs will be judged on level of comfort, ability to execute skills, and responsiveness to handler. All basic, on-leash obedience skills are required. Treats are permitted at the beginner level.
- 2. Junior (handlers 8-13 years): Handlers will be asked to maneuver through a 10 item obstacle/skills course designed to challenge a dog's socialization level and training skills. Dogs must be under hander's control on left side, at all times. Dogs will be judged on level of comfort, ability to execute skills, and responsiveness to handler. Handlers will be judged on handling technique and responsiveness to their dog. All on-leash, and off leash basic obedience skills, some rally, and simple agility skills are required

3. Senior (handlers 1-19 years): Handlers will be asked to maneuver through a 15 item obstacle/skills course designed to challenge a dog's socialization level and training skills. Dogs must be under handler's control on left side, at all times. Dogs will be judged on level of comfort, ability to execute skills, and responsiveness to handler. Handlers will be judged on handling technique and responsiveness to their dog. All on-leash, off-leash basic obedience skills, some rally, and simple agility skills are required. TREATS ARE NOT PERMITTED at the senior level.

Section 4 Air Ball Competition

Handlers will be asked to leave their dog 6 feet away. Handler will throw a series of 5 small tennis balls (provided), one at a time. Small breed dogs will be permitted to use small tennis balls. Dogs will be scored on the number of balls caught. Balls must be caught before they hit the ground. Tie scores will repeat the competition until there is a winner. No treats allowed.

- 1. Beginner (handlers 5-7 years)
- 2. Junior (handlers 8-13 years)
- 3. Senior (handlers 14-18 years)

Section 5 Dog Trick Competition

Handlers will exhibit a single dog trick, with or without a treat. The trick MUST have been taught to the dog by the youth exhibitor. Handlers should be prepared to answer questions about how they trained the dog to do the trick. Dog/handler teams will be judged on creativity, training technique, level of difficulty, and execution. Treats are permitted.

- 1. Beginner (handlers 5-7 years)
- 2. Junior (handlers 8-13 years)
- 3. Senior (handlers 14-18 years)

Section 6 Dog Knowledge Contest

- 1. Beginner: Exhibitors will be given a written quiz (non-readers will have older youth readers available to help) testing their general knowledge of dog care, grooming, body parts and training. There will be an oral evaluation with their dog present, testing their knowledge of their specific breed (or breed mix) its handling, and its care. Youth without dogs will be provided one to use for this contest.
- 2. Junior: Exhibitors will be given a written quiz testing their general knowledge of dog care, grooming, body parts, canine diseases, vet care, training and dog competitions. There will be an oral evaluation, with their dog present, testing their knowledge of their specific breed (or breed mix), its handling, and it care. Youth without dogs will be provided one to use for this contest
- 3. Senior: Exhibitors will be given a written quiz testing their general knowledge of dog care, grooming, body parts, canine disease, vet care, training and dog competitions. There will be an oral evaluation, with their dog present, testing their knowledge of their specific breed (or breed mix), its handling, and its care. Youth without dogs will be provided one for this contest.

Section 7 Doggie Dress Up

- 1. Dog Costume Class: Dog only costumes will be judged on creativity, originality, and dog's willingness to wear it.
- 2. Dog/Handler Pair: Dog and handler costumes will be judged on creativity, originality, unity, partnership, and dog's willingness to wear costume.
- 3. Look a Likes: They say the more time you spend with your dog the more you start to look like them. In this contest, dog and handler will be judged on how much the two look like each other.

Section 8 Puppy First Show

This Class is for puppies 6-12 months. Pups and youth handlers will be asked to execute 6-8 very basic obedience skills. Exhibitors will be judged on their ability to relate to their puppies in a positive and productive manner. Puppies will be evaluated on their social appropriateness. Treats are permitted and encouraged.

- 1. Beginner (handlers 5-7 years)
- 2. Junior (handlers 8-13 years)
- 3. Senior handlers 14-18 years)