

4-H Dog Show
Tuesday, July 22, 3pm
Tent in the Lower Meadows

General Rules:

1. Dog exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Obedience project and must have received at least a **white ribbon** during 4-H Roundup.
2. Ownership of the project animal is not mandatory, but each member must have use of a dog. Two or more members must not share the same dog.
3. Show entries must be received or postmarked by **Friday, June 13, 2008** at the Bradford County Extension Office, 701 S. 4th Street, Towanda, PA 18848.
4. The club member is expected to perform all obedience and showmanship training exclusively and to be completely responsible for the routine grooming of the dog.
5. A.K.C. rules will apply for obedience classes.
6. In general, Bradford County 4-H Dog Rules will be used for other classes.
7. It is recommended that dogs for obedience training and consequent obedience trials be at least six months of age by June 1 of the current year.
8. Cruelty or rough handling of dogs will not be allowed at any time. The judge may disqualify anyone mistreating a dog.
9. Any dog in season may be shown in grooming and showmanship classes but not in obedience classes.
10. Coaching participants in the ring will be discouraged.
11. Members shall act as young ladies and gentlemen at all times. Politeness is mandatory. No exceptions.
12. A.K.C. regulations shall apply in any situation not covered in the above rules.
13. Participants may compete in one or more classes for which they are eligible.
14. All 4-H members must obtain a personal copy of the A.K.C. rules. Individual copies are available free by writing to the American Kennel Club, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010.
15. Failure to adhere to the foregoing rules will result in forfeiture of any awards won.

Health Rules:

1. All dogs should have appropriate vaccinations.
2. Rabies proof of vaccination must be provided at the show. PDA will only recognize a rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Therefore, **exhibitors must submit a rabies certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian as proof of vaccination**.

Arrival Time/Check Out:

1. Dogs must arrive and be checked in between **2:00pm and 2:45pm**. Dogs will be set up in the tent in the lower meadows.
2. Dogs will be released at the conclusion of the show.

Dress Code: Individuals should give careful consideration to personal grooming:

1. Closed-toed shoes will be required.
2. Long hair should be adequately controlled when showing dogs.

3. Clothing should be neat, clean, and 4-H appropriate:
 - i. no torn jeans
 - ii. no t-shirts that are NOT 4-H related
 - iii. all shorts and skirts must be fingertip length or longer
 - iv. all tops must cover at least TWO inches of both shoulders and completely cover the midriff

Classes

Dog Obedience.....\$10.00 \$8.00 \$6.00 \$4.00 \$2.00

1. Pre-novice – Junior
2. Pre-novice – Intermediate
3. Pre-novice – Senior

Dog Grooming and Handling.....\$10.00 \$8.00 \$6.00 \$4.00 \$2.00

1. Grooming and Handling A – Junior
2. Grooming and Handling A – Intermediate
3. Grooming and Handling A – Senior

1. Grooming and Handling and Obedience classes will be broken into Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions, which will be determined by number of entry forms.
2. Classes will be scored by the enclosed score sheets.

Obedience Rules:

1. Dogs in obedience classes shall wear a slip collar of proper size with nothing hanging from the collar.
2. The leash may be of fabric or leather and of the standard **six foot length** to provide adequate slack.
3. All dogs shall be kept on leash as required.

Specific Show Rules

1. Awards will given to the first five placings in all classes, with first place trophies and/or gifts for grooming and handling and obedience classes. Awards (ribbons and trophy/gifts) will be given in obedience classes regardless of AKC qualifying score.
2. A high point trophy will be given to the member with the highest total score on the following basis: the member's score in each division (obedience and grooming and handling) will be accumulated for a total score. Additional awards may also be made by the show committee for high point awards.
3. In the event of a tie in grooming and obedience classes, the judge will be asked to add .5 to the superior performance of the two dogs in question.

Costume/Fun Show

An open fun Costume Show will be held directly after the 4-H show! All competitors should bring a costume for their dog and a written paragraph, introducing the dog and telling a story about the dog in its costume.

