4-H DOGS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sunday, August 23

9:30 AM	Dogs must be in place (note gates close at 10 am no vehicles permitted after that time)
9:30 - 10:15 AM	Check in at Showplex Arena
10:30 AM	Grooming and Handling A, B & C, Beginner A/B, Graduate Beginner A/B, Novice A/B, Advanced, Graduate Novice, Open A/B, Utility, Brace, Four Person Teams, Dog Dressing & Fun Obedience – Showplex
6:00 PM	4-H Dogs Released from Showplex

EXHIBITOR PASSES will be available at the 4-H Youth Development Building – Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM (YDB is closed from 12-12:30 pm). After August 5th tickets will be available at the 4-H Livestock Office. Exhibitor and parking passes will not be mailed.

a) **All rules/regulations in the Erie County 4-H Dog Program Handbook apply. Copies of the handbook may be obtained from the 4-H office or online at www.cce.cornell.edu/Erie, 4-H Youth Development, 4-H Dogs.**
b) Dog premium checks will be mailed to the exhibitors.
c) Advanced entry for Obedience, Grooming & Handling and Fun Obedience is required by July 8, 2020. *No changes allowed after deadline*.
d) All exhibitors must submit a COPY of the following to the 4-H office by May 1, 2020: 1) Copy of dog's license and 2) Copy of rabies certificate. Failure to submit the above will result in not being able to show at the fair.
e) Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class in Obedience and only one entry in Grooming and Handling Classes.
f) Exhibitors and their dogs should plan to arrive at the show approximately one-half hour before judging. *No late check-in will be accepted.* Exhibitors and their dogs must leave at the conclusion of the judging. There are no facilities for housing dogs on the Fairgrounds.
g) All dogs must be held on leash at all times while outside the ring.
h) No disciplining in the ring or on the grounds. Training in the ring prior to or during classes is not allowed.
i) Classes will not be divided between judges except for sits and downs.
j) Each 4-H Club will designate a clean-up crew to police the arena and surrounding areas.
k) No dogs or equipment may be left in the show ring after the close of the show.
l) Open to all 4-H members who are 7-18 years old as of January 1, 2020. Youth age 7 are cloverbuds.
m) Cloverbuds may only enter classes stated as a cloverbud class. All premiums will be the equivalent of the Blue for that class type .
n) Classes will be completely judged and finished prior to interruptions.
o) Dogs receiving a small blue ribbon (not just the blue rosette) in any class must move up, except Grooming and Handling B where they must move up with a Champion win in the class.

For further explanation and details of classes please see the NY State Fair 4-H Dog Show rules and regulations. We will be following the NY State guidelines for our Erie County Dog Show.

Award for Highest score in Beginner classes 3-5 and Highest score in Grad Beginner classes 6 & 7, Highest Scoring Novice Obedience classes 8-10. There will be a run-off for a perfect score.
In the event of ties in Obedience classes the heel-on-leash exercise will be used (without a figure 8).

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Awards:
High Score Beginner Obedience (Classes 4, 5, 6) Rosette & Award
High Score Grad Beginner (Classes 7 & 8) Rosette & Award
High Score Novice Obedience (Classes 9, 10, 11 & 12) Rosette & Award
Cloverbud- Rosette

Class 1-15 (Class #2 there is no premium.)
Blue $5.00
Red $4.00
White $3.00

NOTE:
Exhibitors are encouraged to enter levels higher than their qualifications. In no case may they enter a lower level. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to compete in the proper level or higher. Complaints will be checked with past year's records and if upheld, will result in loss of premium awards and possibly future exhibiting privileges. If in doubt check with the Superintendent before entering the ring for competition. Mistakes can be corrected any time before, but not after, competing.

NOTE: Group exercises will not take place. All stays will occur in the individual examination.

Class #

1. **Cloverbud:** For 4-H'ers who are age 7 years of age who are ready to exhibit their work, and to gain feedback from the judges. The exercises will be the same as the Beginner A exercises. This class is only for Cloverbuds.

2. **Pre-Obedience:** (Head Halti or No Pull Harness) EXHIBITION ONLY.

3. **Service Dog:** This class is only for those dogs currently being raised by the 4-H members for an organization that provides dogs to aid the handicapped (e.g. Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Hearing Dogs etc.) It is intended as a way to inform the public of this important aspect of the 4-H dog program. Dogs will be evaluated on their appearance (grooming) and simple obedience appropriate to their age and service. Entry MUST include the name of the organization for which the dog is being used. Service dogs will be allowed to wear identification (blanket, collar, etc.) appropriate to their sponsoring organization. Any dog that is released from a service dog program is not longer eligible for this class. Dogs entered in this class may participate in NO other class. Exhibitors should prepare a brief presentation about your service dog project to present at the show.

4. **Beginner A – For 4H'ers who have not previously trained a dog. The dogs in this class must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. All exercises (Heel on Leash, Figure 8; Sit for Exam; Sit Stay (30 sec. – 1 min.), Recall) will be performed with the dog on lead. The maximum possible score is 200 points. Dogs receiving a blue in this class MUST move up to Beginner C or higher. Dogs entered in this class can't participate in Agility, Brace or 4-Person Team.**

5. **Beginner (B): For 4H'ers who have previously trained a dog. The dogs in this class must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. All exercises (Heel on Leash, Figure 8; Sit for Exam; Sit Stay (30 sec. – 1 min.), Recall) will be performed with the dog on lead. The maximum possible score is 200 points. Dogs receiving a blue in this class MUST move to Beginner C or higher. Dogs entered in this class cannot also participate in Agility, Brace or 4-Person Team.**

6. **Beginner (C): For 4H'ers who have previously trained a dog in Beginner or more advanced levels of obedience. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in Beginner A, except for recall off leash and sit is dropped leash. Dogs receiving a blue in this class MUST move to Graduate Beginner. Dogs entered in this class cannot also participate in Brace or 4-Person Team.**

7. **Graduate Beginner A: For 4H'ers who have not previously trained a dog beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Exercises include Heel on Leash and Figure 8, Stand for Examination, Recall, Get Your Leash – Sit, Long Down 1 minute. The Stand for Exam, and Long Down are on leash, and the Recall and Get Your Leash- Sit are off leash. The off-leash exercises are done with the leash attached to collar and placed next to dog with number. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon in this class MUST move to Novice.**

8. **Graduate Beginner B:** For 4-H'ers who have previously trained a dog in graduate beginner or more advanced levels of obedience. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in Graduate Beginner A, except the Down Stay and Stand for Exam will be off leash. The leash remains attached to the dog's collar and will be placed on the ground alongside the dog with the armband weighted as necessary before the sit stay down stay exercises. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon in this class MUST move to Novice.

9. **Novice A: For 4H'ers and dogs who have completed a Novice course of instruction but have not graduated beyond this level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Companion Dog (CD) title (or the equivalent – UKC U-CD, All-American CD, Club CD, CKC CD, etc.) unless the CD was earned within 60 days of the show. Other than the Heel On Leash and Figure 8, all exercises will be performed with the dog off lead (Stand for Examination; Heel Off Leash; Recall). (Sit, Stay, Get Your Leash, Down Stay 1 minute are done with leash attached to collar and placed next to dog with number). Maximum possible score will be 200 points. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon must either move up to Advanced Novice, or move to Novice B.**

10. **Novice B:** Exercises will be the same as Novice A. Exhibitors can only participate in this class once. Open to any handler and dog at the Novice Level but not ready for Advanced Novice. The leash remains attached to the dog's collar and will be placed on the ground alongside the dog with the armband weighted as necessary before the down stay exercises.

11. **Advanced Novice – For 4H'ers and dogs who have not graduated beyond the Advanced Novice level of obedience. Dogs may have earned a CD title but not a Companion Dog Excellence (CDX) title (or the equivalent). Other than the Heel On Leash, all exercises will be performed with the dog off leash (Stand for Examination; Heel Free and Figure 8; Drop on Recall; Sit, Stay, Get Your Leash, Long Down 1 minute). Maximum possible score will be 200 points. Open to any handler and dog beyond the Novice Level but not ready for Graduate Novice. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon must move up to Graduate Novice.**

12. **Graduate Novice: Dogs may not have earned a CDX or equivalent title, unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. The exercises are: Heel Free and Figure 8; Drop on Recall; Dumbell Recall; Recall over High Jump; Recall over Broad Jump, Stand-Stay, Stay, Get Your Leash. The maximum possible score is 200 points. Open to any handler and dog beyond the Novice level but not ready for open class (due to training and/or physical ability of dog). Dogs receiving a blue ribbon must move up to Open A.**

13. **Open A**: For 4H'ers and dogs who have not graduated beyond the Open level of obedience. Dogs may have earned a CD degree but not a CDX, unless the CDX was earned within 60 days of the show. ALL exercises will be performed with the dog off leash (Heel Free and Figure 8, Command Discrimination; Drop on Recall; Retrieve on Flat; Retrieve Over High Jump; Broad Jump, Stand - Stay, Get Your Leash). Maximum possible score will be 200 points. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon must move up to Open B.

14. **Open B: Dogs who have received their CDX but are not ready to enter Utility may participate in Open B. All exercises are the same as Class No. 12, Open A. With special permission from the 4-H Dog Show Superintendent, dogs may repeat in this class regardless of point score or ribbon placing in the Open class at previous County shows.**

15. **Utility: For 4H'ers and dogs who have not earned a Utility Dog (UD) title or the equivalent, unless this title has been completed within 60 days of the show. ALL exercises will be performed with the dog off leash (Signal Exercise; Scent Discrimination, one metal article, one leather article; Directed Retrieve; Moving Stand and Examination; Directed Jumping). Maximum possible score will be 200 points. Dogs may repeat in this class regardless of point score or ribbon placing in the Utility class at previous State Fair shows. With special permission from the 4-H Dog Show Superintendent, 4H'ers with dogs that have earned a UD may participate in the Utility class FOR EXHIBITION ONLY (FEO).**

OTHER DOG CLASSES

Awards:
High Score Agility Novice- Rosette & Award
High Score Agility Advanced- Rosette & Award
Cloverbud- Rosette

Classes 16-23
Blue $5.00 Red $4.00 White $3.00

One entry per exhibitor in each class.
Class #

16. **Brace: For ONE 4H'er with TWO dogs, at least one of the dogs being owned by the 4H'er handling the Brace. The two dogs may be different breeds. Exercises will be performed as in Graduate Beginner (with 160 points maximum for the Heel On Leash and Figure 8, and 60 points each maximum for the Stand for Examination, Recall, Sit-Stay, Get Your Leash and Long Down). Maximum possible score will be 400 points. 4H'ers and dogs who have participated in this class in previous years may repeat. Beginner A, B and C Obedience dogs are not eligible for Brace; dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner Level. The same two dogs, as a brace, may not be shown twice.**

17. **Four Person Team:** Teams will consist of four 4H'ers with their four dogs simultaneously performing Graduate Beginner exercises (with 240 points maximum for the Heel On Leash, 80 points maximum for the Figure 8 and 120 points each maximum for the Stand for Examination, Recall, Sit-Stay, Get Your Leash and Long Down). The Figure 8 will require the use of 5 stewards as "posts". Once lined up for the Recall, the judge will instruct the 4H'ers to leave their dogs (all four handlers leave as a group). Each 4H'er will call their dog individually. Once all four dogs have been called, the judge will instruct the handlers to finish their dogs (as a group). Maximum possible score will be 800 points. 4H'ers and dogs who have participated in this class in previous years may repeat as long as they qualify at the county level. Only one entry per handler/dog combination. Beginner A, B and C Obedience dogs are not eligible for 4-Person Team. Dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner Level.

    ****Agility classes may run concurrently with other classes.**

18. **Agility (Pre-Novice):** A ten obstacle course that is straight forward using non-winged jumps, pipe tunnel, A-frame, tire jump, table and dog walk. Any dog receiving a blue placing must move to the next level. Dogs must not have completed any AKC Standard Agility Titles.

19. **Agility (Novice):** Any dog that received a blue placing must move to the next level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Novice Standard Agility title (or the equivalent) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show.

20. **Agility (Open):** For dogs who have received a blue award in the Novice Level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Open standard title (or equivalent- NADAC, USDAA, etc.) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. Additional obstacles will be added. Dogs receiving a blue must move up to the next level.

21. **Agility (Excellent)** – For dogs who have received a blue award in the Open Level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Excellent title (or equivalent – NADAC, ISDAA, etc.) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. Dogs who have titled or received a blue ribbon in this class may compete FEO (FOR EXHIBITION ONLY). Dogs wishing to compete for a premium who have earned either a blue ribbon in this class or their Agility Excellent (AX) title must move up to Agility Masters.

22. **Agility (Masters)** – For dogs titled in Agility Excellent or received a blue in the Excellent class.

23. **Fun Obedience:** Fun with dog.

DOG GROOMING & HANDLING CLASSES

Awards:
G&H B Grand Champion- Rosette & Award
G&H B Reserve Grand Champion- Rosette
Cloverbud- Rosette

Entries for Grooming & Handling must be on the entry form.
"60 Day Rule" applies.
General Guidelines for Grooming and Handling Classes:

1. One entry per handler in Grooming and Handling. 4-H'er can NOT enter multiple Grooming & Handling classes. Handler would be competing against themselves.
2. The Appearance of the animal (Grooming) will count for 45 points and the Showing (Handling) of the animal will account for 45 points. Knowledge of the handler (appropriate to class level) will account for 10 points. Maximum possible score will be 100 points. Ties are broken based upon handling skills and knowledge of the handler.
3. If a dog defecates or eliminates in the ring during Grooming and Handling, they will lose 15 points per occurrence.
4. If a 4-Her is also entered in one or more obedience classes, he/she should notify one of the ring stewards in the obedience class(es) that he/she is also entered in Grooming and Handling and note which ring. Where possible, 4-Her's should participate in their Grooming and Handling class as scheduled. The individual exercises of the obedience classes require only one 4-Her and his/her dog at a time so it is easier to pick up an obedience class later than it is to group 8 or more handlers together for a Grooming and Handling class. Discrete use of bait (food, toy, etc.) will be allowed in Grooming and Handling classes but it is not mandatory. Inappropriate baiting will be severely penalized.
5. Dogs must be shown by the 4-H member who did the grooming. The same dog may not be shown twice.
6. Gaiting patterns:
    - Dogs should be moved at a trot.
    - How smoothly a pattern is performed is more important than the actual mechanics of it (i.e., which hand switched where). 4-Her's should strive to keep their dogs between themselves and the judge where possible.
    - 4-Her's in all divisions (A, B, C) will be expected to be able to gait their dog in a circle, a triangle and in a straight line. The straight line may be on a diagonal of the ring or parallel to a side of the ring (ex., judge may ask handler to gait their dog "straight up and back")
    - 4-Her's in Grooming and Handling divisions B and C will additionally be expected to be able to gait their dogs in an L pattern and also in a straight line paired with another 4-H'er and his/her dog.
    - In any division (A, B, C), the judge will ask the 4-H'er's questions about their dogs. In the A division, basic questions such as "How old is your dog?", "What breed/breeds is your dog?", etc. may be asked to familiarize the 4-Her with being asked a question and responding. In the B division, more difficult questions may be asked (ex., parts of the dog, breed specific questions, etc.)

Awards:
Classes 24 – 30
Blue $5.00 Red $4.00 White $3.00

Class #

24. Grooming & Handling **Cloverbud:** For 4-H'ers who are age 7 years of age who are ready to exhibit their work, and to gain feedback from the judges. This class is only for Cloverbuds.

25. Grooming & Handling A **Junior**: For 4-H'ers who are ages **8-13** years of age who are competing for the first time in Grooming and Handling at the Erie County Fair not as a cloverbud, unless the Handler has qualified for the Open Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC show. **Handlers who receive a red or white ribbon rating at Erie County 4-H show may compete at this level the second year.**

26. Grooming & Handling A **Senior**: For 4-H'ers who are ages **14-18** years of age as of January 1, who are competing for the first time in Grooming and Handling at the Erie County Fair 4-H show, unless the Handler has qualified for the Open Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC show. **Handlers who receive a red or white ribbon rating at Erie County Fair 4-H Show may compete at this level the second year.**

27. Grooming & Handling B **Junior** – For 4-H'ers **8-13** years of age as of January 1, and have previously competed in Grooming and Handling at Erie County Fair 4-H show, and received a blue in A or spent 2 years in A, and/or have qualified for the open class of Junior Showmanship of AKC.

28. Grooming & Handling B **Senior** – For 4-Her's **14-18** years of age as of January 1 and have previously competed in Grooming and Handling at the Erie County Fair 4-H show and received a blue in A or spent 2 years in A, and/or have qualified for the open class of Junior Showmanship of AKC.

29. Grooming and Handling C **Junior** – For 4-H'ers **8-13** years of age as of January 1 who have previously been a Grooming and Handling B Champion and/or have qualified for the Open Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC show (or the equivalent), even if it is their first year.

30. Grooming and Handling C **Senior** – For 4-H'ers **14-18** years of age as of January 1 who have previously been a Grooming and Handling B Champion and/or have qualified for the Open Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC show (or the equivalent), even if it is their first year.

**There will be no Best In Show class as it is not offered at the state level contest.
A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen from the Grooming & Handling B class. This may be from either Jr. or Sr., and the judge may call anyone from those classes back to make a final decision.

Rally

Awards:
High Score Rally- On Leash- Rosette & Award
High Score Rally- Off Leash- Rosette & Award
Cloverbud- Rosette

Rally rules:

1. In general, American Kennel Club (AKC) rules will be used for rally obedience class evaluation. Mixed parentage dogs are welcome.
2. The obedience regulations & rules applying to dog shows, where applicable, shall apply to all persons and dogs, except as otherwise provided
3. All dogs shall be shown in a flat buckle, snap collar or plain harness.
4. Food will not be permitted in the ring.
5. A copy of the course will be posted at the announcers stand and a copy will be provided to each competitor.
6. Competitors shall be provided with a 15-minute period to walk the course (without dogs) and ask the judge questions.
7. There will be a maximum time of three (3) minutes per handler/dog team. Anyone with special needs should notify the superintendent at time of entry.
8. Dogs may be shown in only one level of rally obedience.
9. If a dog defecates or eliminates in the ring during rally, they will lose 15 points per occurrence.
10. Times will be used only to break a tie for grand or reserve.
11. Rally jump heights –dog measured to the withers: under 10" –jump 4"; 10" and under 15" –jump 8", 15" to less than 20" = jump 12" & 20" and above – jump 16".

Scoring: shall generally follow AKC guidelines.

Awards: classes 31-37
Blue $5.00 Red $4.00 White $3.00

Class #

31. Rally Cloverbud: For 4-H'ers who are age 7 years of age who are ready to exhibit their work, and to gain feedback from the judges. This class is **only** for Cloverbuds. The course shall be the same as the Rally Novice A course.

32. Rally Novice A: Course shall consist of 10-15 stations plus a start & finish sign. This course is open to dogs at all levels of obedience. Rally novice will be performed on a leash. Dogs receiving blue ribbons must move up to the next level or to rally b. Dogs who have received a rally novice (RN) title (or the equivalent r1, etc.) Unless earned within 60 days of the show must move to Rally Intermediate.

33. Rally Novice B: For dogs who are not yet ready for rally advanced but who received a blue ribbon in the previous year. Class description is the same as rally novice a. This class is available only once. No matter what ribbon is received, the dog must move to Rally Intermediate in the next year.

34. Rally Intermediate – Will be Rally Advanced course performed ON leash. No jump. No dogs previously shown in rally Advanced eligible. Dogs who have received a blue ribbon in this class or a Rally Intermediate (RI) title (or the equivalent) unless earned within 60 days of the show are not eligible**.**

35. Rally Advanced: Course shall consist of 12 –17 exercise stations plus a start & finish sign rally advanced course shall be performed with the dog off leash. All dogs must be working at the graduate beginner level to be training/working/showing in this class. Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off leash exercise to show that they belong in rally advanced. Beginner a & b obedience dogs are not eligible. Dogs who have received a blue ribbon or a Rally Advanced (RA) title (or the equivalent) unless earned within 60 days of the show must move to Rally Excellent.

36. Rally Excellent: Course shall consist of 15 –20 stations plus a start & finish sign with no more than 7 stationary exercises. All dogs must be working at the graduate beginner level to be training/working/showing in this class. Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off leash exercise to show that they belong in rally excellent. Beginner A & B obedience dogs are not eligible. All exercises shall be performed off leash except the honor exercise. Dogs who have received a blue ribbon or Rally Excellent (RE) title (or the equivalent) unless earned within 60 days of the show may participate ***only*** with permission from the 4-H dog show superintendent.

37. Rally Masters –Course shall consist of 17-20 stations plus a start and finish sign. Signs used will include signs from **all** levels of rally plus new masters signs. Open to Rally Excellent Grand Champions and AKC Excellent dogs with RAE titles.

CLASS #38
The Erie County Fair Dog Dressing Contest
Sunday, August 23, 2020
Judging to take place in the Showplex
Open to all 4-H Exhibitors in the Fair
Prizes will be awarded to the best-costumed dog/handler team

Jr.	**Sr.**
Exhibitors 13 years old & younger	**Exhibitors 14 years old & older**
1st place - $15.00	1st place - $15.00
2nd place - $10.00	2nd place - $10.00
3rd place - $5.00	3rd place - $5.00
4th place - $5.00	4th place - $5.00

For further information call 652-5400, ext. 132

Reminders for Dog Dressing:

- Costumes should be made **by the exhibitor.**
- Extra points will be awarded if the 4-H fair theme is used.

2020 Fair Theme: