

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY FAIR 2026

4-H DOG

Superintendent: Debra Buddish and Amy Parsons

Exhibit Judging: Pre-Fair Event; Saturday, July 18th; 9am; East End Administration Building

The purpose of the Leavenworth County Fair Dog Show is to provide an opportunity for Kansas 4-H members to demonstrate the proficiency of the dogs they have personally trained and groomed in their 4-H project. The different classes being judged are showmanship, obedience, agility, and rally obedience.

Rules

1. Read General Rules. Violation of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record (only MG-34 Revised, October 2017 is accepted) must be completed for each dog entered in the 4-H Dog Show. The record may be printed on any color paper. Originals or photocopies are acceptable. Required vaccinations include: Bordetella, Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza, and Rabies. The rabies vaccination must be administered by a licensed veterinarian. All vaccinations must be current.
3. Any abuse of dogs or unethical behaviors will result in disqualification.
4. Dogs in season will not be allowed to show in showmanship, obedience, agility or rally obedience.
5. A well-fitting collar of leather, chain, or fabric is to be used for Obedience and Rally Obedience; for Agility, a buckle or snap collar; for Showmanship, a show lead that serves as both collar and lead or a fine link chain collar, a "snake" chain or a fabric slip collar with a narrow, lightweight fabric or leather lead. No spiked, pinch, special training collars, and hanging objects from collars are allowed. Leads for Pre-agility must be long enough to allow free movement without interfering with the obstacles. Must use 6 ft. lead for Rally Level 1 Obedience.
6. In obedience classes, entries may be in a higher classification but cannot regress past prior accomplishments. For example, if dog handler team is showing in graduate novice, they cannot regress back to novice.
7. Any dog fouling the ring will be an automatic white ribbon.
8. Baiting dogs is not allowed.
9. Arm bands will be issued at check-in prior to the show and will be worn on the left arm of the exhibitor.
10. No mobile phones and/or other electronic devices are allowed in the ring.
11. Showmanship, Obedience, Rally Obedience and Agility classes will follow current Rule Book guidelines for Kansas 4-H Dog Shows.
12. In order to be eligible for agility classes, the dog must have completed sub-novice obedience training requirements and be exhibited in an obedience class or rally obedience class at any Kansas county dog show in the current year. Must show proof of signed score sheet if the dog show is other than the Leavenworth County Fair dog show. State Fair rules will be followed in regard to agility level qualifications.

13. Handler may enter only one dog per class with exception of agility and rally obedience classes.
14. In rally obedience, entries may be in a higher classification, but cannot regress past prior accomplishments. For example, if a dog shows in Rally II, the same dog cannot regress to show in Rally I.
15. In agility, entries may be in a higher classification, but cannot regress past prior accomplishments. For example, if a dog shows in Agility II, the same dog cannot regress to show in Agility I.
16. Showmanship entries will be judged on fitting of the dog: clean and well brushed, tone and condition of coat, healthy appearance, teeth, toenails, and eyes. Handler will be judged on alertness, grace, and ease, coordination with dog and reaction of dog to handler with straight and even gait and movement of dog.
17. Educational exhibits under the dog project are created for a 4-Her to design a poster to demonstrate his/her knowledge on a topic related to dog care or training and to promote the dog care and training project. Only posters will be accepted. Trifold boards will not be allowed due to display space.
 - a. Posters should be standard poster board size (22" by 28")
 - b. Posters must be able to be hung.
 - c. Posters will be judged using the following guidelines.
 - i. Appearance 20 pts.
 - ii. Information 60 pts.
 - iii. Lettering 20 pts
 - d. Exhibitor should attach fair entry tag to the poster
 - e. One poster per exhibitor. One exhibitor per poster.
 - f. Poster exhibits will be accepted at check in of Leavenworth County Fair Dog Show and judged that day.
 - g. Champion posters will remain on display during the fair week hung on the Agility Cage.
 - h. Same classes as showmanship for age.

CLASSES -

Showmanship

3590: Pre-Junior Showmanship, 4-H members 7-8 years old (Not a State Fair Class)

3600: Junior Showmanship, 4-H members 9 - 11 years old

3602: Intermediate Showmanship, 4-H members 12 - 14 years old

3605: Senior Showmanship, 4-H members 15 and older

Obedience

3608: Sub-Novice A - First time exhibitor with inexperienced dog. Not a State Fair class.

3609: Sub-Novice B - Experienced handler with beginner dog. Not a State Fair class

Heel on leash and figure 8
Stand for exam (on lead)
Recall (on lead)
Long sit (1 minute, on lead)
Long down (3 minutes, on lead)

3610: Novice

Heel on leash and figure 8
Stand for exam (off leash)
Heel of leash
Recall
Long sit (1 minute)
Long down (3 minutes)

3615: Graduate Novice

Heel on leash
Stand for exam (off leash)
Heel free and figure 8
Drop on recall
Long sit (3 minutes, out of sight)
Long down (5 minutes, out of sight)

3620: Open A

Heel free and figure 8
Drop on recall
Retrieve on flat
Broad jump
Long sit (3 minutes, out of sight)
Long down (5 minutes, out of sight)

3625: Open B

Heel free and figure 8
Drop on recall
Retrieve on flat
Retrieve over high jump
Broad jump
Long sit (3 minutes, out of sight)
Long down (5 minutes, out of sight)

3630: Utility A

Hand Signals
Article 1 (scent discrimination)
Article 2 (scent discrimination)
Retrieve over high jump
Broad jump

Long sit (3 minutes, out of sight)
Long down (5 minutes, out of sight)

3635: Utility

Hand signals
Article 1 (scent discrimination)
Article 2 (scent discrimination)
Directed retrieve
Directed jumping
Moving stand to examination (3 min.)

Rally Obedience

3644: Rally Obedience I - Done on-lead. Not a State Fair Class

3645: Rally Obedience II - Done off-lead.

3646: Rally Obedience III - Done off-lead.

Agility

3650: Pre-Agility - Dogs must be at least 12 months of age. Beginner handler and beginner dog. Done on-lead. Not a State Fair Class

Large Dogs - more than 20" at the withers
Medium Dogs - 15-20" at the withers
Small Dog - under 15 inches at the withers

3651: Agility - Dogs must be at least 12 months of age. Done off-lead.

Large Dogs - more than 20" at the withers
Medium Dogs - 15-20" at the withers
Small Dog - under 15 inches at the withers

3652: Agility II - Dogs must be at least 12 months of age. Done off-lead.

Large Dogs - more than 20" at the withers
Medium Dogs - 15-20" at the withers
Small Dog - under 15 inches at the withers

3653: Agility III - Dogs must be at least 12 months of age. Done off-lead.

Large Dogs - more than 20" at the withers
Medium Dogs - 15-20" at the withers
Small Dog - under 15 inches at the withers

Educational Exhibit (Poster only) (Not a State Fair Class)