

San Diego County 4H Dog Project Guidelines

INTRODUCTION

An explanation of show rules and procedures is contained in this book. Shows and the ribbons & trophies are to help the member see how well their dog can perform the exercises in a distracting atmosphere under a judge. The competitive aspect should not be emphasized over the individual's ability to handle the dog. Personal goals should be encouraged-improving the score from one show to the next and reaching the next level by receiving a qualifying scores.

OBEDIENCE

BEGINNING OBEDIENCE GOALS

The following is an outline of obedience exercises a 4H member should learn during the first year in the project. The member and dog will be judged on these exercises in dog show competition with his/her first dog.

BEGINNING NOVICE A

For the first year member with a dog they have started to train. If a member receives three qualifying scores, they move to Novice A. If, during their first year of showing they do **not** receive three qualifying scores, they move to Beginning Novice B. Qualifying scores from Beginning Novice A carry over into the next year. Thus, any combination of three qualifying scores from A & B will move the member to Novice).

BEGINNING NOVICE B

For experienced handlers with experienced and/or inexperienced dogs. Examples:

1. A member whose dog has not received three qualifying scores in Beginning Novice A during the first year or
2. A member who has trained a dog previously & starting with a new dog

SCORING FOR BEGINNING NOVICE A & B

A qualifying score will be a score of 130 points or more with more than half of the points in each exercise. Three qualifying scores are required to move to the Novice class.

1. Heel on Leash and Figure 8 40 Points
2. Stand for Examination 30 Points
3. Recall and Finish 30 Points
4. Long Sit (1 minute) 30 Points
5. Long Down (3 minutes) 30 Points

MAXIMUM 160 Points

Qualifying..... 130 Points

EXPLANATION OF THE FIVE EXERCISES

All exercises in Beginning Novice are on leash. The leash must be six feet in length. Flat collars or training collars are acceptable. Training collars shall be 'choke' style in either chain or nylon. No pinch collars shall be allowed when competing for points.

1 HEEL ON LEASH AND FIGURE 8

Dog will walk at handler's side in whatever direction the judge commands. Dog will walk on handler's left side and sit when handler stops. The pattern shall be the same for each handler and will include changes of pace, left and right turns, and about

turns. The Figure 8 shall be a pattern of a figure eight around two posts (people) about 8 feet apart. The handler shall enter the ring with his dog on a loose leash and shall stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge asks if the handler is ready and then gives the command "forward." The handler may give the command or signal to heel, and shall start walking briskly, with the dog on a loose leash. The importance of a slack leash cannot be over stressed during practice and showing. The dog shall walk close to the left side of the handler without crowding, permitting the handler freedom of motion at all times. At each order to "halt" the handler will stop within two steps, the dog shall sit straight and smartly in the heel position without additional command or signal, and shall not move until the handler again moves forward on order from the judge. It is permissible after each halt, before moving again, for the handler to give the command or signal to heel. The leash may be held in either hand, at the handler's option, provided the hands are in a natural position. However, the handler and dog will be penalized if, in the judge's opinion, the leash is used to signal the dog or give assistance.

2 STAND FOR EXAMINATION

Handler will stand dog in a comfortable position, give the dog a "stay" command and walk to the end of the leash. Judge will examine dog to determine if dog remains in position. When instructed to "return to your dog," the handler will return to the heel position on the dog's right side and remain there, without the dog moving, until judge says, "Exercise finished."

3 RECALL AND FINISH

Dog is in a sit position. When instructed, the handler will give a "stay" command and go to the end of leash. On judge's command, handler will call "Dog's Name, come" and the dog will come to handler and sit in front of handler. When instructed, "Finish," the handler will command the dog to heel, and the dog will go to left side of handler and sit. (Exception: A guide dog's finish will be in accordance with guide dog regulations, finish is included in command "come." At no time does the dog stop until in the heel position.)

4 & 5 LONG SIT AND DOWN

These exercises are executed together with up to ten handlers. All dogs will return to the ring with handlers and line up in the proper order, as directed by the ring steward. The one minute sit will be done and then the three minute down. Handlers will give the stay command on each exercise, walk to the end of the leash and stay there until instructed "Return to your dogs." Handlers will then return around and behind the dog to the heel position, and wait until the judge says "Exercise finished." Dogs are to remain in proper position without getting up until each exercise is executed.

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE GOALS: Novice

The following is an outline of obedience exercises a 4-H member should learn after graduating from beginning novice. The handler and dog will be judged on these exercises in dog show competition.

NOVICE A

Handlers show in this class until receiving three qualifying scores on one dog. Qualifying scores from Novice A carry over into the next year. Thus, any combination of three qualifying scores will move the member to Graduate Novice.

NOVICE B

Class is for handlers who have received three qualifying scores in Novice A on one dog & handling their next dog.

A 4H member who, with their project dog, is actively competing or has earned at least one leg toward an AKC (or other qualified competition venue) Companion Dog (or its equivalent) title, may compete in the Novice classes without first competing in the Beginning Novice Classes.

SCORING FOR NOVICE CLASS (A & B)

1. Heel on Leash and Figure 8	40 Points
2. Stand for Examination	30 Points
3. Heel off leash	40 Points
4. Recall and Finish	30 Points
5. Long Sit (1 minute)	30 Points
6. Long Down (3 minutes)	30 Points
MAXIMUM	200 Points
Qualifying	170 Points

A qualifying score will be a score of 170 points or better with at least one-half of the points in each exercise. A member shows in Novice A until receiving three qualifying scores (and moves to Graduate Novice). Novice B is for members who have previously received three qualifying scores on a dog in Novice A.

EXPLANATION OF THE SIX EXERCISES

1 HEEL ON LEASH AND FIGURE 8

Dog will walk at handler's side in whatever direction the judge commands. Dog will walk on handler's left side and sit when handler stops. Any tightening or jerking of the leash or any act, signal, or command which in the opinion of the judge gives the dog assistance shall be penalized. The judge will give the orders "forward," "halt," "right turn," "left turn," "about turn," "slow," "normal" and "fast." (These last three orders signify that both the handler and dog must change pace and move forward at noticeably accelerated or decelerated speed.) These orders may be given in any sequence and may be repeated if necessary. In executing the about turn, the handler will do a right about turn in all cases. The judge will say "Exercise finished," after the heeling. Then the judge shall say "Are you ready?" before starting the Figure 8. The handler then gives the command "heel." With his/her dog in heel position, the handler shall walk around and between the stewards who shall stand about eight feet apart. The handler may begin in any direction. The Figure 8 in the Novice Class shall be done on leash. There shall be no turns in the Figure 8, but the handler and dog shall go twice completely around the Figure 8 with at least one halt before the end of the exercise.

2 STAND FOR EXAMINATION

The judge will give the order, "Stand your dog and leave when ready." The handler, without further orders from the judge will stand or pose the dog off leash, give the command or signal, "Stay", walk forward about six feet in front of the dog, turn around and stand facing the dog. The method by which the dog is made to stand or pose is optional with the handler who may take any reasonable time in posing the dog in the show ring before deciding to give the command or signal "stay." The judge will approach the dog from the front and will touch the dog's head, body, and hindquarters only, and will then give the order "back to your dog," whereupon the handler will walk around behind the dog to the heel position. The dog must remain in a standing position until the judge says "Exercise finished." The dog should show no shyness or resentment at any time during the exercise.

3 HEEL OFF LEASH OR HEEL FREE

This shall be executed in the same manner as Heel on Leash, except that the dog is off leash. The dog must remain in the heel position. Minor deductions (1/2 to 3 pts.) shall be made for lagging, forging, crowding, heeling wide and poor sits. Substantial deductions (3-5 pts.) shall be made for additional commands or signals and for failure to change pace.

4 RECALL

Upon the order or signal from the judge "Leave your dog," the dog is given the command or signal to "stay" in the sitting position while the handler walks forward about 35 feet towards the other end of the ring, turns around, and faces his dog. Upon order or signal from the judge, "Call your dog" the handler calls or signals the dog. The dog must come straight forward at a brisk pace and sit in front of the handler's feet, close enough so the handler can readily touch its head without moving either foot or having to stretch forward. The dog should not touch the handler nor sit in between his feet. Upon order or signal from the judge to finish, the dog must go to the heel position and sit. The method by which the dog goes to the heel position shall be optional with the handler, provided the dog goes smartly to the heel position. (An exception is made for guide dog puppies: the dog will not stop at front, but shall move around behind the handler into the heel position with no extra commands.)

5 LONG SIT

In the long sit all competing dogs in the class take the exercise together, except if there are more than 10 dogs, they shall, at the judge's option, be judged in groups of not less than six dogs nor more than 10 dogs. Where the same judge does both classes, the dogs that are in the ring shall be lined up in catalog order (as they completed the previous 4 exercises) along one of the four sides of the ring. Handler's armbands weighted with leashes shall be placed behind the dogs. On order from the judge, the handlers shall sit their dogs (if they are not already sitting). On further order from the judge to "Leave your dogs," the handlers shall give the command and/or signal to "stay" and immediately leave their dogs, go to the opposite side of the ring, and line up facing their dogs. After one minute, the judge will order handlers, "Return to your dogs," whereupon the handlers must return promptly to their dogs, each walking around and in back of his/her dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge says, "Exercise finished".

6 LONG DOWN

The long down in the novice class is done in the same manner as the long sit, except that instead of sitting their dogs, the handlers on order from the judge will down their dogs without touching the dogs or their collars. The judge will order the handlers back after three minutes. The dogs must stay in the down position until the judge says, "Exercise finished." Before leaving the ring, dogs shall be placed on leash.

ADDITIONAL OBEDIENCE GOALS: Graduate Novice

Dogs may compete in this class until the leader feels the member is ready for the next class, which is Open. A qualifying score will be 170 points or better with at least one-half of the points in each exercise.

SCORING FOR GRADUATE NOVICE CLASS

1. Open Heel Free 40 Points
2. Moving Stand and Examination 30 Points
3. Moving Drop On Recall 30 Points
4. Dumbbell Recall 40 Points
5. Recall over Broad Jump 30 Points
6. Long Down (3 minutes, out of sight) 30 Points

MAXIMUM 200 Points
Qualifying..... 170 Points

EXPLANATION OF THE SIX EXERCISES

1 OPEN HEEL FREE

The exercise and scoring will be executed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, except that the dog is off leash.

2 MOVING STAND AND EXAMINATION

The principal features of the exercise are that the dog heel, stand and stay as the handler moves away, accept the examination without shyness or resentment, and return to the handler on command. Orders for the exercise are "Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at a point indicated by the judge. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" and then order "Forward." The handler will command or signal the dog to heel. After the handler has proceeded about 10 feet, the judge will say "Stand your dog." Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand, and continue forward about 10 - 12 feet. He or she will then turn either to the right or left to face the dog, which must stand and stay in position. The judge will approach the dog from the front and will touch only the dog's head, body and hindquarters, using the fingers and palm of one hand. The judge will approach the dog from the front to examine it as in dog show judging. The exam will not include either the teeth or testicles. The judge will then order "Back to your dog," and the handler will walk around behind the dog, returning to heel position. The dog must remain standing until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished."

3 MOVING DROP ON RECALL

The principal features of this exercise, are that the dog heel, execute a prompt response to the handler's command and/or signal to down and remain in the down position until called or signaled to come, and come on command. Orders for the exercise are "Forward," "Down your dog," "Call your dog," "Finish." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at a point designated by the judge, who will then ask "Are you ready?" and order "Forward." The handler may command or signal his or her dog to heel, and will walk briskly and naturally. After he or she has gone about 15 feet, the judge will order "Down your dog." Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to down. He or she will continue forward to the end of the ring, turn around and stand in a natural manner facing the dog. On the judge's orders or signals, the handler will command or signal the dog to come and to finish. All appropriate penalties of the Novice Heel Free, Open Drop on Recall and the Utility Moving Stand and Examination will apply.

4 DUMBBELL RECALL

This exercise will be performed like the Novice Recall, but with the dog holding the dumbbell. In addition to the Novice Recall, the additional features are that the dog promptly take, hold and deliver the dumbbell when commanded. The orders are "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. When the judge orders "Give your dog the dumbbell," the handler will present the dumbbell with one command. The dog must accept it readily and hold it. When the judge orders, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay while he or she walks forward to the other end of the ring and turns to face the dog. On the judges' order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. When the dog is sitting in front of the handler, the judge will order "Take it," and the handler will give a command and take the dumbbell. The finish will be done as in the Novice Recall. All appropriate penalties of the Novice Recall and Open Retrieve on Flat shall apply.

5 RECALL OVER BROAD JUMP

The principal features of the exercise are that the dog stay until directed to jump, clear the jump on a single command or signal, and immediately return to sit in front of the handler. Orders are "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish." The handler will stand with his or her dog sitting in the heel position at least eight feet from the jump, facing the lowest end of the lowest hurdle. When the judge orders "Leave your dog," the handler will give command and/or signal to stay, go at least 8 feet

beyond the highest edge of the last hurdle, turn and face the dog as in the Novice Recall. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the entire distance of the broad jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler and finish as in the Novice Recall. All penalties in the Novice Recall and the Broad Jump will apply. The distance of the jump will be as required for the Open Broad Jump exercise, as designated in the Obedience Regulations.

6 LONG DOWN

This exercises are performed in the same manner as in the Novice Class except that after leaving their dogs, the handlers must cross to the opposite side of the ring and then leave the ring in a single file as directed by the judge, completely out of sight of their dogs. They must remain out of sight until called by the judge after the expiration of the time limit of three minutes for the down. On order from the judge, the handlers shall again return to the ring in a single file in reverse order, lining up facing their dogs at the opposite side of the ring, and return to their dogs on order from the judge. Handlers will remain in position until the judge says, "Exercise finished" at which time the handler may praise his dog. Before leaving the ring, the dogs shall be placed back on leash.

CONTINUING GOALS

Members who complete Graduate Novice, may show in Open and then Utility. Rules for these classes shall be as specified by the AKC.

JUMPS (Graduate Novice & Open)

The minimum jump will be set at the nearest multiple of 2 inches to three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers for the following breeds:

Basset Hounds	Cardigan Welsh Corgis	Great Danes	Mastiffs
Bernese Mountain Dogs	Clumber Spaniels	Great Pyrenees	Newfoundlands
Bloodhounds	Dachshunds	Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs	Saint Bernards
Bulldogs	French Bulldogs	Irish Wolfhounds	Skye Terriers
Bullmastiffs			

HIGH JUMP

The minimum jump shall be set to the multiple of 2 inches nearest the height of the dog at the withers for all other dogs, with no dog jumping less than 8 inches nor more than 36 inches. Handlers having their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration. For breeds that jump three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers, the minimum jumps will be set in accordance with the following table

Measured height of dog at withers	Height to be jumped
Less than 12 1/2"	8"
12 1/2" to less than 15"	10"
15" to less than 17 1/2"	12"
17 1/2" to less than 20"	14"
20" to less than 23"	16"
23" to less than 25 1/2"	18"
25 1/2" to less than 28"	20"
28" to less than 31"	22"
31" to less than 33 1/2"	24"
33 1/2" to less than 36"	26"
36" to less than 39"	28"

BROAD JUMP

The broad jump will consist of four telescoping hurdles, all about 8" wide and painted a flat white. The largest hurdle will measure about 5 feet long and about 6 inches at the highest point. In the ring, they will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, **covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog.**

<u>Height at Withers</u>	<u>High Jump</u>	<u>Broad Jump</u>
Less than 12 1/2"	8"	16"
12 1/2" to less than 15"	10"	20"
15" to less than 17 1/2"	12"	24"
17 1/2" to less than 20"	14"	28"
20" to less than 23"	16"	32"
23" to less than 25 1/2"	18"	36"
25 1/2" to less than 28"	20"	40"
28" to less than 31"	22"	44"
31" to less than 33 1/2"	24"	48"
33 1/2" to less than 36"	26"	52"
36" to less than 39"	28"	56"

<u>Jump Required</u>	<u>Hurdles Used</u>
16 - 24 inches	2
28 - 44 inches	3
48 - 72 inches	4

When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first. It is the judge's responsibility to see that the distance jumped by each dog is in accordance with these Regulations.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is a competition in which 4H members are judged on their ability to handle a dog. The prime objective for the handler is to demonstrate the ability to show a dog to its best advantage. The exercises include gaiting the dogs together around the ring, posing the dog for examination, gaiting the dogs individually at the correct pace, and knowledge of dog body parts. The dog should be properly groomed and gaited according to the type of dog being exhibited.

It is recommended that a specific showmanship choke and lead be used in the showmanship ring. This equipment helps the dog differentiate between showmanship and obedience exercises. It also adds to the overall picture of a smooth flowing handler and dog team. The judging criteria with scoring points and scoring deductions are as follows. Scoring deductions are examples only and are not meant to be comprehensive.

TOTAL POINTS 200
QUALIFYING SCORE 170

POINTS	CRITERIA
5	HANDLER'S APPEARANCE The standard 4H uniform is appropriate for all point shows.
5	HANDLING LEAD CORRECTLY The lead is held in the hand closest to the dog. The lead is held looped completely into the hand and held securely. It is kept taut but not too tight. The choke is positioned high up on the dog's neck. Deductions: letting lead hang in dog's face, holding lead in wrong or both hands.
10	CONTROL OF DOG Practice makes perfect. Daily practice will significantly help in developing control of the dog. The dog needs to know what is expected and be relaxed and confident in following the handler's instructions.
10	GENERAL STRUCTURE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE DOG The junior handler may be asked up to three questions about the particular dog's breed, anatomical parts and function of the dog.
15	DOG'S CONDITION AND APPEARANCE In 4H, the breeding of the dog is unimportant. The dog may be AKC registered or a mixed breed. The important aspect is the care provided to the dog by the member. Deductions: unbrushed, badly matted, dirty ears, bad odor, toenails too long, dirty teeth.
20	RING PROCEDURE Explanation: Has familiarized her/himself with normal ring procedures. Showing the dog in a smooth and natural manner without distracting movements is the goal. Deductions: excessive grooming in the ring, interfering with other handlers, interfering with another dog.
20	HANDLER'S ATTITUDE The handler is attentive, courteous, and considerate to other's, including the judge, other handlers and dogs. Cruelty to a dog may be cause for expulsion from the ring. Deductions: watching activity outside the ring, rudeness to the judge or other handlers, excessive roughness.
30	HANDLER'S SET UP The dog should be trained to stand quietly and motionless. The handler positions the dog in a 'stack' position, according to the breed and maintains the dog in this position while being observed by the judge. The set up usually takes place when all dogs in the ring are lined up and prior to the judge's examination. Deductions: not knowing correct 'stack' for the breed, leaning on dog, placing dog's feet incorrectly, incorrect position of handler.
25	JUDGE'S EXAMINATION
25	FOLLOWING JUDGES INSTRUCTIONS It is the handler's responsibility to give full attention to the judge at all times. The judge examines the dog including the head, teeth, body and rear. The handler must never come between the judge and the dog. He/she should be relaxed and poised while moving around the dog as the judge examines the dog from a variety of viewpoints. The teeth are shown on request and must be shown quickly and easily. Deductions: awkward when moving around dog, coming between the dog and the judge, getting in the judge's way, showing bite incorrectly.

GAITING DOG CORRECTLY

The correct gait is determined by the dog's breed. A large dog may require the handler to run while a toy dog may only need a handler to walk slowly. The handler will be directed to gait the dog in a specified pattern, beginning with a courtesy turn and ending with the dog coming to a natural stop in front of the judge. Deductions: running too fast or slow, holding lead too tight or loose, arm position too high or low, lacking natural smoothness (dog and handler), no courtesy turn, handler distracting from dog, handler coming between dog and judge.

EXPLANATION OF SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**NOVICE**

None or minimal experience with handling dogs in showmanship. Handler moves to next class after three first places with qualifying scores in point shows or after winning a county medal.

OPEN A

Has showed a dog in Novice and won a county medal or three first places with qualifying scores. Handler remains in this class until winning a county medal twice, and then moves to Master Showmanship.

OPEN B

Any handler may show a second dog in this class. Novice, Open A, and Master Showman may compete in this class.

MASTER

Handler moves into this class after winning a county medal twice in Open (A or B).

A 4H member who is actively competing in Junior Showmanship and has earned three first placements in Novice Classes at AKC (or other qualified competition venues) and currently competing in Open Showmanship classes may compete in the 4H Open Classes.

1. Once a handler moves to a more advanced class, they may not return to a lower level.
2. Novice and Open A are each offered in three age categories (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).
3. Open B and Master classes will have no age categories.

DOG SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

The final decision on interpreting these rules shall be with the current 4-H Dog Project Advisory Committee. The Dog Project Advisory Committee shall consist of any meeting of dog project leaders representing at least three clubs to which all dog leaders were fairly invited.

ELIGIBILITY

1. A member's age group as of January 1 of the current club year, is the member's age *all year* and does *not* change with the individual's birthday or grade change.
2. The age divisions are as follows: Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. The age groups will be divided in compliance with San Diego County age division protocols.
3. Dogs and exhibitors must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dog Care Project and under the 4H member's care and management during the 4H year.
4. Dogs must be groomed, cared for, and trained by the 4H member.
5. Dog care project leaders shall determine and approve participation of their members and dogs.
6. There will be no discrimination of a dog's breed whether it be a purebred or all-American.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to know and follow the rules as set up by 4H.
2. A 4H uniform is expected, but not to be considered over any participant maintaining a neat and clean appearance. The uniform shall be a plain white shirt, plain white pants, green collar or tie and a 4H hat.

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SHOWS

1. Any "Dog Show" will be held with the permission of, and conformity to, these rules and regulations.
2. At all shows, all classes up to Open B in Obedience and all three classes (Novice, Open, & Master) in Showmanship must be offered.
3. Shows shall be pre-entry only.
4. All entry forms must be signed by a dog project leader.
5. It is the responsibility of the member and leader to keep personal show records accurate and to enter the class for which the member and dog are eligible.
6. According to State 4-H policy, all 4-H activities must essentially be free to 4H members. This means that participants in 4-H activities can only be required to pay for the costs of the event (i.e. judges' expenses, awards, etc.). Profits cannot be made from entry fees and entry fees must be made separately. If an excessive amount is received over the cost of the event, it should be submitted to the Dog Advisory Treasury.
7. There shall be no rain dates. The show shall be held regardless of weather.
8. No refunds. Weather conditions, sick, injured dogs, or bitches in season do not constitute grounds for refunds to participants.
9. All dogs entered must have received a County I.D. number.
10. No ill, injured, or lame dog will be allowed to participate.
11. Scheduling of dog shows charging an entry fee must be approved by the Dog Advisory Committee and must follow the committee's rules and regulations as well as those of the American Kennel Club. A 30-day notice shall be given the Dog Advisory committee of all such shows.
12. Any individual club or group of clubs holding a dog show charging an entry fee will be responsible for the following:
 - a. All necessary paperwork.
 - b. Ribbons and trophies.
 - c. Necessary judges.
 - d. Scoring sheets and arm bands.
 - e. General clean-up (however individuals shall clean up after their own dogs and their general area of activity during the day before leaving the grounds).
13. Clerk records will be kept by show chairperson, and shall be mailed to the County Dog Care Secretary within seven (7) days of the show's completion.
14. Equipment shall be the same specifications as per AKC rules.
15. Rings will be approximately 50' x 45' or larger.

REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE

1. Dogs will remain on leash at all times except when doing an off-leash exercise in the obedience ring.
2. Dogs must be able to be controlled by the 4H handler so as to avoid any injury to another child or possible dog fight. At each show, the Show Chairperson shall designate three adults (preferably from two or more clubs), familiar with the Dog Show Rules to be the Show Grounds Committee. This committee shall handle any complaints regarding infractions of rules, or dismissal for a potentially aggressive dog. They shall use their judgement and discretion to quietly speak to member and/or parents.
3. Cruelty to any dog in the ring during a 4H function will be penalized by having the handler leave the ring. Any cruelty outside the ring will be handled by the Show Grounds committee and can result in dismissal from the show grounds.
4. Dogs not entered are not allowed on the show grounds with the exception of 4H guide dog puppies.
5. No dogs shall be allowed in the rings before or during the show except for those currently being judged.
6. No female dog in season will be permitted on the show grounds.
7. Participants must certify that their dog has current vaccinations for Rabies, DHLP, and Parvo Virus. Proof of vaccinations must have been provided to leader before participation each year in the project.
8. No tags or license on collars while in the ring. Standard training collars or flat buckle collars are appropriate in the obedience ring. Standard 6 ft. obedience leash (leather or fabric) is appropriate in Obedience competition. Showmanship leads are appropriate in the Showmanship ring. No pinch collars are allowed.
9. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to be at proper class at the proper time. Exhibitors shall notify ring stewards if double entered.
10. Moderate practicing and warm-up of dogs shall be allowed on show grounds, but not near rings.
11. All judges should have some form of ribbon or tag identifying them as judges to the exhibitors.

12. Dogs belonging to the judge or a member of the judge's immediate family may not exhibit under that judge.
13. All decisions regarding placements made by the judges of the dog show will be honored.
14. Those not complying to the 4-H rules are subject to disqualification and may be asked to leave the show grounds. Any dog or handler that is disqualified and/or asked to leave the show grounds shall forfeit all awards and points earned at that show. Such an incident shall be handled by the Show Grounds Committee.
15. The rules of the American Kennel Club shall be used where there is no 4-H rule to cover the situation and where the AKC rule would apply to a 4H show.
16. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on show grounds.

RULES PERTAINING TO OBEDIENCE

1. Classes involving scent (i.e. utility) shall go first.
2. Novice A & B classes may be run together at judge's discretion.
3. No minimum number of dogs is required in the group exercises.
4. Group exercises (sits & downs) must be judged at the same class level. Beginning Novice (A & B) classes cannot be combined with Novice (A & B) Classes for any group exercise.
4. A dog may trophy in only one obedience class with the exception of the following:
 - * Dogs who are competing in Open A, may also trophy in Graduate Novice.
 - * Dogs who are competing in Utility A, may also trophy in Open B.

BEGINNING NOVICE A & B

1. A qualifying score is required for county points.
2. Qualifying scores are 130 Points or more out of 160, with at least 50% of the points in each exercise.
3. If a Beginning Novice dog is moved up to the Novice Class and is no longer eligible for the Beginning Novice Class, all county points for that year will be carried over and applied to the next class entered.
4. A handler may exhibit more than one dog and acquire points on each dog.
5. Qualifying scores towards titles carry over from one year to the next

NOVICE AND ABOVE

1. A qualifying score is required for county points.
2. Qualifying scores are 170 Points or more out of 2000, with at least 50% of the points in each exercise.
3. If a Novice dog is moved up to the Graduate Novice Class and is no longer eligible for the Novice Class, all county points for that year will be carried over and applied to the next class entered.
4. Points may come from one class only (per dog), at each show.
5. Qualifying scores towards titles carry over from one year to the next

RULES PERTAINING TO SHOWMANSHIP

1. A qualifying score is required for county points.
2. Earning County Points requires a Qualifying Score of 170 out of a possible 200 points.
3. A member shows in Novice until he/she has won three first places (with qualifying scores) in point shows or a county medal.
4. If a Novice handler moves up to the Open Class, all county points for that year will be carried over and applied to the Open class entered.
5. Any member who has won two county medals in Open Showmanship (A or B) shall move to the Master class.
6. Once a member moves up to a new class, he/she may not revert back to the previous class.

Show Awards

1. Placements will be awarded for 1st through 4th place in all classes, except for primary classes.
2. Participation for primary members should be limited to cooperative learning activities, with no competition. Primary members should only receive recognition for their participation.
3. Equal awards will be offered for both obedience and showmanship.
4. A non-qualifying scores will win placement ribbons, although a qualifying score is necessary to earn County Points.
5. In case of ties, run-offs shall be held for show awards only. A run-off shall have no effect on County Points.
6. High Point awards in Showmanship shall be determined by age group - Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
7. Entries in the Showmanship Open B class are not eligible for Showmanship High Point awards.
8. High Point awards in Obedience shall be determined by skill level - Beginning Novice (A & B), Novice (A & B), Graduate Novice, etc.

County Awards & Incentive Program

County Points will be given in all classes and categories:

First place	4 points
Second place	3 points
Third place	2 points
Fourth place	1 point

1. Points accumulate during the 4H Calendar Year and awarded for placements at San Diego County 4H shows:
Showmanship County points are accrued to the handler
Obedience County points are accrued to the handler/dog team
2. A qualifying score is necessary to earn County Points.
3. County Winner certificates will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place in all categories. Medals are given for first place only.
4. County Awards shall be awarded for Obedience, in each of the three age groups: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior:
Beginning Novice A, Beginning Novice B, Novice A, Novice B, Graduate Novice, Open, and Utility.
5. County Awards for Novice and Open A showmanship will be offered in each of the three age groups: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.
6. Open B and Master Showmanship have no age categories and only one medal/award certificates.
7. Duplicate county medals and awards will be given in case of a tie.
8. County title certificates will be given for dogs earning the following Obedience titles at 4-H shows:
Buddy Dog (BD) Three qualifying scores in Beginning Novice
Companion Dog (CD) Three qualifying scores in Novice
Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) Three qualifying scores in Open
Utility Dog (UD) Three qualifying scores in Utility
9. The recording and maintenance of the County Point Report report shall be the responsibility of the Dog Advisory Chairman.
10. All awards must be distributed at the end of the 4H calendar year.

FINAL NOTES

It shall be the responsibility of members to familiarize themselves with rules and/or procedures in other counties where they plan to show. Very often there are significant differences between counties. Leaders, members and parents should discuss rules so that ignorance is not an excuse. Member, parents, and leaders are reminded that competition, ribbons, trophies, and medals are secondary to the goals of 4-H. Projects should promote leadership, honesty, good sportsmanship, goal-setting, and participation in the group before over-emphasizing "winning." Promotion of members in the club as a whole, not just the dog care project, is also valuable.

EQUIPMENT LIST

Equipment available for all county dog care projects was purchased with county funds. Please share and care for this equipment. Equipment must be checked out with the Dog Care Project Secretary. Equipment is the responsibility of the person who checks it out. If you loan it to someone, please be sure to tell the secretary so that we can track it. If you are not using equipment, please return it so other projects can use it. Clubs hosting a show have priority on equipment use. Equipment currently owned by the project:

Banner (3' x 6') San Diego County Dog Care Project, 3 PVC Ring sets (in holders)
Black Box (containing forms & misc. equipment), 8' x 10' shade canopy

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To comply with AKC Graduate Novice Class Revision in the AKC Obedience Regulations Amendments of October 1, 2000.

Addendum A

4H Fairs & Round Robin

HIGH POINT AWARDS - EXPLANATION

At 4H Fairs, High Point awards are very important. High Point Winners are the exhibitors who earn the highest score in their age group: Junior, Intermediate & Senior. Winners awarded the High Point award will advance to the Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship Competition, representing Dogs in the Round Robin competition.

RUN OFF

If the winners of the classes in an age division tie for the highest score, a run-off is held to determine the High Point Winner. Example: 1st place Novice Intermediate scores 199 points & 1st place Open Intermediate scores 199 points. The two are brought back into the ring and a run off is held to determine the High Point winner

Such a run-off is judged using the standard judging procedure. Additional questions may be posed to each exhibitor and additional handling skills evaluated. Competition continues until the judge is satisfied & determines which of the exhibitors displays a higher level of performance. The result of a run off will determine the high point winner.

ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION

Fair administrators may group exhibitors in a fashion that is most appropriate for the Round Robin Competition. Additional Round Robin criteria and rules must be followed by the Dog Showmanship judge.

Judging of Dogs in Round Robin Competitions are to be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Dog Project guidelines and judging procedure. As such, each group of competitors presented to the Round Robin Dog judge should be evaluated in the same manner as a regular Dog Showmanship class, with appropriate ring procedures and evaluation techniques employed. All competitors will enter the ring, perform group patterns and observe proper ring procedure, perform individual gait patterns, etc. as prescribed in the County Dog Showmanship Guidelines. Dog Showmanship Judge sheets should be provided to the Dog Round Robin judge and used to judge the competition.

It is suggested that California State Fair Round Robin procedures are used in the Round Robin competition. Competition dogs and appropriate equipment (showmanship collar and leash) are provided by the Round Robin Chairman. The dogs must be comfortably secured in an individual crate. Each exhibitor chooses the dog they will handle immediately prior to judging. The exhibitor cannot handle their own dog in the Round Robin competition nor handle a dog owned by a family member, nor one residing in the competitor's household. The dog the competitor handles should not have been handled by the exhibitor prior to the competition.

Judging commences as described above. The Round Robin Chairman should provide a number of different dogs, of different sizes and breeds, and a ratio of more dogs than competitors to insure that the dogs are not overworked or overstressed. All competition dogs must have stable temperaments, solid training backgrounds, and the versatility to be handled by different handlers.

Addendum B

Showmanship Judge Eligibility & Criteria

The eligibility requirements and criteria for Showmanship Judges are as follows:

Licensed AKC Conformation and/or Junior Showmanship Judge

Provisional AKC Conformation and/or Junior Showmanship Judge

Professional Handler with the following criteria:

Minimum 5 years involvement in AKC Dog Shows

Minimum 2 years experience as a Professional Handler

Owner/Handler Exhibitor with the following criteria:

Minimum 5 years involvement in AKC Dog Shows

Has finished a minimum of 2 dog to their bench championship titles, with the majority of points earned with the owner/handler serving as primary handler

4H Dog Project Leader Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum 2 years of service as a Dog Project Leader

Must not have served as a Dog Project leader for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

4H Dog Project Member Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum age - 19 years of age

Minimum 2 years of competition in Open (or equivalent) 4H Dog Show Competition

Must not have competed in a 4H Dog Show for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

AKC Junior Showmanship Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum age - 19 years of age

Minimum 2 years competition in AKC Open Junior Showmanship Competition

Must not have competed in a 4H Dog Show for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

In the interest of objectivity, it is suggested that:

Any individual who has a child involved in active Dog Showmanship Competition, consider carefully before accepting a Judging Assignment.

Under NO circumstance should a parent judge their own child (children) in competition.

Preparation

Those who judge Showmanship must be familiar with the Showmanship Rules and Regulations. At least two weeks prior to judging, the Judge should be provided with the following:

1. San Diego County Guidelines
2. Showmanship Judging Guidelines
3. Showmanship Patterns Handout
4. Showmanship Score Sheets: Individual & Group

Addendum B

Obedience Judge Eligibility & Criteria

The eligibility requirements and criteria for Obedience Judges are as follows:

Licensed AKC Obedience Judge

Provisional AKC Obedience Judge

Professional Obedience Handler with the following criteria:

Minimum 5 years involvement in AKC Dog Shows

Minimum 2 years experience as a Professional Obedience Handler

Owner/Handler Exhibitor with the following criteria:

Minimum 5 years involvement in AKC Dog Shows

Has earned a minimum of 1 CD title with the owner/handler serving as primary handler

4H Dog Project Leader Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum 2 years of service as a Dog Project Leader

Must not have served as a Dog Project leader for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

4H Dog Project Member Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum age - 19 years of age

Minimum 2 years of competition in Novice (or equivalent) 4H Dog Show Competition

Must not have competed in a 4H Dog Show for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

AKC Junior Obedience Alumni with the following criteria:

Minimum age - 19 years of age

Minimum 2 years competition in AKC Novice Obedience Competition

Must not have competed in a 4H Dog Show for at least 1 year prior to judging assignment

In the interest of objectivity, it is suggested that:

Any individual who has a child involved in active Dog Obedience Competition, consider carefully before accepting a Judging Assignment.

Under NO circumstance should a parent judge their own child (children) in competition.

Preparation

Those who judge Obedience must be familiar with the Showmanship Rules and Regulations. At least two weeks prior to judging, the Judge should be provided with the following:

1. San Diego County Guidelines
2. Obedience Judging Guidelines
3. Obedience Score Sheets: Individual & Group

ADDENDUM C

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING GUIDELINES

DEFINITION AND PURPOSE

Showmanship classes are judged solely on the ability and skill of 4H members in handling their dogs as in the breed ring. The purpose of Showmanship Competition is twofold: to introduce and encourage 4H members to participate in the sport of dogs; and to provide 4H members with a meaningful competition in which they can learn, practice, and improve in all areas of handling skill and sportsmanship.

The prime objective for the handler is to demonstrate the ability to show a dog to its best advantage. The exercises include gaiting the dogs together around the ring, posing the dog for examination, gaiting the dogs individually at the correct pace, and knowledge of dog body parts. The dog should be properly groomed and gaited according to the type of dog being exhibited.

PREREQUISITES

Judges are expected to have a genuine interest in 4H members and in Showmanship Competition. It is important that judges of Showmanship Competition understand the definition and purpose of these classes and take seriously their role in guiding the future guardians of the sport. Judges shall conduct their ring in a consistent, businesslike and safe manner that will instill confidence in exhibitors and spectators.

RESPONSIBILITIES

It is important for judges to be teachers by example. They should be prompt, courteous, patient and properly attired. Judges must be impartial and totally separate the handling ability of the 4H members they judge from any other consideration. From the exhibitor's point of view, impartiality extends to eliminating from the judging process bias for or against the breed handled, any thought of past or future assignments, friendships, external knowledge of a 4H members record of competition, or prior knowledge or assumption of the dog's training or preparation. If asked by a show-giving club to judge, acceptance should be based on whether or not they feel capable of judging 4H members.

SAFETY

4H members with varying degrees of experience and dogs with great difference in size, temperament and training need safe ring conditions. Judges must make every effort to ensure the safety of the Juniors and their dogs during competition. Judges may arrange or rearrange competitors in order of gaiting speed or size of dog to avoid crowding and instruct 4H members to leave space for judging between themselves and the 4H members in front of or behind them. Moving two dogs together (side by side) *is allowed* as is any pattern which places any dog in close proximity to other dogs when lead control is at a minimum, i.e., on a loose lead, etc. Class size is limited to 15 4H members into the ring. Never hesitate to divide any class for any reason where the safety of the individuals or the dogs is involved. Likewise, do not hesitate to excuse any dog from the ring which is out of control, lame or which is otherwise ineligible to compete. Any dog showing signs of viciousness should be excused immediately.

JUDGING ROUTINE

The actual routine of judging will vary according to the judge, the number of 4H members, size of the ring, conditions, weather and time of day. However, judges should strive to evaluate competitors in an appropriate and consistent manner. It is very important that only those procedures and patterns of gaiting commonly used in regular dog show classes be used. Approved gaiting patterns are: O Pattern "Circle"; I pattern - "Down & back"; Triangle; L Pattern; T Pattern; Down & Back Side by Side. (Please refer to the Showmanship Pattern guide for visualization of these patterns).

The judge should be aware of the different breeds he will see in the ring and the particular ways in which these breeds are normally handled. Examining tables shall be used only for small dogs & breeds that are normally examined on a table. Although the procedure for completing the examination of the dogs should closely resemble that of breed judging, examination of the dogs for Showmanship can be done rapidly because the conformation of the dog is of no concern. Judges should be consistent in the initial examination of each 4H member using the same gaiting patterns, the same procedural requests and allow each 4H member approximately the same amount of time. However, judges may change the examining routine when making a further appraisal of competitors. A judge should not confuse the ability of a 4H member to take directions with the 4H member's ability to handle the dog. Some freedom of expression and expertise should be allowed. To have all exhibitors handle as if by rote defeats the basic premise of showmanship. Judges should consider how their own movements in the ring may precipitate awkward and unusual handling results. For example, when examining the class as a whole in motion, the judge should be inside the circle; and when

examining a class of standing or posed dogs the judge should not move from one side of the line to the other excessively, creating unnecessary handling movements.

KNOWLEDGE EVALUATION

A minimum of three questions should be used as a means of testing a 4H member's knowledge. The question phase of judging is usually done after an exhibitor performs their individual gaiting pattern. Questions generally involve dog anatomy, breed specific questions, showing and/or ring procedure, general dog care and dog knowledge. The question phase of judging can be precarious. Insure that complete knowledge of answers posed to the 4H member is done before asking the questions. Reevaluation of answers may be required for clarification and is suggested, especially if a 4H member provides an answer that is unexpected.

JUDGE'S EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION

The judge should examine and evaluate the class of 4H members in four basic areas: proper presentation, skill in the individual dog's presentation, knowledge of ring procedures, and appearance & conduct. The general rule in evaluating a handler's capabilities is *economy of motion*. Handlers who use exaggerated motions and gestures in any phase of their presentation of the dog should be faulted. In essence, the judge should hardly be aware of the capable handler's presence while completing the dog's examination. In many respects a Showmanship judge's principal consideration should be to find those 4H members who possess a hand for dogs. Those handlers having this attribute neither over- nor under- handle their dogs. They present their dogs in a quiet, efficient manner. They are able to keep their dog's attention without dramatic or unnatural movements. They are able to gait their dogs in a collected trot, never distracting or interfering with the judge's vision of the dog.

PRESENTATION

While the judge must consider all areas important in evaluating the overall capabilities of 4H members, it is doubly important that the 4H member present his dog in the proper manner for the breed being handled and that the judge is cognizant of the proper presentation for that breed. In the individual presentation of the dog, the 4H member should demonstrate the ability to handle the dog as it is handled in the breed ring, showing the dog to its best advantage in pose and in motion. During all phases of handling, the 4H member's concentration should be on the dog and not on the judge; but not to the extent that he/she is unaware of what is taking place in the ring. Remember, you are judging the handler, but time should be spent looking at the dog to gain insight as to how well it is being handled.

1. Is the dog responsive to the handler? Do they work as a team?
2. Does the dog appear posed or interested at all times?
3. Is the dog under control?
4. Is the dog moved correctly to the best of its ability?
5. Are the dog's main faults being minimized?
6. Do both the dog and handler appear relaxed?
7. Is the dog presented with an apparent minimum of effort?

KNOWLEDGE OF RING PROCEDURE

The judge shall evaluate the ability of the 4H member to follow directions, use space wisely, and execute the requested gaiting patterns. 4H members should appear ring wise, alert to the judging progression and be prepared for changes in the judging routine.

APPEARANCE & CONDUCT

The judge should be aware of the appearance of both the handler and the dog. The 4H member should be suitably dressed for the occasion, wearing the appropriate 4H uniform that consists of: white shirt (short or long sleeved) white pants, 4H hat & either 4H tie or scarf. Belts must be worn with pants with belt loops. The dog should be groomed and trimmed in the manner associated with the breed. The judge should evaluate the dress of the handler and the grooming of the dog, acknowledging the degree of effort that has been made. Excessive grooming of the dog in the ring to gain the judge's attention is inappropriate and should be faulted accordingly.

The judge shall evaluate the general conduct of 4H members in the ring. 4H members should appear prepared, confident, businesslike and attentive. They should be courteous to both the judge and their fellow exhibitors. 4H members are expected to handle their dogs without distracting the dogs of other competitors. A 4H member who crowds or disturbs other dogs should be faulted.

A principle of Showmanship is to afford the opportunity to learn the spirit of competition. Winning is important but is secondary to development of sportsmanship in competition. Judges who reward unsportsmanlike conduct or actions, regardless of a handler's other capabilities, compromise the very premise of Showmanship.

4H members should be alert to the needs of their dogs, realizing the welfare of their dog is important. They are responsible for the control of their dogs at all times. However, 4H members who exhibit impatience or heavy-handedness with their dogs should be penalized.

EXPLANATION OF SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

PRIMARY

None or minimal experience with handling dogs in showmanship. 4H members are eligible for this class in the ages of kindergarten to 3rd grade. No class placements are made at the Primary level; it is a participation only class.

NOVICE

None or minimal experience with handling dogs in showmanship. Handler moves to next class after three first places with qualifying scores in point shows or after winning a county medal.

OPEN A

Has showed a dog in Novice and won three first places with qualifying scores or a county medal. Handler remains in this class until winning a county medal twice, and then moves to Master Showmanship. Members showing an AKC Champion may show in this class.

OPEN B

Any handler may show a second dog in this class. Novice, Open A, and Master Showman may compete in this class.

MASTER

Handler moves into this class after winning a county medal twice in Open. Master Showmanship will allow the judge at his or her discretion to test these members in a more challenging manner. Included in this might be a round robin (trading of dogs), more difficult and complete knowledge of dog body parts, breeds, and showmanship patterns.

THE SCORE SHEET

Judging is done on the Danish system, with each 4H member judged using a point system. An individual judge sheet for each 4H member will be provided. Judges may use a class group sheet when judging the class and/or the individual sheet, at their discretion. The judge has the sole responsibility for his score decisions, especially for its correctness. He should take proper care in the recording of armband numbers, seeing they are in the right place and clearly legible. Comments from the Judge in the appropriate section of the scoring sheet should be brief & specific; they are commendable but not required. The judging criteria with scoring points and scoring deductions are as follows. Scoring deductions are examples only and are not meant to be comprehensive.

At the completion of a class, the judge will thank then excuse the class when the class from the ring. The ring steward will collect the class's judging sheets & the show committee will be responsible for the completion of each exhibitor's individual form. Placements, first through 4th place, are awarded based on the numeric totals derived from the judge sheets.

RUN OFF'S

In the case of a duplicate numeric score between two or more 4H members which affects class placement, the 4H members can be called to return to the competition ring for a run off to determine placement. At this juncture, the judge should conduct the class to evaluate the 4H members further and at the runoffs conclusion, be able to make placements among the exhibitors. Placements are not given to the exhibitor at this time; the class is excused and the results reported to the ring steward, who will record then report the placements to the Show Committee. A simple placement (first, second, etc.) is all that is required; numeric totals & the Danish System score sheet is not required.

HIGH POINT

At 4H shows, High Point awards are given. These are awarded in age group divisions and the award goes to the highest score between the Novice Junior & Open Junior; Novice Intermediate & Open Intermediate; Novice Senior & Open Senior, etc. In such case as the first place winner of two different classes hold the same numeric score, a runoff may be held to determine the High Point winner. The run off is conducted as described above to determine a High Point winner.

PLACEMENTS & AWARDS

Placements & awards are distributed at the completion of all Showmanship classes. Before placements & awards are announced & distributed, the judge may opt to speak to the group and impart educational critique. The judge, with the help of the show committee, who has the responsibility of keeping record of all the awards, may present awards to the 4H members. All placements & awards are given at the end of the show with a small award ceremony. Exhibitors will receive a copy of their judge/ evaluation sheet at the end of the show with their placement ribbon.

POINTS / CRITERIA

The following details the categories for judging as found on the score sheets, and the number of points that a judge may award for each. The list is in order of importance; the number of points awarded per category reflects the amount of consideration that is to be given for each category when determining the total score for the exhibitor. The list is presented in descending order of merit:

POINTS CATEGORY

5 HANDLING LEAD CORRECTLY

The lead is held in the hand closest to the dog. The lead is held looped completely into the hand and held securely. It is kept taut but not too tight. The choke is positioned high up on the dog's neck. Deductions: letting lead hang in dog's face, holding lead in wrong or both hands.

5 HANDLER'S APPEARANCE

The standard 4H uniform is appropriate for all point shows.

10 CONTROL OF DOG

Practice makes perfect. Daily practice will significantly help in developing control of the dog. The dog needs to know what is expected and be relaxed and confident in following the handler's instructions.

10 GENERAL STRUCTURE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE DOG

The junior handler may be asked up to **three** questions about the particular dog's breed, anatomical parts and function of the dog.

15 DOG'S CONDITION AND APPEARANCE

In 4H, the breeding of the dog is unimportant. The dog may be AKC registered or a mixed breed. The important aspect is the care provided to the dog by the member. Deductions: unbrushed, badly matted, dirty ears, bad odor, toenails too long, dirty teeth.

20 RING PROCEDURE

Explanation: Has familiarized her/himself with normal ring procedures. Showing the dog in a smooth and natural manner without distracting movements is the goal. Deductions: excessive grooming in the ring, interfering with other handlers, interfering with another dog.

20 HANDLER'S ATTITUDE

The handler is attentive, courteous, and considerate to other's, including the judge, other handlers and dogs. Cruelty to a dog may be cause for expulsion from the ring. Deductions: watching activity outside the ring, rudeness to the judge or other handlers, excessive roughness.

25 JUDGE'S EXAMINATION

The judge examines the dog including the head, teeth, body and rear. The handler must never come between the judge and the dog. He/she should be relaxed and poised while moving around the dog as the judge examines the dog from a variety of viewpoints. The teeth are shown on request and must be shown quickly and easily. Deductions: awkward when moving around dog, coming between the dog and the judge, getting in the judge's way, showing bite incorrectly.

25 FOLLOWING JUDGES INSTRUCTIONS

It is the handler's responsibility to give full attention to the judge at all times.

30 HANDLER'S SET UP

The dog should be trained to stand quietly and motionless. The handler positions the dog in a 'stack' position, according to the breed and maintains the dog in this position while being observed by the judge. The set up usually takes place when all dogs in the ring are lined up and prior to the judge's examination. Deductions: not knowing correct 'stack' for the breed, leaning on dog, placing dog's feet incorrectly, incorrect position of handler.

35 GAITING DOG CORRECTLY

The correct gait is determined by the dog's breed. A large dog may require the handler to run while a toy dog may only need a handler to walk slowly. The handler will be directed to gait the dog in a specified pattern, beginning with a courtesy turn and ending with the dog coming to a natural stop in front of the judge. Deductions: running too fast or slow, holding lead too tight or loose, arm position too high or low, lacking natural smoothness (dog and handler), no courtesy turn, handler distracting from dog, handler coming between dog and judge.

200 TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS - 170 QUALIFYING SCORE