

NYS 4-H Dog Grooming & Handling (Showmanship) Score Sheet

Breed of Dog						
Armband #						

Handler Appearance and Attitude 15 points

Dressed appropriately (neat & clean), proper shoes 3						
Personal Appearance (clean), no gum, hair neat & out of the way 3						
Courteous, poised, observed ring etiquette 3						
Attentiveness 3						
Good Sportsmanship 3						

Dog 22 points

Physical condition of dog (according to age) 3						
Condition of coat (clean & well groomed) 5						
Condition of eyes, ears, teeth 6						
Toenails clipped, pads clean 3						
Equip., appropriate, correct fit 5						

Show Handling 53 points

Group

Gait in circle 5						
Control of Dog 10						
Pays attention to judge, moves around dog 5						
Proper spacing in lineup 5						

Individual

Proper gait & execution of individual work & stand after the gait 10						
Knowledge of ring patterns 8						
Presentation of dog for individual examination & showing bite 10						

Knowledge 10 points

Knowledge of anatomy & questions						
General knowledge care & health						

Total points 100

score						
award						

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Appearance

Grooming of Animal

Eyes should be free of matter

Teeth should be free of tartar. If they are discolored, the exhibitor may be asked about the discoloration (may be due to tetracycline given to dog in past.)

Ears should be clean and free of dirt and excessive wax. If there is an ear infection present, there should be evidence of treatment/exhibitor explanation.

Nails should be of length appropriate to breed(s) of dog. Rough edges may have been filed.

Coat and skin should be clean, free from dirt, matter and mats. Hair is to be clipped or plucked according to the breed. Dog to be neat in appearance. Dog should not still be wet from bathing.

No hair dressing or chalk is to be used.

Body Condition of dog should be appropriate to dog's breed(s), age and use.

Equipment & Exhibitor Appearance

Collar/Lead should be appropriate.

Exhibitor Attire should be appropriate. Neat and clean. Hair pulled back/pinned out of face.

Handling of Animal

SetUp should be done smoothly and efficiently.

Bite should be shown to the judge by the exhibitor. The judge may also ask to see the "mouth" (in contrast to the "bite").

Attention refers to the exhibitor's awareness of the judge, alertness.

Gaiting should be done smoothly. Which hand changes where isn't as important as an overall smooth picture.

Knowledge

Division A Questions should be very basic, e.g., How old is your dog? What breed(s)?

Division B Questions about subject matter, e.g., For what purpose(s) was your breed(s) developed?

Grooming explanations.

Division C Questions more in depth than Division B.

All Divisions Exhibitors should know the parts of the dog.

Score Breakdown

86 – 100 Blue

71- 85 Red

0- 70 White