

2024 TRUMBULL JUNIOR FAIR DOG RULES

General Rules/Registration Guidelines:

1. Exhibitors must read and comply with all Ohio State Fair Dog Rules, Trumbull County 4-H Dog Rules, and Senior/Junior Fair Rules and Regulations.
2. An exhibitor is allowed to exhibit an educational display if unable to show a dog.
3. Purebred dogs are not necessary. Dogs will not be judged on conformation to breed standards.
4. All dogs brought to the Fair must be a bona fide part of the exhibitor's project for the current year, are registered with the Extension Office by April 1st.
5. After April 1st, the 4-H member is the only person permitted to work with the project dog in a training manner.
6. Daily participation in the care of the animal is required. Project dogs must reside in the same residence as exhibitor and must be owned by the exhibitor or his/her immediate family. No borrowed or leased dogs are eligible. Proof of ownership is required for all dogs.
7. Dogs must be physically healthy at the time of exhibition. Dogs must have the following vaccinations/health qualifications/identification in order to exhibit at the Trumbull County Fair:
 - Rabies
 - Distemper
 - Bordetella
 - Current Dog License
 - Negative Fecal
8. All 4-H members and their dogs must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times during fair week if under 15 years of age.

In the event that an exhibitor can not attend the dog show during Trumbull County Fair, he/she may not qualify for the Ohio State Fair.

Junior Fair Exhibition/Competition Rules:

1. Junior Fair Dog Show Schedule:
Friday & Saturday at 6:00 pm.
 - Showmanship- Friday at 6:00 pm.
 - Obedience- Friday, following Showmanship.
 - Agility- Saturday at 6:00 pm.
 - Rally- Saturday, following Agility.
2. Competition: All current State Fair Rules prevail! All ties will be broken by Ohio State Fair Rules.
3. All exhibitors taking dog projects will report to the fairgrounds by 10:00 am each day. Dogs are able to leave the grounds daily.
4. Animals without all necessary health and ownership papers will not be allowed to exhibit or to compete at the fair. Exhibitors must bring a copy of vaccination records.
5. Project dogs must be at least six months old at the time of competition. Dogs exhibited in agility must be 18 months of age or older. Proof of age is the burden of the exhibitor or exhibitor's immediate family.

6. Pregnant dogs or lactating females and her puppies are not permitted at fair. Female project dogs showing signs of heat are not permitted on the fairgrounds.
7. Project dogs must be manageable. Any animal showing overly aggressive behavior may be eliminated from exhibition, competition and may be required to leave the grounds.
8. All dogs exhibited must be judged.
9. Any exhibitor physically or verbally abusing their dog, neglecting their dog's physical needs or showing unsportsmanlike behavior will be eliminated from exhibition or competition. Each exhibitor must appropriately clean up after his or her dog relieves itself.
10. Exhibitors must provide a metal dog crate of a suitable size for breed and all food, water, and dishes. All crates will be checked for suitability.
11. Each dog needs to be crate trained and will remain crated except when out on lead for exercise, training, showing, demonstration, or relieving.

Handlers' Appearance: Exhibitors should be neat, clean and well groomed. Wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog shows. Exceptions on dress may be made at the judge's discretion in regard to weather.

- For Obedience and Assistance Classes – Colored dress jeans and dress shorts appropriate. Soft soled shoes to be worn (no open toes). Shorts higher than mid-thigh and t-shirts are unacceptable.
- For Grooming & Handling Classes – Recommendations for girls include skirts, dresses, dress skorts, or similar attire; Recommendations for boys include dress shirts, ties and dress slacks (jackets not required).
- Dog Appearance – Clean, well brushed, and physically appropriate for dog's age. Regulation show clips are not required for purebred dogs.

Collars/Leashes:

- **Obedience Collars** include well-fitting plain buckle or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric, or chain with two rings one on each end. Fancy collars, special training collars or collars that are either too tight or so long they hang down unreasonably in front of the dogs are not permitted. Nothing on collar is to dangle or jingle, such as dog license, I.D., etc. No pinch, pronged, or electric collars permitted. **Leashes** may be of fabric or leather and should be 6 feet in length. Chain leashes are not acceptable.
- **Grooming and Handling Collars** include a chain or fabric slip collar or martingale-type show lead. Nothing will be hanging from the collars. **Leashes** may be of fabric or leather and long enough to allow for easy handling of the dog. No pinch, pronged, or electric collars permitted. Chain leashes are not acceptable. Nothing on collar is to dangle or jingle, such as dog license, I.D., etc.

Use of Bait:

- **Obedience Classes:** Food, treats, or toys are not permitted in the show ring areas. Youth may take the dog out of holding rings and off show floor to give rewards, bathroom break, etc. and then return immediately when finished. Ask judge if bait may be used.
- **Grooming and Handling Classes:** Bait may be allowed by the judge.

Classes:

OBEDIENCE CLASSES:

Beginner Novice No experience; on lead	Novice Partial Off Lead	Open Off Lead
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SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES:

Novice Junior Ages 8-11	Novice Intermediate Ages 12-14	Novice Senior Ages 15-18
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Open Junior Ages 8-11	Open Intermediate Ages 12-14	Open Senior Ages 15-18
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AGILITY CLASSES:

Beginner Novice No experience; on lead	Novice Partial Off Lead	Open Off Lead
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RALLY:

Beginner Novice No experience; on lead	Novice Partial Off Lead	Open Off Lead
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