



## New York State Fair 2023 4-H Dog Show

### EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

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#### EDUCATORS -- Please share this information with your dog participants!

- It is the responsibility of the 4-H educators submitting entries in the New York State Fair 4-H Dog Show to ensure that each exhibitor and his/her family, volunteer leaders and any other persons who will be supervising exhibitors, read and become familiar with the rules that follow as well as the rules and regulations published in the Youth Department 51 Animal Science Premium Book (specifically Section C). For a downloadable copy, see the [NYS Fair How to Enter](#) webpage. Because dogs do not have their health papers checked upon entry to the fairgrounds, **it is necessary for all exhibitors to have a photo of the dog's current rabies certificate on their phone or bring a valid certificate to the fair.** A valid rabies certificate by Ag and Market rules will contain the date of vaccination; date vaccination is due, product name and lot number and veterinarian's signature or signature stamp as well as name and breed of animal.
- Each county is expected to provide 1 steward for every 10 entries (excluding drill team). Fill out the [Youth Steward Information Form](#) to indicate your county's steward. The Superintendent will be contacting stewards before the fair via email to confirm their work schedule. Remember that only teens 13-19 years of age can be paid and you will need to work a full 6 hours to receive your teen leader premium.
- Not knowing the rules will not be accepted as an excuse for failure to adhere to them.
- Scoresheets used in **2022** are downloadable on the [NYS 4-H Dog Program](#) webpage.

#### THINGS TO DO PRIOR TO THE NYS 4-H DOG SHOW

The NYS 4-H Dog Show will be held on **Wednesday, August 23, 2023**, in the Coliseum on the NYS Fairgrounds.

1. Enter both you and your dogs(s) at the [NYS Fair How to Enter](#) webpage. You and your dog(s) must have been properly entered. **Entries must be received by August 4, 2023.** No substitutions or additions of animals or classes will be allowed after deadline. PLEASE BE SURE TO READ YOUTH BOOK. There are THREE sections to review (Pages pertaining to ALL youth entries especially note exhibitor requirements; Department 51 pertains to all animal science exhibitors; Section C, 4-H Dog Show, is specific to 4-H dog exhibitors).
2. **ENTRY COMPLETION:** All dogs must be entered separately. Please be sure that all entries are filled out completely. For Agility and Rally classes, height of dog **MUST** be included on the entry form. Become familiar with the State Fairgrounds map. See [NYS Fairgrounds Maps](#) for a downloadable map and key.
3. Remember to continue to practice with your dog. Groom as necessary (dogs shown only in obedience classes should also "look their best").
4. Be prepared to pick up armbands on **Wednesday** morning. All exhibitors should **bring a photo of their dog's original rabies certificate on their phone or the certificate to the Fair.** It's a NYS law. Exhibitors will **NOT** be able to pick up their number without this info!

## OVERNIGHTERS

1. For general state fair overnight policies, see [NYS 4-H Policies](#). For those who stay at nearby hotels, the NYS Fair lists options at [NYS Fair Hotel Partners](#).
2. During the show, each dog must be housed in an appropriate crate (NO DOGS ARE TO BE TIED). **THE CRATE MUST BE TAGGED WITH THE NAME OF THE EXHIBITOR, COUNTY, WHERE EXHIBITOR IS SLEEPING (HOTEL, SPECIFIC TRAILER, ETC.), NAME, SEX, AND BREED OF DOG. NO EXERCISE PENS.** Remember to bring your dog's food!!
3. Dogs must be QUIET at all times. If you have a problem dog from your county, you may wish to bring some bitter apple, alum, or Tabasco sauce with you!
4. Pooper scooping is a must!! Bring a supply of plastic bags!! Garbage bins will be provided.
5. Dogs must be on leash at all times.

## WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

1. Your dog(s)!!
2. Water dish and maybe even water if your dog is fussy.
3. Crate (and maybe crate dolly) if available, may want to bring a towel/rug/mat for dog to lie on.
4. Grooming and training equipment including leashes.
5. Show clothes. Be prepared for the weather.
6. Money for incidentals.
7. County banner to hang near where your county sits in the Coliseum.
8. Pooper scooping supplies (baggies, etc.).
9. Treats for your pet!!
10. **Your dog's proof of rabies vaccination certificate on your phone or the certificates.**

## WHAT TO DO ON SHOW DAY

1. Bring your dog(s) and equipment to the Coliseum. A special section of the Coliseum may be designated for exhibitors to sit in. Please listen to announcements. Please properly dispose of trash.
2. **Any armbands NOT picked up by 8am will be considered ABSENT.**
3. Show catalogs will be available by 7:00 am on **Wednesday, AUGUST 23**. Please remember that several counties have their county fair during or after the State Fair entry deadline. These counties must enter all possible exhibitors and then scratch those who will not be participating in State Fair. Scratches are unknown until show day.
4. Selling of items as main focus is prohibited. Community service and education are the main goals. Helping at an exhibit may help to decrease the anticipatory anxiety some youth experience while waiting their turn in the ring!!

5. **ALL** rings will wait for Agility dogs.
6. Obedience exercises are mostly done individually so even though your class may begin at 8:15 am, you may have to wait (maybe even 2 hours or more!!) for your turn.
7. There will be **multiple** rings set up in the Coliseum. Each ring will be numbered and a sign will indicate what class is being judged. There will be a poster outside each obedience ring listing exhibitor numbers. "Sc" will indicate an absentee. A single diagonal line through a number will indicate that the exhibitor has "checked in". An "X" through the number indicates that the exhibitor has already completed his/her individual exercises. You can use the information from the poster to estimate when you will be entering the ring or doing group exercises. **PLEASE REMEMBER**, the poster marking indicated is IDEAL but we'll be training many new stewards on show day. Please be patient.
8. If a youth is in one ring and is being paged in another ring, the youth should indicate this to the judge between exercises (if obedience) and a steward can inform the other ring of the youth's present location, or, anyone hearing the page can notify the announcer that the youth is already in a ring and the announcer will be sure that the other ring is notified. With rings all going at once, conflicts are inevitable. Judges are aware of this and make every effort to accommodate youth showing in multiple classes. The Danish System of awards is used so even if an exhibitor misses his/her turn, he/she can still be evaluated later. Don't panic!! (Easier said than done sometimes, but give it a try!!).
9. Plan on rushing around and then having a long period of waiting and then getting called to more than one place at a time. Use your waiting time to plan for your next class, take a food or water break!! We can always use help stewarding...volunteer your services!!
10. **FOR YOUR SAFETY, EXHIBITORS ARE RECOMMENDED TO WALK IN PAIRS** when walking around the Fairgrounds.
11. **AT NO TIME MAY A DOG BE LEFT UNATTENDED.** Someone needs to be designated to "keep an eye" on your dog if you need to leave for any reason.
12. Adults, other than those helping, are NOT allowed on the Coliseum floor during the show. Address questions to someone in the announcer's stand. The announcer will then page the appropriate person. Remember, the 4-H Dog Show is hectic and for many it's their FIRST dog show ever, be patient!!
13. It is our goal to avoid as many conflicts between rings as possible. If you have any questions on which ring you should go to first, please ask at the announcer's stand.
14. STEWARDS are welcome. If you have people in your group who can help, please see the announcer.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

1. If you have any suggestions for future State 4-H Dog Show judges, please contact Superintendent.

### **CARE OF ANIMALS**

1. All dogs should be offered water appropriately throughout the day.
2. As always, 4-H'ers are expected to continue to treat their animals humanely.
3. Any perceived infractions should be reported immediately to the Superintendent.
4. Remember, your dog is not a robot. If your dog has a "bad" day, take it in stride.

5. Do not allow your dog to sniff and/or come in close contact with another dog. If your dog shows ANY sign of aggression towards another dog (or a person), immediately get tighter control of your dog and walk away (preferably off to the side rather than exposing your dog's rear to the other dog). Report the incident to the adult responsible for your county at the show.

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**Enjoy the Day!!**