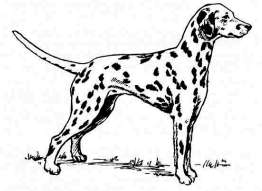


# **MIAMI COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR DOG- Dept. 50**

**Junior Fairboard Committee:** Chairs: Chet Snyder & Brody Hines. **Members:** Preston Christman  
**Senior Fair Superintendent:** Chairman, Jason Moore and Nikki Palsgrove



**Show Date: Saturday, August 9, 2025**

Obedience, Grooming and Showmanship, and Rally to show at judges discretion.

**Please see the Livestock Auction section of the Fairbook for all information regarding the Sale of Champions, Market Animal Livestock Sale, and the Add-On Sale.**

**\*Dogs and exhibitors are not permitted to practice, exercise, potty, or visit the Miami County Fairgrounds after August 1st of the current year.**

## **Rules:**

- The deadline to enter is June 1, 2025. Late entries will be accepted June 2-10, 2025 but will charge a \$50 late fee per exhibitor.
- All classes will follow the current Ohio State Fair: Junior Fair Dog Show Rules unless otherwise stated. The Ohio State Fair rules may be found on <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-ohio-state-fair>.
- The show season is defined on April 1 until the last day of Miami County Fair or The Ohio State Fair, whichever is later.
- 4-H members are eligible to show provided they meet the 4-H dog project requirements, as well as the current Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules and requirements. This includes ownership requirements.
- FFA members are eligible to show provided they meet school FFA dog project requirements, as well as the current Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules and requirements. This includes ownership requirements.
- All other youth organization members are eligible to show provided they meet their organization dog project requirements, as well as the current Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules and requirements. This includes ownership requirements.

## **SHOW REGULATIONS**

1. Exhibitors must be currently enrolled in a dog project and adhere to the 4 H Dog program guidelines.
2. Exhibitors may show: 2 dogs in obedience, 2 dogs in rally, and 1 dog in showmanship – maximum of 3 dogs to be shown total.
  - a. Example 1: 1 dog may be shown in obedience and/or rally, and the same dog can be shown in showmanship.
  - b. Example 2: 2 dogs may be shown in obedience and/or rally, and exhibitors may pick one of these dogs to show in showmanship.
  - c. Example 3: 2 dogs may be shown in obedience and/or rally, and a different/third dog can be used in showmanship.
3. Members taking an assistance dog as a 4-H dog project, must do so in the “Working Dog Project, #201W”. In Miami County, the member may take this project with a 4<sup>th</sup> dog which must be documented on the Miami County entry form. For more explanation, please see the current The Ohio State Fair: Junior Fair Dog Show Rules. Note: This project will be evaluated at Project Pride Day of the Miami County Fair and/or at the Ohio State Fair. It will not be held during the Miami County Fair Dog Show on Saturday. The assistance dog may participate in one Beginning Obedience class (Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, or Pre-Novice) that meets the exhibitor’s experience eligibility.
4. Members taking any other dog projects that are not offered at the Miami County Fair must document the dog on the Miami County entry form with the understanding the project will not participate at the Miami County Fair. This is including, but not limited to, agility, tracking, herding, Barn Hunt, etc.
5. Each exhibitor will keep their dog on a leash and under control while on the fairgrounds except when participating in a class that is required to be off leash.
6. Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong/pinch collar, or electronic collar while on the fairgrounds.
  - Exhibitors will be disqualified if their dogs are seen wearing muzzles, prong/pinch collars, or electronic collars.
7. A dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite while in the ring must be immediately excused from the ring and then removed from the Fairgrounds for the remainder of the Dog Show.

8. Individuals are not permitted to have any discussion with judges at any time throughout the Dog Show. (This does not include discussions or questions during Rally Briefings or Walkthroughs.)
9. Dogs are not permitted to be dyed or colored in any way. If coat or nails show any evidence of dye or coloring, the score sheet will reflect a major point deduction.
10. Assistance, interference, or attempts to control a dog from outside the ring is not permitted. A judge or show personnel who is aware of such double handling or interference must substantially penalize the dog.
11. A 25-point deduction will be made for any dog fouling the ring. The exhibitor and his/her dog are not to be excused from the ring. Judging is to continue once the area is properly cleaned.
12. Determinations of the Show Committee and/or Judges are FINAL; Judges' judging and scoring decisions are FINAL.
13. There will be absolutely no project dogs permitted on the midway at any time.
14. Exhibitors showing dogs will be advised the day of the show where the photos will be permitted to be taken.
15. Each exhibitor is expected to clean-up after their dog.
16. Junior Fair participants who are exhibitors at the Junior Fair shows will be issued a \$2 payment voucher per dog shown. All vouchers need to be redeemed at the Sr. Fair Secretary's Office by Friday, August 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
17. The Miami County fair will provide class placement ribbons, participation ribbons, vouchers, and/or other awards for all active classes.

### **Definitions:**

- "Off-season" is defined as the last day of Miami county or Ohio State Fair, whichever is later, to the following March 31.
- "4H or Jr. Fair Season" is defined as April 1 to the last day of Miami County Fair or Ohio State Fair, whichever comes later.
- "Dog" is a male or female canine.
- Training experience is defined as classes from other organizations and/or other trainers.
- Show experience is defined as 4H, AKC, UKC, or similar venues/organizations.
- Fouling includes urine, feces or vomit. In exceptionally poor ring conditions, judges must confer with the show committee and other judges to determine scoring if fouling should occur.

### **Health Regulations:**

1. The Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate completed and signed by a licensed veterinarian is required for exhibition. **THESE ARE THE ONLY CERTIFICATES THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT HEALTH CHECK. HEALTH CHECK CERTIFICATE MUST BE IN PAPER FORM. ELECTRONIC COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
  - a. These certificates must include ALL information requested in the Identification Form section, completed, signed, and dated by the exhibitor, and signed by the parent/guardian.
  - b. The administering veterinarian must complete the information requested in the Vaccination Certificate section and may modify it as per Rule 3 in this section. **Other certificates of vaccination, computerized vaccination records, pet record cards, or kennel records will not be accepted.**
  - c. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure all health requirements are met.
  - d. These certificates can be downloaded at: [go.osu.edu/osfdogs](http://go.osu.edu/osfdogs).
2. ALL dogs must have current Rabies vaccinations, administered by licensed veterinarians. Veterinarians must document on the current Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate whether the exhibitor's dog's rabies vaccination is current by filling in the "date expires" blank.
3. ALL dogs must be vaccinated for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus by licensed veterinarians. If the veterinarian does not administer certain vaccinations, those vaccinations must be noted by the administering veterinarian, either on the vaccination form or letterhead. The show officials will accept the veterinarian's protocol for their client/patient. For the dog show, all vaccinations must be current through the last day of the dog competition for the current year.
4. Health requirements from the Ohio State Junior Fair Dog Show, General Rules must be followed.
  - a. Dogs owned by exhibitor and family: proof of license (ie: purchase receipt) is required day of show at health check
  - b. Dogs being used for Assist Dog Project: For license tag information, Assistance Dogs may be licensed through their respective organizations.
5. Any dog exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation, as determined by a veterinarian, will be dismissed from the show and must be removed from the Miami County Fairgrounds or the show site.
6. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a current health certificate (dated less than 14 days before the day of show) from the attending veterinarian on the veterinarian's office letterhead verifying the condition and treatment to check in on Saturday of Miami County Dog Show.
7. All dogs participating in fair activities must be health checked prior to receiving armbands for showing. The health check will be the day of the show with the exhibitor checking in the animal.
8. Females in season, pregnant, or lactating will **not** be exhibited.

### **Dog Eligibility:**

1. Only domestic dogs can be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids, and similar hybrids, are not permitted.
2. All dogs exhibited must be six months of age by the date of the show. This includes Pilot Dog puppies and other assistance dogs. Proof of age is the burden of the exhibitor or exhibitor's immediate family. Dogs not meeting this age requirement cannot be shown.

### **Ownership:**

1. Dogs must be owned by the exhibitor and shown exclusively by the exhibitor during the 4H season. For more information, please see the current Ohio State Fair: Junior Fair Dog Show Rules.
2. Dogs under the age of 6 months the day of the show will **not** be exhibited.

### **License Requirements:**

Dogs must be licensed by the exhibitor and/or the exhibitor's immediate family during the 4H year. For more information, please see the current Ohio State Fair: Junior Fair Dog Show Rules.

### **Handler's Appearance:**

Exhibitors should be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog shows. Clothing should not distract, limit or hinder the judge's view of the dog. Youth with long hair should tie it back to keep it from interfering with handling or the judge's view.

- Acceptable clothing for all obedience/rally classes includes slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, capri or crop pants, colored dress jeans, collared blouses and shirts, polo shirts, or similar attire, closed-toe shoes, rubber-soled shoes, flats, and similar type footwear.
- Inappropriate clothing includes clothing that is too tight or too revealing, such as short skirts, short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, low cut blouses or shirts, shorts hanging too low on the waist, clothing with holes or tears in the fabric, blue jeans, faded or torn jeans of any kind, or other similar types of clothing. Do not wear shirts with club names or logos, or clothing with lettering and distracting or offensive wording or designs. Do not wear hats. Do not wear sandals, open-toed shoes, high-heeled shoes, clogs, or similar type footwear. Exhibitors dressed inappropriately will have points deducted or may be excused from the show ring.

### **Dog's Appearance:**

Dogs must be clean, well-brushed and in good physical condition appropriate for the dog's age. The coat must be free from mats and loose hair. Dogs are not permitted to be dyed or colored in any way. If coat or nails show any evidence of dye or coloring, the score sheet will reflect a major point deduction.

Any dog whose hair surrounding the eyes, ears, or beard interferes with its performance may have its hair tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes. Ribbons or bows are not permitted.

### **Collars and Leashes and Equipment:**

For acceptable collars, leashes, and other equipment while in the show ring, please refer to The Ohio State Fair, Junior Fair Dog Show Rules.

### **Training:**

"Off-season" is defined as the last day of Miami county or Ohio State Fair, whichever is later, to the following March 31.

- The exhibitor can only receive outside training for extra training during the "off season"; the exhibitor must only receive training from their advisor after April 1 until the end of the Miami County Fair or the Ohio State Fair, whichever is later.
- Lessons, instruction, and advice for the exhibitor are encouraged. As long as the exhibitor is present in the learning situation and handles or trains the dog the majority of the time present, such assistance can include occasional handling or training by another person.
- Exhibitors will not be permitted to train or practice in the show ring at any time.
- Exhibitors will not be permitted to train or practice on the fairgrounds after August 1 of the current year.

### **Obedience Rules & Classes: Class 4-H-5 Dog Obedience:**

- 1) For explanations of obedience classes, please see the current Ohio State Fair: Junior Fair Dog Show Rules.
- 2) The letters "A" and "B" refer to the experience of the youth and dog. For more information, please see the current Ohio State Fair: Junior Fair Dog Show Rules.
  - a) "A" classes are for handlers or dogs with NO training or showing experience prior to the county's current project year. "A" classes can never be repeated by the same youth, regardless of what dog is shown. "A" classes can never be repeated by the same dog, regardless of what youth shows that dog. Refer to "A" class information in the rules for each show discipline.

- b) "B" classes can be repeated by the same youth regardless of what dog is shown, and by the same dog, regardless of who shows that dog, provided the youth and/or dog are not the class winners (exception: Showmanship). If/when a youth and/or dog wins first place in a "B" class, the youth and dog must move to the next level (exception: Showmanship and specified advanced obedience classes). A dog must move to a higher level within a discipline, once that dog begins performing at that higher level. (Refer to each of the show discipline's rules for rules specific to that discipline.)
- 3) Miami County reserves the right to let the exhibitors show 2 dogs in obedience, either in the same class or in different classes, **with the exception** of Beginner Novice A.
- 4) Beginner Novice A exhibitors/first year exhibitors are only allowed to show one obedience dog. This rule supersedes The Ohio State Fair: Junior Fair Dog Show rules.
- 5) If exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match or equivalent they must refer to The Ohio State Fair Dog Show guidelines.

**Prizes:**

Item 1 Beginner Novice A – Award  
 Item 2 Beginner Novice B – Award  
 Item 3 Pre-Novice – Award  
 Item 4 Preferred Novice - Award  
 Item 5 Novice A – Award

Item 6 Novice B – Award  
 Item 7 Graduate Novice – Award  
 Item 8 Open – Award  
 Item 9 Graduate Open – Award  
 Item 10 Utility – Award

**Showmanship Rules & Classes: Class 4-H-6 Grooming & Showmanship**

- 1) For explanations of showmanship classes, please see the current Ohio State Fair: Junior Fair Dog Show Rules.
- 2) Only one dog can be shown in Grooming and Showmanship.
- 3) If exhibitors are showing their dogs at any AKC, UKC, or similar Licensed event or at a Sanctioned Match or equivalent, they must show in "B" classes.

**Prizes:** *(All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.)*

Item 14 Junior A: Exhibitor age 9-11 – Award  
 Item 15 Intermediate A: Exhibitor age 12-14 – Award  
 Item 16 Senior A: Exhibitor age 15 & over – Award  
 Item 17 Junior B: Exhibitor age 9-11 - Award  
 Item 18 Intermediate B: Exhibitor age 12-14 – Award  
 Item 19 Senior B: Exhibitor age 15 & over – Award  
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**Rally Rules & Classes: Class 4-H-7 Rally:**

- For explanations of rally classes, please see the current Ohio State Fair: Junior Fair Dog Show Rules.
- Miami County reserves the right to let the exhibitors show 2 project dogs in rally classes, either in the same or different classes, with the exception of Rally Novice A. Rally Novice A exhibitors/first year exhibitors are only allowed to show one rally dog.
- Once an exhibitor shows any dog in a higher level class, all other lower class dogs for the same exhibitor must be shown in "B" classes.
- Rally classes will follow the "A" and "B" experience requirements outlined in the previous obedience section.
- If exhibitors are showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Rally Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match or equivalent they must refer to The Ohio State Fair Dog Show guidelines.

**Prizes:**

Item 20 Rally Novice A – Award  
 Item 21 Rally Novice B – Award  
 Item 22 Rally Intermediate A – Award  
 Item 23 Rally Intermediate B – Award  
 Item 24 Rally Advance A – Award  
 Item 25 Rally Advance B – Award  
 Item 26 Rally Excellent A – Award  
 Item 27 Rally Excellent B - Award

**Please see the Release of Animal section of the Fairbook for  
 information on the animal release process this year.**