

DOG AGILITY

Superintendent: TBA

2008 4-H Dog Agility Competition Rules

COMPLETED AGILITY RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY 5:00 P.M. ON JULY 1st! STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO COMPLETE AND TURN IN THE RECORD BOOK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE DURING FAIR AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENROLL IN THE PROJECT NEXT YEAR!

The Agility Competition at the fairgrounds will be held at Mesa County Fairgrounds on Thursday, July 24, 2008 at 7:00pm.

All participants are asked to arrive and help with set up by 6:00 pm.

General Rules

Each participant should bring a dog crate, or some other means to control their dog while they are walking the course. They should also bring a leash, water and a bowl for their dogs, poop bags, some form of shade for their dog's crate (a towel or sheet or some other cover, that allows for air to circulate), treats if desired, and a drink for themselves. It is also advised to bring chairs and shade if you have them.

This event will be run similarly to an AKC Dog Agility Competition. There will be placements awarded. All 4-H Dog Agility Enrollees MUST participate because this competition is part of the required project.

Keep in mind that there are a lot of new scents and sights for your dog. Allow them to have some time to sniff and become acclimated to their surroundings. Keep a tight hold of your leash as there are many animals there and your normally docile controlled dog may become excited in this new environment.

Have fun. Eagerly show what you have learned, don't worry, people love what they see and they will cheer and clap whether you do it right or not. Love your dog no matter what he does. He has worked hard for you all year and you have both had a lot of fun!

You are responsible for you and your dog's behavior. Harsh treatment of your dog will not be tolerated. It will result in temporary or permanent removal or participation. Remember this needs to be fun for the dogs, too.

Entrants in the agility competition will have a chance to walk the course without their dogs before any participant runs with their dog. The judge may combine the 4-H and Recreational (Open) walk through to save time if there are limited numbers in either class.

Rules for the Competition Runs

4-H member's dogs must be at least one year old to run.

4-H members must run the dog they have trained in 4-H agility to be able to run in the 4-H competition. Participants must have attended 15 out of 20 training sessions. This will insure that you and your dog have received enough training to be prepared for the competition.

The agility course will roughly follow AKC rules and guidelines. We will do a Standard Agility course for 4-H participants followed by Recreational Class (Open Class) Standard Agility course. Then, we will do JWW for 4-H, followed by Recreational Class (Open Class) as time allows.

Each level, Novice, Open and Excellent will have a course appropriate to that level. Participants will be judged by their standings in formal competitions previously attended (If participant has never competed in a formal agility trial or has not titled a dog they will compete at the Novice level).

There will be a Sub-Novice level for dogs running on leash, where their owner feels there is a danger of the dog wandering off the course. Spotters will be provided for the safety of the dogs on leash. Sub-Novice will run the Novice level course, but will be judged separately, due to the limitation that the leash imposes.

Dogs will run one at a time from small to tall. There will be a judge on the course.

Participants must be on the start line ready to go when it is their turn or they will be skipped from that round of competition.

Dogs must be on leash or confined at all times except when they are running their course. Also, participant must have their dog under control and back on leash at the conclusion of their course run.

The competition will consist of One Standard and One Jumpers with Weaves course. After which as daylight allows, we will continue to run our dogs in a demonstration format that will not be counted as part of the competition. As the sun sets, all students will help to break down the equipment and pack it into the trailer for transportation.

The judge may ask any participant or dog to leave the course if she feels that the handler, dog, or crowd is unsafe or unfamiliar with the equipment. This may be a temporary or permanent removal at the discretion of the judge. Aggressive dogs may be asked to leave by the judge.