



MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2019

Dogs

**FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR – Peter Vole
AREA SUPERINTENDENT – Patty Martin**

On-line Registration will be from September 15- November 15 2019 on the fair web-site at Manateecountyfair.com.

Please remember to have every item on the registration complete.

Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

**The Mandatory Dog meeting will be held at 6 PM on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020
Haley Room near 4-H Office.**

Exhibitors must bring at least one parent or Guardian to the mandatory meeting.

Do not bring your animals to the Mandatory Dog Meeting.

SCHEDULE:

On-line Registration- September 15- November 15 2019
Mandatory Dog meeting- Tuesday January 7th, 2020 Haley Room
Fair check-in- Monday January 20, 2020 10:00 AM Entertainment tent
Dog Show- Monday January 20, 2020 12:00 PM Entertainment tent
Dairy, Swine and Horse Judging- Saturday January 18th
(registration- 7:30 AM Judging begins promptly at 8:00 AM)
Beef Breeding, Steer, and Goat Judging-Saturday January 25th
(registration- 7:30 AM Judging begins promptly at 8:00 AM)
Awards Ceremony- Saturday January 25, 2020 7pm in Mosaic Arena

DOG RULES

1. All exhibitors must be a ***bona fide*** member of a Manatee County 4-H Specialty Club or FFA Chapter. No one who has graduated from High School will be eligible to show. All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must attend a Manatee County Public School or reside in Manatee County. Home Schooled Exhibitors must live in Manatee County. **All Exhibitors at the Manatee County Fair must have completed one class of ethics training before being allowed to show. There will be an Ethics Training Class administered on October 19th at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be required to sign up for the class at the following site when it is available.**

<http://www.floridastatefairag.com/pdffiles/live-et...>

2. No exhibition of Dogs by anyone less than 8 years of age (as of September 1) will be allowed.
3. A parent or legal guardian must complete all required documentation. The Manatee River Fair Board encourages parents to be involved in their child's 4-H and FFA Projects.
4. A signed release of liability form prepared by the Fair Association must be presented before animals are accepted at the Fair.
5. All exhibitors must be in good standing with their respective clubs to exhibit at the Manatee County Fair. All exhibitors will show in the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in which they registered their Dog at their respective check-in event.
6. Each exhibitor assumes all liability in case of death or injury to his/her animal.
7. All Exhibitors must wear closed-toe and heel shoes (such as tennis shoes, boots, etc) on Fairgrounds property, including the initial check-in and continuing forward.
8. All record books must be up to date and checked in to the designated committee at time of animal registration at the Fair. An up to date record book is required on ALL Dogs that were registered at the initial check-in, whether that Dog made it to the fair or not. A committee of fair representatives will check in record books. Record Books are required to be turned in at the final check in for the exhibitor to be eligible to show the next year in the Manatee County Fair.

9. All exhibitors must present a copy of the dog(s) shot records including a rabies certificate or titters certificate issued by their veterinarian at or before the mandatory meeting. It is recommended that all dogs also have DAPP and Bortatella vaccines for their protection.
10. Upon disqualification, pursuant to Paragraphs No. 9 the dog(s) shall immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.

DOG RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each handler must have worked with the dog he/she is showing for a minimum of 60 days. Youth exhibitors are expected to handle, train, work or groom his/ her dog while on the grounds of the Manatee County Fair. Violations of this rule could result in disqualification.
2. All dogs must be in good health, free of parasites and licensed per Manatee County and Florida State Guidelines. Proof of the licenses must be submitted on or before the mandatory meeting 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, 2020 to compete in Obedience and Showmanship and 15 months of age for Agility.
4. Handlers may enter in only one showmanship class.
5. A six-foot leash is required for all Obedience and Agility classes below Novice level. In Obedience, appropriate collars include choke and nylon training, buckle collar and martingale style. Any style of pinch collars are not allowed. In agility, the only acceptable collar is a flat buckle collar. Off lead dogs may also run with no collar.
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 (dog is injured or goes into heat, etc), you must contact Patty Martin (941-720-4731) right away. A replacement may be approved, provided, 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 performances that require unrestricted movement. Only one collar may be worn at a time and no tags or attachments are allowed.

9. Each owner/ handler is liable and responsible for their dogs behavior at all times. A misbehaving dog may be excluded from participation. ANY DOG EXHIBITING ACTS OF AGGRESSION WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION and must remain crated until the end of the show.
10. Dogs must remain at the Entertainment tent at all times. At no time will dogs be permitted on the midway or in livestock barns/ arena.
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 online registration.
15. Classes may be divided or combined if entries warrant. (Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors)
16. **Mandatory Meeting: January 7th 2020 6 PM 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 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 the show.
22. All decisions of the judge are final.
23. Attire: All exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat.
No caps or hats.

Closed-toe and heel shoes or boots are required.
Showmanship: dressy, church, or business like attire that compliments your dogs color.
Obedience and agility: shorts, jeans, t-shirts, etc.

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. Appropriate showmanship attire and show lead required.

1. **BASIC** - Beginning handler and beginning dog in their first year of showing. All participants, whether they place or do not place must move to Novice class during their second year of showing.
2. **NOVICE**- Experienced handler with basic dog or basic handler with experienced dog or handlers who have shown for one or more years with NO conformation titles.
3. **ADVANCED** – Experienced handlers who have shown in novice showmanship at AKC, UKC, etc dog shows for more than one year, or who have won first place in any novice class at any previous 4-H Dog Shows.

Scoring for Showmanship will be as follows:

<u>SCORED ON</u>	<u>MAX POINTS</u>
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 leash. 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).

7. NOVICE A - Handlers and dogs ready to compete in novice 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

INDIVIDUAL: 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:

For more details on the open obedience classes, you can visit AKC website at <http://www.akc.org/rules>

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 BUCKLE COLLAR

Handlers may NOT jump with their dogs.

Dogs WITHOUT FORMAL AGILITY TRAINING or dogs unfamiliar with obstacles SHOULD NOT be entered.

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.

On-lead agility classes, a loose leash must be maintained at all times. Judges will deduct points each time the leash is tightened, and a major deduction will be taken for constant tight leash.

Dogs will be allowed 3 refusals. Points will be taken for each refusal, after three refusals the maximum points off will be taken and the exhibitor will be instructed to “move on” to the next obstacle.

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

<u>Dogs Measuring</u>	<u>Jump Height</u>
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.

Manatee County Fair Web-Site

The Manatee County Fair has its own web page!! If you lose your rule book please go to www.manateecountyfair.com and you can print these items right off the site. Please check the web page periodically to see if there are any updates that pertain to your livestock area. Registration paperwork for all animal areas is located on the Fair web-site.

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 941-720-4731.

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