



Pierce County Dog Project

GUIDELINES



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Section 1 – Project Objectives

- A. Develop leadership, initiative, sportsmanship and responsibility.
- B. Develop self-reliance and patience by working with your animal daily.
- C. Learn cooperation as one part of a dog and handler team and by sharing your experience with others.
- D. Learn to accept reality, in show situations, there can be only one winner, and you may not have done as well as you expected.
- E. Learn to work with other 4-H members and leaders.
- F. Learn to show and handle dogs safely, and learn to care for and manage a dog.
- G. Learn to keep good records and to use them to make management decisions.
- H. Learn show ring rules and etiquette.
- I. Learn to be courteous to the public, judges, show officials, fair staff, and to other competitors.
- J. Develop speaking ability; expressing your ideas before group demonstrations, judges, and other activities.
- K. Experience the pride of being able to own and show your own 4-H animal.
- L. Enjoy the benefits of being a 4-H member.

Section 2 – General Rules

- A. Dog Project Council Officers
 - 1. The Pierce County Fair Dog Project Superintendent shall serve as chairman and president of the Pierce County 4-H Dog Project Council. The Superintendent shall be the person who served as Assistant Superintendent the prior year. The term for this position is one year and may not serve consecutive terms as either Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.
 - 2. The Assistant Superintendent shall serve as vice-president for the Pierce County 4-H Dog Project Council, presiding over the monthly meetings when the Superintendent is not present. The Assistant Superintendent shall be chosen by the Superintendent who is assuming the office. The Superintendent shall choose an Assistant Superintendent who is an enrolled leader in a different club than the Superintendent. If the Superintendent has previously served in this capacity, they shall choose an Assistant Superintendent who has never before served, if possible. If the Superintendent has never before served in this capacity they shall choose an Assistant Superintendent who has served before, so that either the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent has previous experience and can provide mentorship to the other.
 - 3. The Secretary shall be chosen annually in October and can serve unlimited consecutive terms.
 - 4. The Treasurer shall be chosen annually in October and can serve unlimited consecutive terms.
 - 5. Event chairs. Each event should have at least two co-chairs and each chair should be from different clubs.
 - 6. In matters of policy, each club may have two (2) votes, one from a Leader and one from a Teen Leader.
 - 7. The above rules help to insure that the leaders of the Pierce County 4-H Dog Project all work together regardless of club affiliation, that knowledge is shared among all leaders, and there is a sense of fairness in all we do.
- B. Age and Enrollment
 - 1. 4-H Age is determined by October 1st of the current 4-H year.
 - 2. Membership in 4-H is limited to the following age/groups: (Youth who have reached their 5th birthday (before October 1st of the current 4-H year), through those who have not reached their 19th birthday (before October 1st of the current 4-H year).
 - a. Cloverbuds: 5 to 7 years of age
 - b. Junior: 8 to 10 years of age
 - c. Intermediates: 11 to 13 years of age
 - d. Seniors: 14 to less than 19 years of age
 - 3. All 4-H members must be enrolled in the dog program in order to participate in 4-H dog shows.
 - 4. Cloverbud members are not eligible for out-of-state or competitive events.

Dog Requirements

5. Each member is expected to have access to one or more dogs. Lend-lease agreements are permissible if the member takes care of the dog. This means a member may borrow, rent or lease a dog for the project. This is to be noted in their record book.
6. Dogs may be of any age, but must be old enough to have had their required immunizations in order to compete at fairs or shows. Proof of vaccination for Rabies is required, to include lot number, brand, veterinarian's license number, and veterinarian's phone number. Use the Pierce County vaccination record.
7. Dogs may be of any breed, mixed, or purebred. **No Hybrids, Wolf or Coyote allowed.**
8. Dogs may be spayed or neutered.
9. Blind and/or deaf dogs are allowed. Dogs that are lame or have some other handicap may be used if the 4-H member brings a statement from a veterinarian stating that being used as a 4-H project animal will not have any adverse effects on the dog's health.
10. Lactating bitches or bitches within 3 weeks of whelping CANNOT compete at fairs or shows.
11. Bitches in season are allowed, but they must wear panties. They should also use chlorophyll tablets or equivalent, and disinfectant must be used in the potty area.
12. Dogs that exhibit aggressive, and/or unsocial, and/or problem behavior, that cannot be controlled by their handler, are a serious safety issue. Leaders and Superintendents have the *immediate* authority to excuse or place restrictions on such dog's participation in 4-H activities. Leaders and Superintendents must inform their 4-H staff of their decision and the appropriate plan of action would follow. It is up to each county to decide what that action would be. Every effort should be made to see that the member is not excluded or excused. Alternative suggestions should be offered to the 4-H member and family.
13. In order to compete at the Pierce County Fair, dogs must be in the care of the member by June 1 of the current year.
14. In order to compete at the Washington State 4-H Fair, the dog must qualify at the county level.
15. If a member's dog dies or becomes incapacitated, written request for a dog substitution must be submitted to the Show Superintendent by both the club leader and the member.

C. SHOW AND RING

1. Any or all classes listed in the Guidelines may be offered at a show or fair where 4-H classes are conducted.
2. 4-H shows, events, and fairs shall be governed by the Pierce County Dog Project Guidelines.
3. The Danish System of Awards MUST be used at the 4-H designated shows and fairs. In this system, every contestant receives an award: a blue, red or white ribbon. Trophies and rosettes may be awarded in addition to the above mentioned awards.
4. Show superintendents may invite participation from other counties or may choose to limit participation. This should be stated on entry forms.
5. CONDUCT: The provision of this section shall apply to the following persons: Owner, Exhibitor, and members of the family.
 - a. No one is allowed to coach contestants while they are in the ring.
 - b. The ring is off limits to everyone except for working show personnel.
 - c. The judge should not be approached until judging is complete. See also Sec. 3 G.
 - d. Any infractions of the above may be cause for the dismissal of the contestant from the class or the show.
 - e. The show Superintendent reserves the right to dismiss any member or party from any 4-H class or show for any misconduct or infractions of the ground rules, or any part of the rules listed in the Pierce County Dog Project Guidelines.
6. PROTESTS: When an individual is assisting with a 4-H show, no one should interrupt or interfere in any manner.
 - a. A judge's decision, representing his/her individual preference, may not be protested unless it is alleged to be in violation of set guidelines or rule. If someone does not agree with what is being done, it is required to take the comment(s), in writing, to the superintendent.

- b. Protests must be in writing, signed by the individual lodging the complaint, and filed with the superintendent within 12 hours of the incident. The protest shall be acted upon by the show committee.
 - c. Protests may be lodged by parents, through the leader of that club.
7. ENTRY REGULATIONS FOR PIERCE COUNTY FAIR: Each dog and handler is eligible as entered on an appropriate entry form. It shall be understood that the parent, guardian, and the 4-H participant makes the entry at their own risk and are subject to the Pierce County Dog Project Guidelines. It shall be further understood that the participant, parent or guardian will not make any claims against anyone connected with the event or grounds on which it is held.
- a. Attend 1 qualifying show, or 1 AKC, CKC or ASCA Obedience Trial, or AKC Sanctioned OA or OB Match with the sheet signed by the judge, or other 4-H shows approved by the Dog Project Council.
 - b. Do a public presentation at the club or county level and/or record book.
 - c. Help at a 4-H county-level fund raiser.
 - d. Must have submitted a signed copy of the Dog Barn Rules and Dress Code.
 - e. A leader or club representative must attend ALL mandatory Dog Project Council meetings.
 - f. 4-H members must participate in either pre-fair cleanup or post-fair tear down.

Section 3 – 4-H Ground Rules

Leaders and Parents: Please make your members aware of these ground rules when participating in 4-H activities.

Breaking of any of the ground rules may result in your dismissal by the show superintendent and forfeiture of all awards and premiums. Gross abuse of the rules may result in dismissal from all 4-H Activities.

- A. No alcoholic beverages or substance abuse of any kind.
- B. 4-H members, leaders or exhibitors may not utilize tobacco products while at 4-H events, and no one may utilize tobacco products in exhibit areas.
- C. No abuse of dogs.
- D. No coaching of members while they are in the ring.
- E. Adults may not help in grooming or schooling dogs, but may provide supervision.
- F. The show ring is off limits to everyone except working show personnel.
- G. No parent, member, exhibitor, or leaders questioning the judges about scoring. Please go to your leader and they may go to the Superintendent. When in doubt, go up the chain of command for a ruling.**
- H. A visibly ill dog can be dismissed from participation by the show superintendent, show veterinarian or judge.
- I. All exhibitors will be judged on Herdsmanship when offered.
- J. Leaders will ask any members of their club to leave the grounds if behavior is unacceptable.
- K. Only advanced class dogs may be off lead and only when in the show ring or practice ring.
- L. At a bench show, there is to be no eating or drinking in the benching area, including leaders and parents.
- M. Prong, shock collars, muzzles, head collars, or anti-bark collars are not allowed.
- N. Dogs may be shown with minor, non-contagious ailments, but a veterinarian's certificate will be required.
- O. DRESS CODE:
4-H participants, (defined as; 4-H members, Leaders, and Parents or other adults), must dress tastefully and conservatively. Sandals may be worn with stockings. Bare feet and exposed midriffs are not allowed. All shirts must have at least 3 finger width straps at the shoulders. Low-cut necklines or sexually provocative clothing will not be permitted. Mesh or see through (sheer) clothing is not allowed. Underwear may not be exposed. Clothing that advertises alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang affiliation, sexually explicit messages or obscenities will not be allowed. Skirt lengths will not exceed 2 inches above the top of the knee. All clothing and shoes must be clean and in good repair. 4-H participants may not participate in any 4-H activity unless they acknowledge and comply with the above dress code. If, in the opinion of the activity or event officials, a participant does not comply, the participant shall be given one opportunity to correct the problem. If participant fails to correct the problem, they

will be asked to leave the activity or event and all awards and premiums shall be forfeited. Variations of this dress code may be allowed for specific events by the event coordinator as they deem necessary. (For example; Hot weather at County fairs or Club events, Pool or Beach parties, Agility trials, etc.) • Please note that participants are 4-H members, Leaders, and Parents or other adults participating in the activity/event. • State, County or Club events may vary the dress code to meet specific, weather or activity/event criteria. It is up to the event coordinator to specify if allowances are to be made. This should be stated ahead of time with the event rules/guidelines.

- P. Exhibitors and anyone in the benching area must follow the Dress Code of the Washington State 4-H Dog Project. The Dress Code must be signed by both member and parent or guardian. Show superintendent reserves the right to dismiss anyone dressed inappropriately in the barn and show area. Shorts, no shorter than 2" above the knee, may be worn in the benching area but not in the show ring.
- Q. "No visible means of identification (badges, ribbons, club jackets, shirts etc.) may be worn or displayed by anyone exhibiting a dog in the ring. Identification means name of individual (first, last, or both) or name of dog, name of Member's 4-H Club, name of Member's County (for State Fair). No advertising to sell products, fund raising, or political statements of any kind.
- R. No running or rowdy behavior.
- S. No gum allowed in barn or rings.

Section 4 – Herdsmanship

The purpose of Herdsmanship is to teach exhibitors how to care for their dogs and their equipment to the best of their ability at a dog show, or fair and at home. It also provides an excellent opportunity for members to educate the public on dog care and training through the use of decorations and educational materials.

- A. Exhibitors must follow all ground rules.
- B. No eating or drinking in the building at benched shows.
- C. Each dog must have suitable benching equipment which includes
 - 1. A benching chain (must be chain or plastic coated cable) not of excessive length, so as to prevent a dog from falling off the bench. Two bolt snaps must be attached to the chain, one at each end.
 - 2. A buckle collar or harness (no slip collars allowed). Benching collars must remain on the bench.
- D. There must be one suitable 4-H member present at all times for every FOUR dogs.
- E. All clubs must have an adult in the area to provide supervision.
- F. Small clubs may share Herdsmanship duties with prior approval of the superintendent.
- G. All 4-H members are responsible for their own dog's care and comfort. All 4-H members are required to clean and dispose of their own dog's waste at all times. All dogs removed from the bench must be on an appropriate leash.
- H. At benched shows, only 4-H members, family and leaders are allowed in the benching area. Clubs reserve the right to make further restrictions as needed.
- I. Crates, cages, and exercise pens are not allowed at bench shows.
- J. As required by law, all decorating materials must be flame retardant.
- K. Parents and leaders or other adults may not perform Herdsmanship duties.

Judging considerations

- A. Exhibitors will be judged on their personal cleanliness and neatness. They will also be judged on the friendliness and courtesy to the public, show staff, and one another. Members on duty should be attentive and ready to serve the public.
- B. Herdsmanship judges will check to see that dogs are benched with proper equipment. Dogs should be under control and well treated. Dogs should not be barking or whining excessively. Dogs may be watered but not fed on the bench.
- C. Benches should be neat and clean. Equipment not in use should be put out of sight. Floor should be swept. Exhibitors are required to keep the benching area and adjoining areas clean.
- D. Clubs should have a banner for identification. Decorations should be neat and in good taste and are not allowed to interfere with the public's view of the dogs. Decorations cannot endanger dogs, exhibitors or visitors in any way.
- E. Each club should have some type of educational exhibit or theme. This may include posters and displays. Items may be entered as individual exhibits. Quality not quantity counts.

Section 5 – Classes and Divisions

The following list contains classes which may be offered at 4-H shows. Prize lists must state which classes will be offered. Other classes may be offered but must be designated as non-4-H classes.

- A. Showmanship
- B. Introductory Obedience (Not a State Fair class. First year members with first year dogs.)

TIER 1

- C. Sub-Novice A Obedience
(Sub-Novice A is for first year members with first year dogs. Any Sub-Novice member and dog may enter Sub-Novice B. There are no A & B classes at State fair.)
- D. Sub-Novice B Obedience
- E. Beginner Novice
- F. Pre Novice

TIER 2

- G. Novice Obedience

TIER 3

- H. Advanced Novice Obedience
- I. Graduate Novice Obedience
- J. Pre Open

TIER 4

- K. Open Obedience

TIER 5

- L. Graduate Open Obedience
- M. Pre Utility

TIER 6

- N. Utility Obedience
- O. Versatility Obedience
- P. Veterans/Modified Obedience

- Q. Brace Obedience
 - 1. Sub-Novice
 - 2. Novice
 - 3. Advanced Novice
- L. Group Obedience
 - 1. Sub-Novice
 - 2. Novice
 - 3. Advanced Novice

Progression Of Classes

At all tiers, a member and dog team MUST advance to another class if a blue ribbon score is earned in their current class at State Fair. For tiers with more than one class listed, a member and dog team must advance to a higher tier once the member and dog team earn blue ribbons in two of the classes at that tier at State Fair.

Level 1: Introductory Obedience. This is an optional class that will not be offered at State Fair and is not required to be offered at County Fairs. Intended for first year member and dog teams, a member and dog team may not stay in this class more than one year.

Level 2: Pre-Novice, Sub-Novice and Beginner Novice. These classes offer varying levels of beginning skills. A member and dog team may choose which class to attempt in any year as long as they have not earned a blue ribbon score in that class at State Fair. It is recommended that a member and dog team not stay in a class at this level more than 2 years before moving to another class. Once a blue ribbon score is earned at State Fairs in any two of the classes at this tier, the member and dog team must progress to the Novice or higher class. A member and dog team may elect to progress to Novice or a higher class at any time.

Level 3: Novice. This class provides the foundation for all higher classes.

Level 4: Graduate Novice, Advanced Novice, Pre-Open. These classes provide an intermediary stage between Novice and Open. Once a member and dog team has earned a blue ribbon score at State Fair in a class at this level, they must move to another class either at this level or a higher level. Once a member and dog team has earned a blue ribbon score at State Fair in any two of the classes at this level they must advance to the next or higher level.

Level 5: Open. This class provides the foundations for the next higher classes.

Level 6: Graduate Open, Pre-Utility. These classes provide an intermediary stage between Open and Utility. Once a member and dog team has earned a blue ribbon score at State Fair in a class at this level, they must move to another class either at this level or a higher level.

Level 7: Utility. This is the most advanced class in the progression. The member and dog team may stay in this class indefinitely even if they have earned a blue ribbon score at State Fair in this class.

Level 8: Versatility and Veterans/Modified. These classes are not part of the progression and a member and dog team may elect to participate in these classes without regard to blue ribbon scores earned at State Fair. Member and dog teams must meet the age or ability criteria for the Veterans/Modified class as stated in the State Dog Leader Policies.

In **Versatility** the minimum required jump height for dogs in this class is half the height of the dog at the withers.

M. Standard Agility

1. Beginners
2. Elementary
3. Pre Novice
4. Novice
5. Open
6. Excellent

N. Jumpers With Weaves

1. Elementary (w/o)
2. Pre Novice (w/o)
3. Novice
4. Open
5. Excellent

Age / Ability Divisions

- A. All classes shall be divided into the following ages (see page 3, Section 2. B. 1. for age groups):
 - 1. Juniors
 - 2. Intermediate
 - 3. Senior
- B. Ability. These divisions apply to Showmanship only.
 - 1. Showmanship A (for first year members with first year dogs)
 - 2. Showmanship B (for any member not eligible for A or C)
 - 3. Showmanship C (See Section 6 j)

Section 6 – Showmanship

The purpose of Showmanship is to show that the 4-H member knows how to care for, groom, and show their project to its best advantage. It also demonstrates the member’s knowledge of the chosen project area.

- A. Appointments
 - a. Personal neatness is the primary consideration. Clothing should not interfere with the judge’s view of the dog. The following rules apply:
 - b. The judge will determine the pattern for the classes, choosing from a down-and-back, L, or triangle pattern. Exhibitors in the “C” classes should be able to do all of the accepted patterns including the T-Pattern and answer questions of a more advanced nature.
 - c. All exhibitors must stack their dog in the pose used by the breed in the AKC conformation ring, unless the dog is physically unable to do so. In this case, the superintendent must be notified prior to the start of the class. Mixed breed dogs shall be stacked in the pose of the breed that the dog most resembles. The breed the dog is being shown as must be listed on the entry form. All breeds that are commonly stacked on the table should be able to do so. If the handler is too small, or the dog too large or heavy to safely lift the dog onto the table, the dog should be examined on the ground.
 - d. All exhibitors will be asked five questions. One question will be chosen from each of the following categories using the **Washington State 4-H Dog Showmanship Knowledge Topic List** as a guide for age appropriate material:
 - a. Anatomy. Body parts and the bones and be able to give definitions of the body parts and bones.
 - b. Breed history and standard. This question will be drawn from the breed standard and history given for the exhibitor’s breed in the AKC Complete Dog Book, or its equivalent in the case of non-recognized breeds. Members showing mixed breeds will be asked questions about the breed they are showing the dog as.
 - c. General Care. This is to include vaccinations, diseases, parasites, feeding procedures, etc.
 - d. 4-H Dog Project. This question may be about any aspect of the 4-H Dog Project. The difficulty of the questions should vary from class to class based on the exhibitor’s age and experience.
 - e. 4-H General. This question may be about any aspect of the county 4-H program or the 4-H Program in general.
 - e. Grooming. Scissoring and general grooming (nails, bathing, teeth, etc.) should be done by the 4-H member. Depending on the age of the exhibitor and the temperament of the dog, if the exhibitor is unable to perform the grooming they may have assistance but are required to participate in each grooming activity. If they do not participate in all grooming activities they may lose grooming points. Someone else may do clipping but the exhibitor must tell the judge during the exam.
 - f. Showing Points. Exhibitors should be able to show points on their dog.
 - g. Bait. Exhibitors may use food bait in all Showmanship classes. Exhibitors may be penalized for dropping bait, over-baiting, and improper use of bait. Points will be marked in the overall handling section of the score sheet.

h. Showmanship A Class

a. Eligibility. 4-H members who are in their first year in the dog project are eligible to show in the Showmanship A Class. Dogs in this class must be first year dogs in the dog project. Previous Cloverbud members advancing to the Junior age group may enter Class A. Previous members in all other age groups are not eligible for this class.

b. Class Description. The class will be conducted as any other Showmanship class except the exhibitors will do the down and back pattern. Questions will be of an appropriate nature for beginning members.

i. Showmanship B Class

a. Eligibility. 4-H members who have completed a 4-H year in the dog project will be in this class. Members in their first year may enter at leader's discretion.

b. Class Description. The class will be conducted as any other Showmanship class.

j. Showmanship C Class

a. Eligibility. Showmanship C is required for those 4-H members who have received a Grand or Reserve Grand award in Showmanship B at the Pierce County Fair, or Champion, Reserve or AOM in daily competition at State Fair, or awarded a placement on finals day at state competition. Others may enter at leader's discretion.

b. Class Description. The class will be conducted as any other Showmanship class except the exhibitors should be proficient in all of the accepted patterns. Questions will be of a more advanced nature.

In all age groups, members may stay in class B if they move up an age group.

Section 7 – Scoring and Qualifying

- A. At 4-H designated shows the Danish System of scoring shall be used. All exhibitors shall receive a ribbon based on their individual score.
- B. In Showmanship classes the following points breakdown shall be used for awards.
85-100 points: Blue Ribbon 70-84½ points: Red ribbon 0-69½ points: White ribbon
- C. In Sub-Novice A & B, Pre Novice, Beginning Novice, and Novice classes the following points breakdown shall be used for awards:
185-200 points: Blue ribbon 170-184½ points: Red ribbon 0-169½ points White ribbon
- D. For a Blue or Red score in Sub-Novice A & B, Pre Novice, Beginner Novice, and Novice, the score shall also be comprised of more than 50% of the available points in each exercise and a final score of 170 or more.
- E. In advanced classes (Advanced Novice and above), the dog and exhibitor must pass 50% of the exercises offered. The following points breakdown shall be used for awards:
170-200 points: Blue ribbon 100-169½ points: Red ribbon 0-99½ points – White ribbon
- F. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards are given to the highest and second highest blue ribbons in each age division. Ties only need to be broken in Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion scores.
- G. Exhibitors may receive qualifying Obedience and Showmanship scores at any of the qualifying shows, but must be entered in that same obedience class (classes) at County Fair for the qualifying show scores to count. Dogs go to State Fair in the highest class in which the dog qualifies, exceptions made at the discretion of the club leader with the superintendent.
- H. State Fair Qualification
1. All Classes except, Introductory Obedience (not a State Fair class), qualify as part of the county quota.
 2. Exhibitors receiving red-red combinations will not be eligible for State Fair.
 3. Exhibitors receiving blue-blue combinations will be taken first for the quota. Second will be blue (Showmanship) and red (Obedience). Third will be red (Showmanship) and blue (Obedience). In cases of ties, combined numerical scores will be used. White ribbons in either class cannot go.

- I. Exhibitors in Advanced Novice and above must pass half the total number of exercises and have at least 100 points. See also State Fair premium book.
- J. Brace exhibitors must receive a blue ribbon with their brace and qualify with one of their brace dogs as an individual in obedience and Showmanship.
- K. Team exhibitors must participate on a Group at the P.C. Fair with their age group and be individually qualified to attend State Fair with that dog in the regular classes.

Section 8 – Obedience Regulations

A. Rules for Entering Classes

- 1. An exhibitor entering the Introductory Obedience, Sub-Novice, Pre Novice, Beginner Novice, or Veterans/Modified class may not enter other obedience classes except for brace and/or group with that dog.
- 2. An exhibitor may not enter one dog in more than two of the following classes
 - a. Novice
 - b. Advanced Novice
 - c. Graduate Novice
 - d. Pre Open
 - e. Open
 - f. Graduate Open
 - g. Pre Utility
 - h. Utility
 - i. Versatility
- 3. Braces must be entered at the level of the lowest dog.
- 4. The Show Superintendent reserves the right to limit entries due to spacing limitations. Limiting would begin in the ***Adult/Alumni class, followed by the second dog category for 4-H members.***
- 5. A dog may be entered in only one brace and only one group.
- 6. An extra dog may be brought for brace, but not for group. Each dog must be clean and well groomed. If space allows 4-H members may bring two dogs, except members in their first year. Anyone can bring a second dog for brace. No extra dogs may be brought in for group.
- 7. An exhibitor may only show another exhibitor's dog in brace, and then only if the other dog is that exhibitor's regular project animal.
- 8. A new member may enter any class for which the dog and exhibitor are qualified. Sub-Novice A is only for a first year member with a first year dog.
- 9. If a dog receives a Blue Ribbon in Obedience at State Fair with a given dog they are required to enter another class on the same tier, or move to the next higher class. If they have received 2 blue ribbons at State Fair on the same tier, they are required to move to the next higher class.
- 10. If Space allows and with the superintendent's permission all 4-H members but those in the first year of the dog project may bring two dogs. The dogs may be entered in the same class or different classes.
- 11. State Fair quotas are first filled with one qualifying dog from exhibitors. If quota is still not filled, a member's 2nd qualifying dog will be considered. Highest age groups are considered first.

B. Class and Judging Rules

- 1. The dog must complete all exercises of all classes in which it is entered unless disqualified, expelled, or excused by the judge or the Show Superintendents.
- 2. Judging and class order will be posted. Exhibitors must be ready. If an exhibitor has a conflict in scheduling, they must let the Show Superintendent know prior to missing his or her class.
- 3. Bitches in season will be judged last of the class in the ring. Exhibitors **MUST** let the Show Superintendent know if their bitch is in season. Failure to do so may disqualify the 4-H member from showing the dog.

4. Ring Conditions. If the judging takes place indoors, the ring should be rectangular and should be about 35' wide and 50' long. In no case shall the ring Sub-Novice and above be smaller than 30' by 40'. The floor shall have surface or covering that provides firm footing for the largest dogs. Rubber or similar non-slip material totaling at least 4 feet in width must be laid for the takeoff and landing at all jumps unless the surface, in the judge's opinion, is such as to not require it. At an outdoor show, the rings shall be about 40' wide by 50' long. The ground shall be clean and level, and the grass, if any shall be cut short. If inclement weather at an outdoor trial necessitates the judging of obedience under shelter, the requirements as to ring size may be waived.
5. All judging shall be based on the AKC Obedience Regulations with these exceptions:
 - i. Exhibitors will receive a zero in that exercise upon the dog fouling the ring.
 - ii. The judge, with the show superintendent, may waive the rule that requires a zero in that exercise be given to a dog that fouls the ring if ring conditions warrant.
 - iii. Handlers may, with the judge's permission, correct their dog in the ring. Points shall be deducted for the error but not the correction.

Section 9 – Obedience Class Descriptions

A. Introductory Obedience

Exercises

- Heel on Leash
- Figure 8
- Sit and Stay for Exam on Lead
- Recall on Leash
- Down Stay
- This is not a State Fair class.

B. Sub-Novice A & B

Exercises

- Heel on Leash
- Figure 8
- Stand for Examination
- Recall
- Long Sit (1 Min. Group)
- Long Down (1 Min. Group)

All exercises will be scored as in the Novice class, except that the dogs will perform all exercises on leash, which should be 6 feet long to provide adequate slack.

C. Beginner Novice

1. Exercises

- Heel on Leash – Rally signs for heeling pattern
- Figure Eight
- Sit for Examination – 6 ft. on leash
- Sit Stay - Walk around ring
- Recall – 25 ft. carry leash

2. There are no Group (Long Sit/Long Down) exercises in the Beginner Novice class.

C. Pre Novice

1. Exercises

- Heel on Leash
- Figure Eight
- Stand for Examination
- Heel Free

- Recall
- Down Stay - Walk around ring
- 2. There are no Group (Long Sit/Long Down) exercises in the Pre Novice class. All exercises will be performed as in the Novice class except for heeling pattern and Down Stay – Handler Walk around the Ring. Please see Obedience Class Guide for complete class description.

E. Novice

1. Exercises

Heel on Leash and Figure 8

Stand for Examination

Heel Free

Recall

Sit Stay - Get Your Leash

*Long Sit (1 Min.) *Long Down (1 Min.)

*Long Sit and Down - on 6' leash (in a group)

*This is scored as one exercise.

- 2 *This is scored as one exercise. Leash remains on during the group exercises. See the Novice Section of the 4-H Dog Obedience Guide for further description.

F. Advanced Novice

1. Exercises

Heel on Leash

Stand for Exam Return to dog – Handler goes 8-10', Judge uses two hands on exam.

Heel Free and Figure 8

Modified Drop on Recall – See score sheet

Stand Stay - Get Your Leash

- 2. See the Advanced Novice class section of the 4-H Dog Obedience Guide. Dogs in this class may be guided between exercises.

G. Graduate Novice

1. Exercises

Open Heel Free & Fig. 8

Drop on Recall

Dumbbell Recall

Recall Over High Jump with Dumbbell

Recall Over Broad Jump

Stand Stay - Get Your Leash

- 2. * Set Jump at 1/2 height of dog at withers, rounded to multiple of 2 inches. ** Broad Jump 2 times height of High Jump. No group exercises

*See the Graduate Novice section of the 4-H Dog Obedience Guide for further descriptions.

H. Pre Open

1. Exercises

Heel Free & Figure Eight

Command Discrimination - *Stand, Down, Sit*

Drop on Recall

Retrieve on Flat

Retrieve over High Jump

Broad Jump

Stand Stay - Get your leash

2.*Set Jump at 1/2 height of dog at withers, rounded to multiple of 2 inches. **Broad Jump 2 times height of High Jump. There are no Group (Long Sit/Long Down) exercises in the Pre-Open class.

I. Open

1. Exercises

Heel Free & Figure Eight

Command Discrimination - *Stand, Down, Sit*

Drop on Recall

Retrieve on Flat

Retrieve over High Jump

Broad Jump

Stand Stay - Get your leash

2. *Set Jump at 3/4 height of dog at withers, rounded to multiple of 2 inches. **Broad Jump 2 times height of High Jump. No Group exercises.

1. See the Open section of the 4-H Dog Obedience Guide for further description of this class.

J. Graduate Open

1. Exercises

Signal Exercise

Scent Discrimination

Directed Retrieve

Moving Stand and Examination

Go Out

Directed Jumping

2. See the Graduate Open section of the 4-H Dog Obedience Guide for further description of this class. The exercises in this class follow the same regulations as comparable exercises in the Utility class with these exceptions:

3. Signals - Handler needs only go 10-20' away when leaving dog; Directed Retrieve - Two gloves only (middle glove deleted); Go Out - handler sends dog back and returns to dog; Directed Jumping - dog is left at end of ring as for a Recall, sends dog over one jump as directed by judge; Scent Discrimination - Only two metal and two leather articles will be used. Handler and Dog will remain facing the articles. Only one article will be retrieved. Handler chooses which article will be used.

*The jump height is to be set at 1/2 the height of the dog at the withers, rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches.

K. Pre Utility

1. Exercises

Signal Exercise

Scent Discrimination Article #1

Scent Discrimination Article #2

Directed Retrieve

Moving Stand and Examination

Directed Jumping

2. All exercises will be performed and scored as in the Utility class except for the following:

- a. The Signal Exercise will be the same as in the Utility class, except the handler will be permitted to use one single verbal command during the signal portion of this exercise.
- b. The Scent Discrimination exercise will be the same as in the Utility class, except the articles will consist of two sets, each comprised of four identical objects, which may be items of everyday use and the handler will present all eight articles to the judge, who will make a written note of the numbers on the two articles they have selected.

- c. The Directed Jumping exercise will be the same as in the Utility class, except that the jump height is to be set at $\frac{1}{2}$ the height of the dog at the withers, rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches. The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4- and 18-inch jump heights. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be 12 inches or less at the withers and all dogs over 34 inches are eligible for the 18-inch jump height. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration.

L. Utility

1. Exercises

- Signal Exercise
- Scent Discrimination Article #1
- Scent Discrimination Article #2
- Directed Retrieve
- Moving Stand and Examination
- Directed Jumping

2. See the Utility section of the 4-H Dog Obedience Guide for further description of this class.
3. Set Jump at $\frac{3}{4}$ height of dog at withers, rounded to multiple of 2 inches. **Broad Jump 2 times height of High Jump

M. Versatility

1. In this class, the dog must perform two exercises from Novice, Open, and Utility. There are 12 combinations to choose from. The Judge will choose which combination and all exhibitors in the class will do the same combination. Must be posted 30 min. prior to class.

See the Versatility section of the 4-H Dog Obedience Guide for further description of this class and how each section is scored.

There are no Group Sits and Downs in this class.

N. Veterans/Modified

1. Exercises

- Heel Free and Figure 8 (as in Open)
- Drop on Recall (as in Open)

Handler chooses ONE (1) exercise from the following 5 to perform before class begins:

- Signal Exercise
- Scent Discrimination
- Directed Retrieve
- Moving Stand and Exam
- Retrieve on Flat

Long Stand – 1 minute - Handler 15 ft away. This is an individual exercise.

Groups exercises:

Long Sit – 1 minute Long Down – 1 minute
Long Sit & Down is on a 6 ft. lead

2. This is an advanced class taking the place of Graduate Novice and above for certain dogs. In order to enter the Veterans/Modified class, the dog must be 7 years or older OR have some physical problems that prevents the dog from jumping and/or retrieving. Dogs less than 7 years old entering the class must have the club leader's approval.

O. Brace

1. Class Divisions
 - a. Sub-Novice
 - b. Novice
 - c. Advanced Novice
2. Brace General Description:

A Brace is composed of two dogs and one handler. Classes are divided according to the divisions listed above. These divisions are judged as they would be in the normal one dog one handler setting. Braces may be entered according to the lowest obedience level of the two dogs. The two dogs may be shown coupled or uncoupled, but the coupling device must not be less than six inches in overall length (on toys braces may be shorter). See the general rules of this guide for further descriptions.

P. Team

1. Class Divisions
 - a. Sub-Novice
 - b. Novice
 - c. Advanced Novice
2. General Description:

A team is composed of 4 dogs and 4 handlers of the same age group. Classes are divided according to the divisions listed above. Teams may enter at the level of the lowest dog, but should all be at the same level if possible. For further description of the Team class, see the general obedience rules section of this guide.
3. Members will be pre entered in Fair Entry. Teams may be made up by club, interclub, or made up on the first day of the Fair at a time deadline specified by the Superintendents.
4. Teams must have a minimum of 3 members to compete. Scoring for Teams of 3 will not be adjusted.
5. The Washington State 4-H Team Scoresheets will be used for judging and scoring.
6. Each dog on a team will be scored individually. Two dogs on a Team must fail the same exercise in order for that exercise to be considered a failure for that exercise.
7. On recalls for Sub Novice and Novice each dog will be called into the handler ONE at a time. In Advanced Novice all dogs are dropped at the same time, and called back into the handler at the same time. Dogs may be left on a stand or sit for the modified drop (each handler chooses). All dogs finish at the same time on order from the judge. (each handler chooses if their dog finishes left or right).

Section 10 – Rally

See the Washington State 4-H Dog Project.

Section 11 – Agility - Pierce County

- A. Agility Classes entered at county qualifying trials must be approved by the Pierce County Agility instructors.
- B. All dogs entered in Agility must also be entered in an obedience class at the County Fair.
- C. Agility dogs may enter two consecutive agility classes in elementary and above.
- D. Agility dogs must enter the State Fair Agility Trial in the highest class qualified in at a county qualifying trial.
- E. In Order for pre-Fair Agility trial scores to count towards state qualification, the dog must also be entered in the same Agility class at County Fair.
- F. In order for Agility dogs to qualify for the State Fair agility trial, members must have also qualified in Showmanship.
- G. Any member who has taken a blue ribbon in Agility at State Fair with a given dog must move up to the next higher class.
- H. All agility members must attend and participate in at least 6 approved instructional sessions per 4-H year, prior to competing in a qualifying event.

See the Washington State 4-H Dog Project Agility Rules that may be found online at:

<http://4h.wsu.edu/dog/documents/4-HAgilityRulesOct2012.pdf>

Section 12 – Judging Contest Guidelines

See the Washington State Judging Contest Guidelines that may be found online at <http://4-h.wsu.edu/dog/judging.pdf>

Section 13- Dog Bowl

See the Washington State Dog Bowl Contest Guidelines that may be found online at <http://4h.wsu.edu/dog/2006DogBowlRules.pdf>

Section 14 – Other Dog Related Contests and Classes

- A. Several other classes and contests are also available to 4-H members enrolled in the Dog Project. Items entered in these classes may not be cross-entered in other project areas. A complete description of these classes may be found in the Pierce County Fair Premium Book.
- B. Classes available include:
 - 1. Educational Posters
 - 2. Dog Photography
 - 3. Dog Art
 - 4. Dog Equipment
 - 5. Dog Crafts

Section 15 – Public Presentations

- A. The 4-H Public Presentation is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members in the Dog Project to share their knowledge with others. All clubs should require their members to give a presentation at least to members of their own club. Those members who have an interest should be encouraged to enter the area contest.
- B. **Competition Opportunities and Requirements**
All members who compete at Public Presentation contest have a chance to qualify to give their presentation at the State 4-H Fair. In order to qualify, the member must receive a blue ribbon at the preliminary contest and at the county finals. The top blue ribbon winners from the county finals then go on to the State Fair. If many members qualify for State Fair, Senior members will be taken first to fill the quota.
- C. **Types of Presentations**
Public Presentations are divided into three different categories based on how the subject matter is presented. Dog Project members may choose to give any one of the types.
 - 1. **Demonstration**
In a demonstration the member is actually showing the audience how to do something as he talks. Generally, a few posters are used in addition to the demonstration material to tie the presentation together.
 - 2. **Illustrated Talk**
In an illustrated talk the member is teaching the audience using posters, pictures, or slides as visual aids. Other physical items may also be shown as examples.
 - 3. **Speech**
In a speech, no visual aides are used.

Public Presentations of any category are further divided according to how many members are involved in a particular presentation and whether a live animal is to be used. Options are:

- 4. Individual – One member gives the entire presentation.
- 5. Team – Two members share in giving the presentation. Care must be taken to see that both members share equally in giving the talk.

6. Live dog – Members giving a team or individual demonstration or illustrated talk may choose to use a live dog in the presentation at the club level. If a live dog is not a necessary part of the presentation it should not be used. The dog must be under control at all times and should not detract from the presentation.
- D. For more information on Public Presentations ask at the County 4-H Office or see the State 4-H Website.

Section 16 – Record Books

- A. All 4-H members are recommended/encouraged to keep records of their project. Record keeping teaches member to be organized and pay attention to detail. It also helps make them aware of what they have learned during the year and how that knowledge has increased the value of their project.
- B. Records become very important if a member applies for any type of award, scholarship, or grant, because in most cases the only thing used to choose winners are the applicant's record books.
- C. Record books should be available to members as soon as they arrive in the fall. Leaders should help members get started with them and should check on them periodically throughout the year. Record books should be turned in at the end of the 4-H year before year end completion forms are filled out.
- D. Leaders may elect to judge club record books and award a seal or ribbon based on their quality. Ribbons, seals, and record book evaluation forms are available for members with outstanding record books. Ask at the 4-H office for more information.

Appendix 1 – Pierce County Dog Judging Contests Procedures and Guidelines for Contest Leaders

A. Personnel Required

Contest Leaders are asked to find volunteers to fill the following positions:

1. Obedience/Showmanship Judge. Should be qualified to judge the Obedience/Showmanship class chosen for that contest.
2. Oral Reasons Judge. Should be someone familiar with public speaking. Need not be knowledgeable in the subject to be judged.
3. Ring Stewards. One or two people depending on the class (can double in another helping capacity).
4. Place Markers. Four or more people. Should be willing to reprimand members not following rules.
5. Written Reasons Scorers. Three or more people. Recommend using any 4-H leaders present.
6. Obedience Class Participants. Four handlers and dogs of the appropriate class level.
7. Runners. Three or more people. (Recommend using leaders)

B. Equipment Needed

Judging Contest Leaders are responsible for obtaining the following equipment:

8. Standards and Twine for 1 ring.
9. Enough tables, or wall space to hold 25 8½” x 11” Breed Pictures.
10. Space for equipment, etc. To be displayed for Surprise Classes.
11. Table for Sign Up
12. Chair and clipboard for Oral Reasons Judges.
13. Items to be judged for Surprise Classes.

C. Site Set Up

Set up Contest Site as follows:

14. Answer keys will be put on scoring table.
15. Directions for judging the classes will be on the sheets given to the 4-H members

16. Sign Up
Have a table for sign up near where exhibitors enter the Contest Site. This table should contain master signup sheets, judging cards, and obedience/showmanship score sheets.
 17. Surprise Classes have equipment, dogs, etc... numbered and arranged for judging. Have Class Markers in position with a colored pen to be used for marking placing. Post signs with class number and name. If the class is to be used for oral reasons, arrange a position for the Oral Reasons Judge nearby but out of sight. If the class is to be used for written reasons, leave room for exhibitors to sit and write. **Have Class Marker collect written reasons card before the exhibitor moves to the next station.**
 18. Breed ID Class.
 19. Parts ID Class. Members will be given a sheet of paper with 25 parts questions.
 20. Bones ID Class. Intermediates and Seniors will have a class on bone identification.
 21. Obedience/Showmanship Ring
Arrange obedience/showmanship ring so that all exhibitors can sit on the same side (if at all possible)
 22. Scoring Station
Set up a quiet area for scoring ALL judging classes and calculating totals.
 23. Waiting Area
Set up an area near the judging area where exhibitors who have completed the judging can wait for clean-up.
- D. Conducting Contest
24. Contest site should be set up and helpers in position at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
 25. Arrange for Obedience/Showmanship Judge and participants to be there 15 minutes ahead of start time.
 26. As exhibitors arrive they should be signed up, given a judging packet, and score sheets, and sent to one of the stations for judging.
 27. When the start time arrives, call all exhibitors to start the contest.
 28. Upon completion of the Obedience/Showmanship class, dismiss exhibitors to the station of their choice to finish the judging contest.

Appendix 2 – References for 4-H Dog Leaders

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topics Covered</u>
<u>The AKC Complete Dog Book</u>	AKC, Breed standards and pictures for AKC breeds, nutrition, obedience, care, diseases and health, buying a dog.
<u>Dog Owners Home Veterinary Guide</u>	All aspects of dog health, including first aid and home treatments.
<u>Canine Terminology</u>	Defines common and obscure dog terminology. Many illustrations and examples
<u>Obedience Courses, Novice, Open, Utility</u>	By Blanche Saunders. Gives sample lessons and plans for teaching all levels of obedience.
<u>Stone Guide to Grooming</u>	Shows how to groom and trim all breeds of dogs.
<u>AKC Dog Book For Kids</u>	AKC breed information and pictures.
<u>http://4-h.wsu.edu/projects/dog.htm</u>	Washington State 4-H Dog Project publications

Appendix 3 – Stewarding in Obedience

Each obedience judge requires two ring stewards. It is particularly important for these two stewards to report to the ring at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time for judging. They will assist the judge in setting up the ring and equipment and receive specific assignments from the judge. As the duties of the ring stewards vary with the class in which they are officiating, the remainder of this discussion will be directed by classes.

NOVICE

The first exercise in the Novice class is the heel on leash. A steward must be available to take the leash from the handler. The judge will then give the order for the stand for examination.

Often, the judge will require the steward to hold his/her clipboard and pencil. Once the steward has these items, he/she should promptly move away from the area where the exercise is taking place, but should be close enough to quickly return the clipboard and pencil when the judging of the exercise is completed and the judge gives the order “exercise finished.” The steward does not return the dog’s leash until after the recall exercise is completed. Any number of incidents may occur during the group exercises, and the ring stewards must be particularly alert. If a dog breaks or starts to move toward another dog, the steward may be asked to restrain the dog’s movement. The steward’s attention should be divided between the dogs and the judge to ensure the stewards are alert to a possible disturbance and be ready to follow whatever instructions the judge may give.

OPEN CLASS

When calling a team to ringside, the gate steward should record on the score sheet the dog’s height and the distance that the broad and high jumps are to be set as stated by the handler. One steward should set the high jump to the proper height and then assist the other steward in setting the broad jump to the proper distance. The gate steward also should take the leash and dumbbell from the handler when the dog is brought into the ring. A discussion of the heights and distance will be described later. It is essential that the stewards setting the jumps have a tape measure or folding rule to ensure the accuracy of the jump. The first duty of the judge will be check that the jumps are properly set. The stewards must arrange the jumps quickly and accurately or much time will be wasted. The Open Class has two retrieving exercises—the retrieve on flat and the retrieve over the high jump. The gate steward takes the dumbbell from the handler as the dog enters the ring, and places it on the judge’s table. After the drop on recall exercise is completed, or when directed by the judge, a ring steward shall deliver the dumbbell to the handler or the judge as directed by the judge. This should be done immediately so that handlers are not waiting. After the retrieve s are completed, the ring steward must take the dumbbell from the handler, so the handler’s hands are free during the broad jump exercise. CAUTION—when handing the dumbbell to and taking it from the handler, do not handle it over the top of the dog. The dumbbell might slip from either the steward’s or the handler’s hands and be dropped on the dog. Upon completion of the broad jump, the dumbbell and leash are returned to the handler.

UTILITY CLASS

When calling a handler to ringside, the gate steward should record on the score sheet the dog’s height and the distance that the dog jumps the bar jump and the high jump as stated by the handler. Before the dog enters the ring one steward should adjust the height of the bar jump and the other should adjust the height of the high jump. The Utility Class contains the high jump and broad jump exercises. The judge may measure the dog and should ensure the jumps are properly set.

Scent discrimination exercise: The gate steward will place the handler’s articles, in their container, on the judge’s table where the judge will select two—one leather and one metal—and separate them from the rest. The judge may position the remaining articles or may ask the ring steward to perform this function. The articles must be placed so that the closest article is about 15 feet from the handler. The judge or ring steward must touch (not necessary to scent) each of the eight remaining articles, spreading them in a random manner on the floor, about 6 inches apart. After completion of the scent discrimination exercise, the ring steward places the articles in the handler’s container and returns them to the judge’s table.

The next exercise is the directed retrieve exercise. While one steward is picking up the scent articles, the other steward takes the three gloves from the judge’s table and goes to the far end of the ring. After the dog and handler are in position (midway between and in line with the two jumps) but facing the opposite direction, the steward will drop the three gloves across the end of the ring: one glove in each corner, about 3 feet from the sides and the end of the ring, and one in the

center, about 3 feet from the end of the ring. The judge may choose to do this task him/herself, but it usually is assigned to a steward. The three gloves must be visible to both the dog and the handler. It is not necessary to “iron” the gloves flat, but they should be open, not closed or rolled up. After the exercise is completed, the steward retrieves the remaining two gloves and places them on the judge’s table. The directed jumping exercise is set up with a bar jump on one side and a high jump on the other side of the center of the ring and about 18 to 20 feet apart.. For the moving stand and examination, one ring steward may be needed to hold the judge’s clipboard and pencil during the examination and will stand aside as directed by the judge. When the team finishes the moving stand and examination, the gate steward returns all articles and leash to the handler.

THE JUMPS

Although the handler will be asked by the gate steward what height his/her dog jumps, it is conceivable that he/she will only know the height of his dog. Because of this, it is essential that ring stewards be familiar with the obedience regulations concerning the setting of the jumps. The minimum high jump and bar jump shall be set at the nearest multiple of 2 inches to three quarters the height of the dog at the withers for the Open and Utility classes with all others jumping the nearest multiple of 2 inches to **one half** the height of the dog at the withers, with no dog jumping less than 4 inches nor more than 36 inches. Handlers having their dogs jump more than the minimum required height shall neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration.

Three-Quarter Jump Height Table OPEN & UTILITY

Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
Less than 10"	4"
10" to less than 12½"	8"
12½" to less than 15"	10"
15" to less than 17½"	12"
17½" to less than 20"	14"
20" to less than 23"	16"
23" to less than 25½"	18"
25½" to less than 28"	20"
28" to less than 31"	22"
31" to less than 33½"	24"
33½" to less than 36"	26"
36" to less than 39"	28"

Graduate Novice, Graduate Open, Versatility, Preferred Open & Preferred Utility Jump Height Table

Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
12" or less	4"
Greater than 12" up to 18"	8"
Greater than 18" up to 22"	10"
Greater than 22" up to 26"	12"
Greater than 26" up to 30"	14"
Greater than 30" up to 34"	16"
Greater than 34"	18"

The broad jump is set at twice the distance of the high jump. The low side of each hurdle and the lowest hurdle shall be nearest the dog. The highest hurdles shall be removed first.

The boards shall be spaced as equally as possible as follows:

- for dogs that jump 16 to 24 inches—use two boards:
- for dogs that jump 28 to 44 inches—use three boards:
- for dogs that jump 48 to 72 inches—use four boards.

Appendix 4 – Incident Report

Club name: _____ Date: _____

Dog name: _____ Breed: _____

Owner's Name: _____ 4-H Member handling dog: _____

Location/Event: _____

Brief description of incident/concern: _____

Mandatory Action to take:

- Handler spoken to with parent/guardian present
- Owner notified- Date: _____
- Leader _____

Notified on Date: _____

Check all that apply):

- Dismissed from event
- Excused from the ring
- No action needed
- Action deferred
- Other action
- Referred to Superintendent

Plan: _____

Reported by: _____ Date: _____

Plan reviewed by leader: _____ Date: _____

Reported to Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

Reported to 4-H staff: _____ Date: _____

Superintendent only:

- 1st report response: _____
- 2nd report _____
- 3rd report _____