MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2019

Dogs

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR – Peter Vole
AREA SUPERINTENDENT – Patty Martin

SCHEDULE

Dog Registration: Registration Packets for this area can be obtained on the fair web-site at Manateecountyfair.com. All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and brought to the Super Check-In on October 6, 2018 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. The Super Check-In will begin at 9 AM and close at 12 PM. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification. Exhibitors must bring at least one parent to the check-in. *Do not bring your animals to the Super Check-In.*

Mandatory Meeting: January 5, 2019 Haley Room near 4-H Office

DOG RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each handler must have worked with the dog he/she is showing for a minimum of 60 days.

2. All dogs must be free of parasites and licensed per Manatee County and Florida State Guidelines. Proof of the licenses must be submitted on or before the mandatory check-in to show at the Manatee County Fair.

3. Dogs may be pure-bred or mixed-bred and dogs must be at least 6 months of age by January 1, 2019 to compete in Obedience and Showmanship and 18 months of age for Agility.

4. Handlers may enter in only one showmanship class.

5. Basic and Sub-Novice Obedience dogs must be shown on 6 foot leads. Dogs may show in obedience only on metal or nylon training collars, martingale collars or flat collars. Dogs may show in agility only on martingale or flat collars.

6. Any female dog in season or any dog that is injured will not be permitted to compete.

7. If a pre-registered dog is unable to compete, a replacement may be used providing that the dog has also been worked with by the handler. This replacement must be entered in a class appropriate to its training regardless of the class the pre- registered dog was entered.

8. Dogs must be kept on leash, except during classes that require otherwise.

9. Owners are responsible for their dogs behavior at all times. A misbehaving dog may be excluded from participation. Any dog that bites anyone at any time while at the show will be excluded from participation.

10. Dogs must remain at the livestock arena at all times. At no time will dogs be permitted on midway.

11. Obedience Classes will be held according to AKC Obedience Regulations as modified by the 4-H.

12. Showmanship will be scored according to the breakdown of points listed under the class description.

13. Agility classes will be scored similar to AKC /USDAA Junior Handler Agility Rules. Dogs may be entered in only one agility class.

14. All entries must be made through pre-registration. Registration form will be available from a designated Fair representative.

15. Classes may be divided if entries warrant. (Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors)

16. **Mandatory Meeting: January 5, 2019 Haley Room at the Fairgrounds**

17. Trophies, ribbons and premiums will be awarded for each class.

18. A high combined score trophy will be awarded for highest combined scores from Agility, Showmanship and Obedience for both Junior (8-12), Intermediate (11-13) Senior (13-up) age divisions.

19. No dogs are to be left unattended in cars. Any dog found unattended will be removed at its owner's expense.

20. Owners are responsible for picking up after their dog. There will be a designated exercise area available for use.

21. Practice will not be allowed in the show rings before, during or after show.

CLASSES

SHOWMANSHIP:
Handlers will be judged on their preparation and presentation of their dog - grooming, posing and gaiting. Mixed-bred dogs will be judged according to grooming specifications of the breed they closest resemble.

1. **BASIC** - Beginning handler and beginning dog in their first year of showing.

2. **INTERMEDIATE -** Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog. Handlers who have shown for one or more years.

3. **ADVANCED -** Handlers who have shown in Showmanship at AKC dog shows for more than one year, or who have won first place in any intermediate class at any previous 4-H Dog Shows.

Scoring for Showmanship will be as follows:

SCORED ON	MAX POINTS
General appearance of Dog & Handler	50
Set Up and Presentation	50
Gaiting and Presentation	50
Attitude of Handler	40
Anatomy and Breed Knowledge	10
Total	200

OBEDIENCE:

Handlers and dogs will be judged according to AKC Obedience Regulations as modified by the 4-H.

4. **BASIC -** Beginning handlers and beginning dog in their first year of showing. Dogs to be shown on a six foot lead. Dogs who have not yet completed Novice work.

5. **SUBNOVICE A** - Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog. Handlers who have shown for one or more years. Dogs to be on a six foot lead. Dogs who have not yet completed Novice work.

6. **SUBNOVICE B** - Handlers showing dogs who have competed at AKC trials for more than one year or who have won first place in any Sub novice A class at any previous 4-H show. Dogs to be shown on a six foot lead. Dogs who have not yet completed Novice work.

Exercises for Basic and Sub-Novice

INDIVIDUAL: Heeling and Figure 8, Stand for Examination, Recall (all on lead).

GROUP: Long Sit for 1 minute, Long Down for 3 minutes (both on lead).
DOG RULES – continued

7. NOVICE A - Handlers and dogs ready to compete in voice exercises, except dogs with obedience titles OR handlers who have won first place in NOVICE A at any previous 4-H or Open Youth Dog Show.

8. NOVICE B - Handlers showing dogs who have earned AKC Companion Dog titles. Handlers who have won first place in NOVICE A at any previous 4-H or Open Youth Dog Show.

EXERCISES FOR NOVICE A and NOVICE B

I**NDIVIDUAL:** Heeling On Lead and Figure 8, Off Lead Stand for Examination, Heeling Off Lead, Off Lead Recall.

GROUP: Long Sit Off Lead for 1 minute, Long Down Off Lead 3 minutes.

9. GRADUATE - NOVICE - For handlers and dogs who are ready to compete in graduate novice exercises and have not yet qualified in Open.

EXERCISES FOR GRADUATE - NOVICE:
INDIVIDUAL: Open Heel Free and Figure-8, Novice Moving Stand and Examination, Moving Drop on Recall, Dumbbell Recall, Recall Over Broad Jump.

GROUP: Long Down for 3 minutes with handler out of sight.

10. OPEN - For handlers and dogs who are ready to compete in open exercises and who have not yet qualified in UTILITY.

EXERCISES FOR OPEN:

INDIVIDUAL: Heel Free and Figure 8, Off Lead Stand for Examination, Drop on Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump.

GROUP: Long Sit for 3 minutes and Long Down for 5 minutes with handler out of sight.

11. UTILITY - For handlers and dogs ready to Compete in Utility work.

EXERCISES FOR UTILITY:

Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Examination, Directed Jumping.

12. BRACE - Dogs do not have to be of the same breed, but should be similar in size. Dogs may have different owners. Class will be judged using graduate - beginners exercise as outlined in the 4-H Obedience Manual.

13. TEAM - Four handlers and dogs working simultaneously. Exercises same as for Brace.

AGILITY

Open to handlers and dogs with agility training. Judging will be according to AKC/USDAA Junior Handler regulations as modified by the 4-H and will be out of 200 points. Obstacles will include the following: A-Frame, dog walk, open and closed tunnels, pause table, bar jumps. DOGS MUST WEAR FLAT COLLARS (Buckle/Snap or Martingale). Handlers may NOT jump with their dogs. A contact obstacle familiarization with dogs will be permitted before competition begins for the On-Lead class. A handler walk-through will be allowed for both the On-Lead and Off-Lead classes.

Agility classes will be divided into the following jump height divisions:

Dogs Measuring	Jump Height
10" and under	8"
over 10" & up to 14"	12"
over 14" & up to 18"	16"
over 18" & up to 22"	20"
over 22"	24"

A dog's height is measured from the ground to its withers. Each dog's height will be verified at check-in. Dogs may enter a lower height for exhibition only.

14. **ON-LEAD AGILITY** – Dogs compete on-lead over the obstacle course.

15. **OFF-LEAD AGILITY** – Dogs compete off-lead over the obstacle course.

QUESTIONS

If you have a question about your entry into the Manatee County Fair, please follow the chain-of-command as listed below:

1st – contact your **CLUB LEADER**; if they are unable to answer your question, then

2nd – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT – Dogs, Patty Martin at 941-722-7800.**

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR – Dogs, Peter Vole at 941-722-1639.**