

STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

Bob Thomas Equestrian Center Covered Arena & Charlie Lykes Arena

Show Chairperson Sally Alford Manning
Show Secretary..... Cynthia Purvis

SHOW SCHEDULE:

Educational Opportunities ...See Point Categories on page 7

Entry Due Date **December 4, 2009**
..... (Post Marked or Hand Delivered)
1st Late Entry Period **December 11, 2009**
..... (Double Entry Fees)
Final Late Entry Period **January 13, 2010**
..... (Double Entry Fees plus \$100.00)



FEBRUARY 5TH, 2010

Bob Thomas Equestrian Center Covered Area

Arrival/Check-in 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

(For Champion Youth Participants Only)

** All Record Books/Pre Fair Talks Turned In

** All Posters Turned In

Skilathon & Record Book Test.....6 p.m.



(For All Other Exhibitors & Dogs)

FEBRUARY 6TH, 2010

Bob Thomas Equestrian Center Covered Area

Check-In Dogs.....8:30 a.m to 9:30 a.m.

Showmanship..... 9:30 a.m.

Obedience..... immediately following Showmanship

Ask Me Booth..... 12 noon – 6 p.m.

..... (Sign up & serve ½ hour session as time permits)

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2010

Charlie Lykes Arena

Brace Classes..... 8 a.m.

Rally: Basic, Novice, Advanced & Excellent 9:30 a.m.

Agility..... 9:30 a.m.

Team Competition ..immediately following Rally & Agility

Announce Champion Youthat end of show

Individuals are limited to entering a maximum of 2

Youth Livestock Shows at the 2010 Florida State Fair.

ABOUT THE STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

This show is **organized and run by volunteers** who make every effort to make it an enjoyable experience for all attendees. Due to the growing number of entries we've received each year, we are forced to run this show over a two-day period using multiple rings for showmanship and obedience. If we did not do this, the show would not fit within the time constraints of a weekend. This makes for a hectic show schedule, but allows us not to have to limit entries.

Parents and 4-H Leaders can help us in several ways. Please make sure that all exhibitors are aware of all of the requirements for the classes in which they enter. Read the rules and class descriptions provided in this show booklet and address any questions for clarification to Sally Alford Manning at horsepny@tampabay.rr.com or (813) 967-



1931. If this is your child's first show experience, ask his or her 4-H leader or trainer what to expect at a show, what to bring and how best to prepare. Consider volunteering to help at the show. We can always use more help inside and outside of the show ring. **Please see website for the Volunteer Information Form if you can assist us.**

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.

ELIGIBILITY

1. ONLY FLORIDA RESIDENTS THAT ARE BONA FIDE 4-H MEMBERS (8 YEARS OLD OR OLDER AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2009) WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER. All entrants must be currently active in the 4-H Club program in Florida.

2. Anyone having currently graduated from high school or dropped out of high school shall be ineligible to enter show. 4-H Clubs must be valid clubs and in good standing with their local and state organizations.

3. Approval for use of a substitute dog, due to extenuating circumstances, may be granted by the State 4-H Dog Show Chairperson. Exhibitor must notify the chairperson as soon as possible after determination that a substitute dog is necessary and at least by 6:00 p.m. the night before the show.

4. Leasing will be permitted with the approval of the County 4-H Agent and/or advisory committee. A certified lease, available from the County 4-H Office must be completed and filed with the County Extension Office prior to November 1st, of the current 4-H year, for the dog to be eligible in the State 4-H Dog Show.

5. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the Florida State Fair.

ENTRIES

1. All entries must be made on Official Florida State Fair 4-H Dog Show Entry Form or Xerox copies, with all information complete and accurate.

PLEASE NOTE: A separate entry form is required for each dog entered. Official Florida State Fair 4-H Dog Show Entry Forms are available our website.

2. There will be a **\$15.00 entry fee for 2 dogs per exhibitor.** Make all checks payable to **The Florida State Fair Authority. Entry Fees are Non-Refundable.**

3. EXHIBITORS WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO DOGS ENTERED IN DIFFERENT DIVISIONS. For Families, a dog will be allowed in each division one time.

4. It is the recommendation of the Dog Committee that Basic Exhibitors limit their entry to one dog.

5. Entry Due Date - All entries must be hand delivered

or postmarked on or before December 4, 2009. It is the policy of the Florida State Fair to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website at www.floridastatefairag.com

Entry fee will be determined by date entries are postmarked or hand-delivered to the Agribusiness Office. Hand delivered entries will be accepted in the Agribusiness Office up to office closing at 5:00 pm on the day of deadline.

Certified mail or a Certificate of Mailing validated by the Post Office is recommended. A metered postmark will NOT be considered as a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.

The 1st Late Entry Period for entries postmarked between December 5th and December 11th are subject to management approval, availability of space and will be charged double (\$30.00 per exhibitor) entry fees.

The Final Late Entry Period for entries postmarked between December 12th and January 13th are subject to management approval, availability of space and will be charged double entry fees plus a \$100.00 fee for Youth Entry.

6. All participants will automatically qualify for the Hilliker Trophy. All entries must be signed by the 4-H County Extension Agent. Extensions Agents are certifying that the entrant is a bona-fide member of 4-H and meets all eligibility rules and regulations.

7. Exhibitors will be sent a confirmation that their entry has been received and instructions for admission to the Fairgrounds. **Please check your class entries carefully and notify the Show Secretary (Cynthia Purvis at 863-512-0618 or email purvisclan@verizon.net) if ANY class corrections need to be made by January 22rd, 2010. CLASS CHANGES WILL NOT BE MADE AT THE SHOW!**

8. Overpayments will not be refunded if \$15.00 or less.

9. **For Entry Verification purposes, the Fair suggest sending a self addressed stamped envelope with your entry.**

ASSISTANCE

1. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for, prepare and show their own animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.

2. Adults (other than parents) or similar unauthorized persons are strictly prohibited from providing direct assistance in preparation or showing of youth animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.

3. All preparation will be done in a designated area.

4. Exceptions to the above rule must be approved by the committee and be in writing before the Fair.

5. Violations can result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and all premiums, Achievement premiums, etc. will be forfeited.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Please Note: Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in the barns; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash hands after handling animals.**

2. The Florida State Fair believes that every animal

participating in activities on the Florida State Fair shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

3. While on the show grounds, no one other than the 4-H exhibitor may handle, train, work or groom his/her dog. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

4. Dogs must be on a leash, except during performances requiring unrestricted movement. Dogs scheduled in acts, shows, or contests are not permitted anywhere on the Fairgrounds except the Bob Thomas Equestrian Center Covered Arena / Saturday and Charlie Lykes Arena / Sunday. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by owner or animals.

5. **Each owner/handler is liable and responsible for his/her dog's behavior. ANY DOG EXHIBITING ACTS OF AGGRESSION WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION.**

6. **Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.**

7. **If a dog is dismissed for showing aggression or fowling the ring, it will have to be crated until end of show.**

8. **ONLY ONE COLLAR AT A TIME ON A DOG.**

9. **ATTIRE:** All exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat. No caps or hats. Closed-toed/closed heel shoes or boots are required.

10. **Each owner/handler is responsible for picking up after his/her dog.** There will be a designated exercise area available for use.

11. Dogs should be bathed, combed, and nails clipped.

12. No dogs are to be left unattended in cars.

13. All dogs are required to have up-to-date inoculations.

14. No Female dogs in season will be allowed to compete.

15. Purebred and mixed breed dogs are welcomed as entries.

16. All dogs must be at least 6 months of age. Dogs entered in Agility must be at least 15 months of age as of day of show.

17. Class entries are **FINAL**. **Class changes will not be allowed on Show Day.**

18. Dogs without height cards will be measured at check-in. All dogs are subject to measurements and will be placed in height divisions according to AKC rules.

19. Showmanship, Obedience, Rally & Agility exercises are to be performed according to AKC rules and regulations as modified by 4-H. A six-foot leash is required for Basic and Sub-Novice A & B Classes.

20. Showmanship & Obedience Classes may be combined or divided into Junior, Intermediate & Senior if number of entries warrant at the committee's discretion.

21. The decision of the Judge is Final.

22. If required, the Show Committee shall determine proper class placement based upon qualifications of the handler and the dog.

23. **Two members of the same family may show the same dog. The Dog will be allowed in each division one time. (ie. Obedience, Showmanship, Agility and Rally).**

24. **Chairs are allowed on Saturday and Sunday in the crating area.**

25. **Dogs will show Saturday (Showmanship/Obedience) in the Bob Thomas Equestrian Center Covered Arena. When dogs move from the Covered Arena to the Lykes Arena, all exhibitors must move all their paraphernalia to the crating area in the Arena.**

26. All exhibitors are encouraged to put their name and a contact phone number on their dog's crate (in case of emergency).

27. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to limit entries based on space availability. Entries will be accepted in chronological order based on the postmark.

28. Smoking is not permitted in the Covered Arena or the Charlie Lykes Arena.

29. The use of alcohol is prohibited in the Covered Arena and Charlie Lykes Arena.

30. Only animals being shown at the Florida State Fair are permitted on the Fairgrounds.

31. Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.

32. Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as published in this Premium List will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

33. Animals are restricted to designated areas of the Fairgrounds and must not be taken from designated area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by owner or animals.

34. The physical condition of an entrant, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show, may result in the committee not accepting an entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.

conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

JUDGING

1. Judging will be per the State 4-H Dog Show Schedule.

2. All classes will be judged based on a modified Danish System. All exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White Award. Rosettes will be awarded for the 1st – 4th place in each division. Awards will be based on the following:

Blue 185 – 200 points

Red 170– 184 points

White below 170 points

3. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.

4. The decision of the judge shall be FINAL and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (See Protests). All classes: Showmanship, Obedience, Agility & Rally will be judged according to AKC rules and regulations **as modified by 4-H**. Sending in an entry constitutes your agreement to abide by the rules of the show.

5. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.

6. All animals must enter the show ring and be evaluated by the judge in order to receive premiums.

7. PLEASE NOTE: 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.

GENERAL DISPUTES POLICY

1. When a dispute occurs an exhibitor must submit a written protest, within 24 hours after the cause of dispute, to the Agribusiness Department. The written protest must include the exact cause and description of dispute and be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00, which shall be forfeited to the Fair in case protest is not sustained.

2. All disputes will then be reviewed by management of the Agribusiness Department and submitted to the 4-H Dog Committee.

3. The 4-H Dog Committee will review the 4-H Dog Rules and Regulation. They will then make a decision to resolve the protest.

4. If the Committee is unable to achieve a final decision by majority vote or the exhibitor submitting the protest is not willing to accept the Committee's decision, the dispute will then be submitted to the Agriculture Committee of the Florida State Fair Authority at its next scheduled meeting for resolution.

5. The decision of the Agriculture Committee will be final.

ATTIRE

SHOWMANSHIP ATTIRE

In dressing for showmanship, you should take extra care to present yourself to the best of your ability. Your appearance is important to the impression you make in the ring. Be neat, attractive, comfortable and pleasant to watch. Caps or hats are not allowed.

Rubber soled boots or shoes with closed toe and heel are best, high heels and open toed/heel shoes are discouraged (and may be counted against you). Make sure you can run quietly and easily in the shoes you choose. Tennis or other canvas/leather shoes *if neat and clean* are acceptable when



ARRIVAL

1. Arrival / Check-in for Champion Youth Participants ONLY will be on Friday, Feb 5th from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Arrival / Check-in for all Exhibitors and Dogs will be on Saturday, Feb. 6th from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

2. ON SATURDAY – All Exhibitors must enter the **Orient Road Entrance – Gate 4** and park in the designated area.

3. ON SUNDAY - All Exhibitors must enter the **Martin Luther King Entrance** and park in the **J Parking Lot**. **PLEASE NOTE: Directions and a map will be mailed with each exhibitor's confirmation.**

TICKETS

1. Each exhibitor will receive Six (6) daily admission passes per exhibitor (Parking is FREE). Exceptions will be made when more than one (1) exhibitor is from the same family. Additional exhibitors from the same family will be issued two (2) daily admission passes. Champion Youth Participants will receive three (3) additional daily admission tickets. Additional tickets will be given upon arrival on Friday evening.

Please Note: All passes will be a single day passes. Be sure to utilize your tickets to cover every day you are at the Fair. **NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED.**

2. Additional tickets can be bought in advance at discount prices. See Advance Ticket Form on website for details.

LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds; either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.

2. The Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents or other



not out of place with the rest of your attire. Since you are dressing for the “show ring”, being trendy is not necessary. Emphasis should be placed on being clean and neat, (no dog hair on your clothing!) *Remember, judges have individual opinions that may vary, but staying close to the standards is recommended.*

FOR GIRLS: Dresses, skirts, culottes/skorts of modest length and jackets with sleeves are recommended, attractive pant suits are acceptable. Business type suits are a good example to follow. Short skirts are discouraged as well as long “flowing” skirts that may detract from your dog’s movement. Care should be taken to secure hair away from face, and excessive jewelry or accessories are not recommended.

FOR BOYS: Collared dress shirts and dress pants are appropriate, a tie and/or jacket are encouraged. Preferred dress is “business like”.

OBEDIENCE, AGILITY AND RALLY ATTIRE

Casual attire is acceptable, jeans, t-shirts (4-H Green Club Shirt or Fair Shirt) and tennis shoes are fine. You should always be neat and clean when presenting your dog in the show ring

CLASSES

SHOWMANSHIP

Handlers are judged on preparation and presentation of their dog - grooming - posing - gaiting. Appropriate showmanship lead required. Please Note: Showmanship placement will go toward “Achievement Points Only”, No Premiums will be paid.

Basic - For beginning handler and beginning dog in their first year of showing. **After winning this class at a State level show (or competing for one year), ALL exhibitors must move on to the Novice class.**

Novice - Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog. Handlers who have shown for one or more years. **Any exhibitor who has won this class at a State Level Show must move up to the Advanced Showmanship class.**

Advanced - Handlers who have competed in Showmanship at 3 or more AKC Dog Shows and placed (with competition), or have won first place in a Novice level class at a previous State Dog Show.

RALLY BASIC, NOVICE, ADVANCED & EXCELLENT:

Florida 4-H rally rules are based on AKC Rally Rules, as updated January 2009. These rules, as well as the complete list of signs and performance requirements can be found at

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/board_minutes/Rally_Regulations.pdf. Please read these rules paying special attention to the principal parts of each exercise. The following modifications will be used when judging rally at 4-H events.

At the show committee's discretion Novice, Advanced and Excellent may be divided into A and B divisions. There are no A and B divisions for Basic. If A and B

are offered the A division is for dogs with no qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience from any non-4-H venue. The B division is for dogs who have earned qualifying scores in Obedience from any non 4-H division or have earned qualifying Rally scores in the class they are entering in any non 4-H venue.

Dogs who have earned Rally titles in other venues shall enter the same class level they compete in those venues. For example a dog who has earned qualifying scores in either the RN (AKC) or URO1 (UKC) class must compete in Novice, regardless of the handlers experience. Once the dog earns the RN or URO1 title they must move to the Advanced class.

4-H members who do not compete in other venues are encouraged to compete at the highest level they are safely able to.

BASIC

Basic is for first year handlers with beginner dogs. If the dog has earned any qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience from any venue they are not eligible to compete in Basic, regardless of the handler's level of experience. Basic Rally will compete on the same course and with the same requirements as Novice, *except that Basic Handlers may move one foot to finish their dog without receiving a penalty.*

NOVICE

Novice is for 2nd year or greater handlers or dogs with qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience from any non-4-H venue.

All exercises are judged on leash, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and must be long enough to provide adequate slack. Rally Novice must have between 10 to 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of five stationary exercises per class. Signs 1 – 31 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.

ADVANCED

Advanced is for handlers ready to perform off lead. Dogs who have earned a novice level rally title in another venue must compete in Advanced.

All exercises are judged off leash and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Advanced must have between 12 to 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of three Advanced level stations plus one required jump per class. Allowed jumps are the high jump, bar jump and broad jump. Signs 1 – 45 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.

JUMP HEIGHTS

The dog’s jump height shall be given on the entry form. Entries will be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, from either high to low or low to high. The judge may allow handlers to run out of order to allow for conflicts at their discretion.



Height of dog at withers

Height to be jumped

Less than 10 inches	4 inches
10 inches to less than 15 inches	8 inches
15 inches to less than 20 inches	12 inches
20 inches and over	16 inches

Broad jump is to be set at twice the height the dog jumps.

EXCELLENT

Excellent is for dog and handler teams ready to perform off lead at a more advanced level. Dogs who have earned a qualifying score at the Excellent, or similar level, from any organization must enter this class.

All exercises are judged off leash except the Honor exercise. Handlers must provide a 6-foot leash when participating in the Honor exercise. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Excellent must have between 15 to 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of three Advanced level stations and a minimum of two Excellent level stations, plus the two required jumps and the Honor exercise per class.

Unlike in the Rally Novice and Advanced classes, in Rally Excellent, handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections.

HONOR EXERCISE

Prior to each class, the judge will designate either the sit or the down for the Honor exercise, the placement of the exercise within the ring, and when the Honor is to be performed by each dog. The Honor exercise must not be in the path of the course. After having been directed by the judge or Honor steward to the Honor exercise station, the Honor handler will command and/or signal the Honor dog to take the designated position. When the judge commands the next handler to begin the course with the order "Forward," the Honor handler will command and/or signal their dog to "Stay," move forward to the end of a 6 foot leash, then turn and face their dog. The Honor steward will indicate the completion of the scoring of the Honor exercise when the running dog and handler have crossed the finish station by giving the order "Exercise finished." The Honor handler will then return to and release their dog from the stay. The Honor dog must maintain the designated position throughout the entire performance of the running dog and handler without receiving physical assistance from the Honor handler. There will be no retry allowed for the Honor exercise. If the course run is interrupted at any time for any reason, the judge will direct the Honor steward to give the "Exercise finished" order. The Honor exercise will be considered complete, but the dog will remain in the ring without being scored for the next running dog. This will

eliminate the need for a volunteer dog for the next running dog. The Honor steward will monitor the performance of each Honor dog. The judge will determine the score to be entered into the judge's book based upon the description of the performance from the Honor steward.

The Honor exercise is not to be considered one of the stationary exercises on the course.

GENERAL SCORING

Unofficial scores will be posted ringside after each dog has completed the final exercise. Times will be recorded but not posted. Times will be used only to break ties for placements. The maximum number of points that can be deducted for any station is 10.

The following deductions shall apply:

1-point deduction for each of the following:

- Tight leash
- Dog interfering with handler
- Poor sits
- Slow, delay, or resistance to respond
- Touching or ticking a jump, pylon, post or person
- Out of position

3-point deduction for each of the following:

- Repeat of a station—only one (1) retry of each station will be allowed for all class levels
- Pylon/post knocked over on Figure Eight, Spiral and Serpentine
- Lack of control
- Loud command or intimidating signal
- Excessive barking
- Hitting the jump
- *Touching the dog to aid in performance (Basic/Novice)*

10-point deduction for each of the following:

- Incorrectly performed station*
- Failure to complete the Honor Exercise (IP)—No retrievals allowed
- *Touching the dog to aid in performance (Advanced/Excellent)*

1 to 10-point deduction:

- Lack of teamwork
- Lack of briskness
- Handler error**

Non-qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given for:

- Dog unmanageable
- Dog that eliminates while in the ring for judging

***Incorrectly Performed (IP) stations** occur when a team attempts a station and fails to perform the principal parts of the station on the first attempt. The handler may choose to retry the station once, for a correct performance, accepting the mandatory 3-point deduction for the retry of the station. The station is considered an IP if the handler chooses not to retry or fails to perform the station correctly on the second attempt.

****Handler errors** can be assessed from 1 to 10 points. Handler errors can be assessed at any station or during movement between stations on a course. Once a handler has stopped on any halt exercise, the handler cannot move their feet to assist a dog without incurring a handler error.

Ribbons and Prizes are awarded at the discretion of the host club and in accordance with 4-H rules and guidelines.

OBEDIENCE

Obedience will be judged according to AKC rules as modified by 4-H. Acceptable collars include metal & nylon training, buckle flat collar and martingale style. **NO TAGS OR ATTACHMENTS ARE ALLOWED.**

Any scoring ties will be broken *first* by the best sits & down score, *secondly* (if needed) by the best healing score.

Basic - For beginning handler and beginning dog in their first year of showing.

Sub-Novice A - Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog, except dogs with Obedience title. Handlers who have shown for one or more years.

Sub-Novice B - Handlers or dogs who have shown at Obedience trials or have won First Place in Sub-Novice A at previous State Level Dog Show.

Basic and Sub-Novice Exercises - Individual:
Heeling On Lead, Figure 8 On Lead, Stand for Examination On Lead, Recall On Lead

Basic and Sub-Novice Exercises - Group:
One Minute Sit On Lead, Three Minute Down On Lead

Novice A - For handlers and dogs ready to compete in novice exercises except dog with obedience titles or handlers and dogs who have won First Place in Novice A at a previous State Level Dog Show.

Novice B - Handlers showing dog with Obedience titles. Handlers and dogs who have shown in Obedience competition at AKC Obedience trials or have won First Place in Novice A at a previous State Level Dog Show.

Novice Exercises - Individual:
Heeling On Lead, Figure 8 On Lead, Stand for Examination Off Lead, Heeling Off Lead, Recall Off Lead

Novice Exercises - Group:
One minute Sit Off Lead, Three minute Down Off Lead

Open: For dogs and handlers ready to compete at this level. Exercises:
Heel Off Lead & Figure 8, Drop on Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump, and Long Sit (3 minutes), & Long Down (5 minutes) with handler out of sight.

Utility: For dogs and handlers ready to compete at this level. Exercises:
Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination of leather & metal articles, Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Examination, and Directed Jumping.

NON REGULAR CLASSES

Graduate - Novice: For dogs and handlers who have

completed Novice work and are training for Open, but are not ready to compete in Open. Exercises:

Open Heel Free and Figure-8 (40 pts), Drop on Recall (40 pts), Dumbbell Recall (30 pts), Recall Over High Jump (30 pts), Recall Over Broad Jump (30 pts), Long Down (30 pts). This change is due to the AKC revising the Grad-Novice class exercise effective 4/13/04.

Brace: Dogs do not have to be the same breed, but should be similar in size. Dogs may have different owners. Class will be judged using the Graduate - Beginners exercises as outlined in the 4-H Obedience Manual. (On-Lead: Heeling and Figure 8, Off-Lead: Stand, Recall, Sits & Downs). Dogs must be coupled using the same leash.

Four - Member Team: The team consists of four handlers with four dogs who work simultaneously. Class will be judged using Graduate - Beginners exercises (On-Lead: Heeling and Figure 8, Off-Lead: Stand, Recall). Handlers may respond to Judge's or Team Captain's commands. Figure-8 is done simultaneously using 5 posts. For the recall, handlers leave dogs in unison, call dogs one at a time, and finish in unison.

AGILITY

ALL DOGS MUST HAVE HEIGHT CARD TO PARTICIPATE IN AGILITY

Equipment provided at show will be based on AKC standards as modified by 4-H.

12' - A Frame
12' - Dog Walk
8' - Teeter

For handlers and dogs with agility training. Acceptable collars include flat buckle or martingale style. **NO TAGS OR ATTACHMENTS ARE ALLOWED.** No contact familiarization before each class. Dogs capable of off-lead work *should not* enter in on lead classes. Dogs **WITHOUT FORMAL AGILITY TRAINING** or dogs unfamiliar with obstacles **SHOULD NOT BE ENTERED.** Dogs entered in Agility must be **at least 15 months of age** as of day of show. PLEASE NOTE: IN AGILITY, A DOG WILL BE ALLOWED **THREE 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.

Jump Heights (measured from ground to dog's withers.)

4" Dogs measuring 8" and under
8" Dogs measuring 11" and under
12" Dogs measuring 14" and under
16" Dogs measuring 18" and under
20" Dogs measuring over 22" and under
24" Dogs measuring over 22"

*However, in the Basic class, dogs measuring over 22" will jump 20".

Jump Height Exemptions: Veteran dogs (over 7 either by date on registration or letter from veterinarian) may choose to jump one height category lower if they wish. Dogs that would normally be jumping 8" but wish to take a height exemption will jump 4" jumps created by crossing two bars set at the 8" level if there are not 4" jumps available.

CLASSES

Basic - On Lead: For beginner handler and beginning dog in their first year of showing. Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, Collapsed Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above (**Sit OR Down** position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately Six Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.

Sub-Novice - On Lead(formerly called Elementary): For experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog (2nd or more year of showing). Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, Collapsed Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above (**Sit OR Down** position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately Six Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.

Novice - Off Lead: Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, Collapsed Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above (**Sit OR Down** position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately Six Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.

Advanced - Off Lead: Course design may be more complex, may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog walk (3'0"), See-Saw, Pipe Tunnel, Collapsed Tunnel, Short set of weave poles (5 or 6), Table (8" for dogs jumping 8" and 12", 16" for dogs jumping 16" and above (to be performed at a **Sit OR Down** position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), Tire Jump, broad jump, approximately, Six Hurdles (at judge's discretion). Course time will be used only to break ties.

DIVISION AGE GROUPINGS

Junior

8 – 10 years of age as of September 1, 2009

Intermediate

11 – 13 years of age as of September 1, 2009

Senior

14 – 18 years of age as of September 1, 2009

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Judging will be based on a modified Danish System. All exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White Award. Rosettes & Premiums will be awarded for the 1st – 4th place in each class in Obedience, Agility & Rally.

1 st Place.....	\$20.00
2 nd Place.....	\$16.00
3 rd Place.....	\$12.00
4 th Place.....	\$8.00

2. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and by the department superintendent or clerk.

3. Premiums will be paid as soon as possible after judging and mailed to the exhibitor at the address given on the entry form. **Errors in premium statements will not be corrected after April 1, 2010. All Premiums checks must be cashed within sixty days of issuance or they become void.**

4. If a Social Security Number or Federal Id Number is

not provided, the Fair will not issue a premium check.

5. **PLEASE NOTE:** Prizes for Agility will be awarded by class name & age group only – not by jump height.

HIGH POINT JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR

1. Winners will receive \$50.00 and a Rosette.
2. High point scores will be based on the combined points from Showmanship, Obedience, Rally & Agility. Each child and dog may only enter on division.
3. In the case of ties for high point, the following priority order will be used:
 1. Most points earned in any one obedience class.
 2. Total number of dogs beaten in any one class.
 3. The dog with the highest placing.

HILLIKER CHALLENGE TROPHY

1. This award has been set up to honor the late Alden Hilliker, who put much time and effort into the State Fair 4-H Dog Show representing the State 4-H office.
2. It will be awarded to a Small County (number of exhibitors is 9 & under) and a Large County (number of exhibitors is 10 & over) which accumulates the most points at the State 4-H Dog Show. Each 4-H county represented at this show will be eligible to win the trophy.
3. 4-H members will earn points for their county as follows:

1 st Place	5 points
2 nd Place	3 points
3 rd Place	2 points
4 th Place.....	1 point

PHYLLIS WHITE BEST SHOWMANSHIP AWARD

1. The 1ST place winner of each Showmanship class will compete for the Best Showmanship Award. This award has been established in honor and memory of Phyllis White for her many years of service & dedication to the Florida State Fair Dog Shows.

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM OPPORTUNITY!

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS

The Florida State Fair believes in the value and importance of exhibitor participation in all educational opportunities offered through their animal project. Achievement Premiums will be paid in addition to current animal premiums, and will reward exhibitors based on their participation in a wide variety of educational events. Participation is optional. Points will be accumulated by each exhibitor throughout the program for each event they participate in and Achievement Premium monies will be rewarded proportionately for their involvement.

The point system will be as follows:

- Entry properly filled out.....	0 to 10 points
- Educational Seminar or Pre-Fair Talk	0 - 30 points*
- Record Book - Mandatory.....	1 - 100 points
- Skilathon - Mandatory.....	0 - 100 points
- Record Book Skills Test - Mandatory	0 - 100 points
- Showmanship	0 - 100 points
Blue	80 points
Red	70 points

White.....	60 points
1st Place.....	20 points
2nd Place.....	15 points
3rd Place.....	10 points
4th Place.....	5 points
- Educational Poster.....	0 - 30 points
- Vol. in Ask Me Booth -	
½ Hour.....	0 - 30 points
500 TOTAL POINTS possible	

*Please Note: Exhibitors can only do one of these two events.

- All points will be totaled and exhibitors will be ranked in order of point totals for Champion Youth Awards.

- Available Achievement premium dollars will be allocated based on total points earned. (All points will be totaled and divided by total Achievement Premium dollars - thus determining a dollar value per point).

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT

Exhibitors will be mailed, after the Fair, a recap of the total Achievement points earned during the 2010 Florida State Fair. Along with the recap, they will be provided with the names and addresses of two (2) Achievement Premium Sponsors. To receive payment for these points, exhibitors will be required to:

1. Write and mail a Thank You letter to each sponsor
2. Send a copy of each Thank You letter to the Fair.

Checks for Achievement premiums will be issued when a copy of the Thank You letters to the sponsors has been received. **Achievement Premium checks will be voided as of July 1, 2010, if copies of the Thank You letters have not been received.**

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS - POINT CATEGORIES



EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR - Optional

1. **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be one (1) Educational Seminar session offered this year.
2. Educational Pre-Fair Seminar will be held as follows:
 - September 19 – Florida State Fairgrounds**
 - 1st Year Exhibitor Orientation**
 - 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 - Specie Specific Seminar**
 - (First Time & Returning Exhibitors)
 - 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat, Swine, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog & Llama
3. Exhibitor can receive up to 30 points toward Achievement Premiums for attending the Educational Seminar listed above.
4. **Please Note:** Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to sessions.

PRE-FAIR TALK – Optional ***

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium points by presenting an educational talk on their project prior to the Fair.
2. The talk can be to any organized group. (Including: 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau, etc.)

3. Exhibitors must submit a letter from the organization (on their letterhead) indicating that the exhibitor did make a presentation, the date and the number of people in attendance.

4. Letters and a written copy of the script for their talk must be submitted with the Record Book upon Arrival/Check-in at the Fair. Script will be worth up to ½ of the points. DO NOT INCLUDE THEM IN THE RECORD BOOK.

*****PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitor can only do one of these two events.**

RECORD BOOK - MANDATORY

1. A Record Book is available on the website, at the seminar or upon request.
2. Florida State Fair Record Books must be used.
3. Exhibitors must present their Record Book at check-in. The book will be verified for completeness.
4. All Record Books will be scored on a basis of 0 - 100 and points will be added to Achievement Premium points.
5. A Record Book is mandatory in order to qualify for Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors that do not turn in a record book will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.
6. Record Book will be returned by mail after the Fair.

RECORD BOOK SKILLS TEST - MANDATORY

1. **Exhibitors will be given a Record Book Skills Test on Friday, February 5th.** The test will cover all aspects of record keeping on their animal project.
2. Junior exhibitors will answer the first 10 questions, Intermediate exhibitors will only answer the first 20 questions, and Senior exhibitors will answer ALL 30 questions.
3. The Record Book Skills Test is mandatory in order to qualify for Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors that do not take the test will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.
4. It is advised that exhibitors bring a small calculator to use.

SKILATHON - MANDATORY

1. **A Skilathon will be held in conjunction with the 4-H Dog Show on Friday, February 5th.**
2. The Skilathon is a series of "hands on" stations where students will be asked to perform specific tasks.
3. A study guide with information to be covered in the Skilathon is located on the web-site.
4. Junior exhibitors only need to do Junior level skills, Intermediate exhibitors will only participate in the Junior & Intermediate level skills. Senior exhibitors must do ALL level skills.
5. The Skilathon is mandatory in order to qualify for Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors that do not participate in the Skilathon will forfeit all Achievement Premiums.

EDUCATIONAL POSTER - Optional

- Educational Poster may earn 30 points maximum.**
1. Exhibitors can earn additional points toward Achievement Premiums by entering an Educational Poster.
 2. The purpose of the posters is to educate the public about the animal industry.
 3. **Posters must be turned in by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5th.**

4. Posters must be removed during the scheduled release times.

5. Requirements:

- a. All posters must relate to the 2010 Skilathon topic of Health. This does not include showmanship.
- b. Posters must be done on a 22" X 28" poster board or a 20" x 30" foam board. Do not cut corners off posters.
- c. Poster must have a Title.
- d. Poster must have your name on the back.
- e. If poster is a game/activity it must have instructions and an answer key.
- f. If other resources (such as journals, web sites) are used, they must be cited on the back of the poster.

6. Judging rubric will be used and posted on our website. The areas judged will be:

Required Elements	5 points
Labeling	5 points
Content/ Accuracy	5 points
Attractiveness	5 points
Grammar/spelling	5 points
Effort	5 points
	Possible 30 points

7. Posters will be disqualified for:

- a. incorrect poster size
- b. Not on current year Skilathon topic
- c. Plagiarism (use of complete article from web or sourcebook)

PLEASE NOTE: This poster cannot be used for the Ask Me Talk, it cannot be used for more than 1 year and it cannot contain copyright items (cartoons, logos) or brand names.

VOLUNTEER IN ASK ME BOOTH - Optional

The purpose of the Ask Me Booth is to offer the public an opportunity to meet and speak with 4-H Dog Exhibitors.

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium points by volunteering in the Ask me Booth.
2. Exhibitors can sign up for a time-slot at Arrival/Check-in or at the Ask Me Booth when time/space is available.
3. Exhibitors must complete a one half hour segment in order to earn points.
4. Exhibitors will be evaluated on their participation and interaction with the public for a range of 0 - 30 points.
5. Exhibitors are required to be in Show Attire or State Fair T-shirt when manning booth. No food or drinks allowed in booth.

SHOWMANSHIP -Optional

1. A Youth Dog Showmanship Contest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7 @ 9:30 a.m. **Please Note: Showmanship placement will go toward "Achievement Points Only", No Premiums will be paid.**

2. Exhibitors will demonstrate showmanship skills on an individual basis to a judge.
3. Exhibitors must show one of the animals they have entered.
4. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red or White Award. Rosettes will be awarded for the 1st – 4th place in each division.

5. Age Divisions:

Junior Division (between ages of 8 and 10 as of Sept. 1, 2009)

Intermediate Division (between ages of 11 and 13 as of Sept. 1, 2009)

Senior Division (14 and over as of Sept. 1, 2009)

6. Showmanship guidelines can be found in the Skilathon manual.

7. Exhibitors must adhere to the Attire Statement as outlined in the 4-H Dog Rules.

CHAMPION YOUTH

A Champion Youth Exhibitor will be selected in each age division for each Youth Livestock Show at the Florida State Fair. These exhibitors will be selected based on the highest number of points accumulated. The Champion Youth Exhibitors in each Youth Show will be eligible to receive:

SENIOR AGE CATEGORY**

Champion Youth - \$1,000 Savings Bond
2 nd Place - \$ 750 Savings Bond
3 rd Place - \$ 500 Savings Bond
4 th Place - \$ 250 Savings Bond

INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR AGE CATEGORY

Champion Youth - \$100 Savings Bond & an Award

The Skilathon and Record Book Skills Test will be used to break a tie.

Only Senior exhibitors will be eligible to qualify for the top 4 Champion Youth Awards. Intermediate and Junior exhibitors will only complete the segments of the Skilathon and record book test that are designated for their age level.

PLEASE NOTE: Champion Youth - an exhibitor can only place in the top four - 2 times within a show.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP

The Florida State Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. It is important that the exhibitors understand:

- The purpose of youth livestock projects
- The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects
- Proper animal handling and management
- The difference between animal welfare and animals rights
- Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture

The New Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the mandatory certification requirements that will be in affect for the 2010 Florida State Fair. Certification is valid for a three (3) year period

The requirements are as follows:

- All students that were entered at the 2006, 2007, 2008 or 2009 Fair must have completed the Ethics training to show an animal at the 2010 Fair.
- THE LAST WORKSHOP OFFERED FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2010 FLORIDA STATE FAIR WILL BE JANUARY 18, 2010 AT RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
- Youth that are exhibiting for the first time at the 2010 Fair will have a one (1) year grace period to complete the Ethics training.

This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).

Please note that all Florida State Fair Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Certification numbers that start with 06 or 07 (for example: 06FSF1111 or 07FSF2222) have now expired. If you are an exhibitor with one of these certification numbers you will be required to attend a Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop to show at the 2010 Florida State Fair.

You may check your current certification number by going to our website – www.floridastatefairag.com and clicking on the Ethics Lookup tab. You must have given us your name and city to be able to check for your certification number on the website.

Check our Florida State Fair Agribusiness website for information, times, dates on Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshops that will be held around the state. Please check website periodically for newly scheduled workshops.

**ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS ARE
ELIGIBLE
TO APPLY FOR
THE MOSAIC SCHOLARSHIP,
THE MANNA – PRO
SCHOLARSHIP AND THE
FLORIDA STATE FAIR
FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**
See Rules & Application on website

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

An official photographer will be designated by the Florida State Fair. Any exhibitor wishing to engage the service of this photographer may get in touch with him through the Livestock Office. Photographs of winners and participants will be taken by the Official Photographer for official use

in Public Relations. All owners, exhibitors, and herdsman handling such animals are required to cooperate with the photographer.

CAMPGROUND

1. PLEASE NOTE: ALL CAMPERS/RVS MUST HAVE A CAMPING PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE USED FOR CAMPING.

2. Campground Rules and Reservation Form is available on our website.

SHOWERS:

1. Shower facilities are available on the grounds and will be unlocked for use by exhibitors only!

2. Shower permits will be issued, upon request, to Livestock Exhibitors from the Agribusiness Office.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. For motel accommodation information, see our website for the Preferred Hotel List.

Florida State Fair Authority – Livestock Addendum

OWNER represents to Florida State Fair Authority ("AUTHORITY") that no animals that are exhibited or otherwise transported onto FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS will in anyway be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the AUTHORITY, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER's livestock at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER's officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulations, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause, litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of AUTHORITY, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither AUTHORITY nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person or property. AUTHORITY, its officers or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable rules and regulations of the AUTHORITY titled FLORIDA STATE FAIR STATE 4-H DOG SHOW RULES & PRIZE LIST and same are incorporated by reference herein. pmurr|fair|livestock.add 7/95 10155.1009