DOGS 201 {201O, 201S, 201P, 201W}
4-H & JR. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

-Ross Co. Jr. Fair Rules - Refer to the current Ross County Fair Book
-Ohio 4-H Dog Program Info:  http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources

1. PROJECT BOOKS
   • #201 Dog Project & Record Book (includes 201D; 201O; 201S 201P; 201W). Member will receive a Dog Project & Record Book each year. Member must complete this book each year and use it to keep records for all of their dog projects, regardless of number of projects or number of dogs.
     ➢ Members are required to bring their completed Record Book to the Animal Project Skillathon with all information completed up to the date of the Skillathon
     ➢ On the front cover of the Dog Project and Record Book check all the dog projects you are taking this year.
     ➢ The project numbers (201D, 201O, 201S, 201P, and 201W) are enrollment codes so we all know which dog projects youth are taking.

   • #201R Dog Resource Handbook. The Resource Handbook is given one per family and must be retained for future family members.

2. QUALITY ASSURANCE: QA is NOT required for Dog Projects

3. ROSS COUNTY ANIMAL PROJECT SKILLATHON:
   • All Ross County Jr. Fair Animal Project Exhibitors must complete an Animal Project Skillathon to exhibit their animal(s) at the fair. Exhibitors may complete either the Ross County Skillathon OR the Ohio State Fair Skillathon for their species (if offered before the deadline). It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to submit proof of completion, if attending the OSF Skillathon.
     ➢ *Skillathon MANDATORY: these projects require completion of Dog Skillathon
       201O-Obedience 201S-Showmanship 201P-Performance 201W-Working Dog
     ➢ Skillathon NOT REQUIRED: these projects do not require Dog Skillathon
       200-All About Dogs 201D-You & Your Dog 202-Dog Achievement Program
   • Age Categories: Exhibitors complete Skillathon according to their age (as of January 1).
     o Junior (8-11 years)
     o Intermediate (12 – 14 years)
     o Senior (15 – 18 years)
   • Skillathon Dates/Times: go to ross.osu.edu. 
     o Clubs will be assigned a time on each date.
     o Sessions are offered for every species on each date. (Exception: Horse Skillathon is only offered the Thursday before the fair.)
   • Skillathon Study Guides: available (after March 1) at ross.osu.edu or in the Extension office.

PREMIER SKILLATHON: This optional contest will be held during the Animal Project Skillathon. Participants will compete in a Premier Skillathon station in each species area. Details will be in the May Family Hotline and the Ross County Fair Book.

JR FAIR EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE: Exhibitors must adhere to the following dress requirements at all shows and sales at the fair: must wear nice jeans or slacks (no low-rise, no holes or tears); a shirt, blouse or polo with a collar and sleeves AND without slogans or advertisements (4-H club/member name is acceptable); no cleavage showing; no undergarments showing. Shoes must be closed-toe (no sandals or flip flops).

EXCEPTION: Dog Exhibitors: In accordance with typical clothing attire standards worn at Dog Shows, it is acceptable to wear Bermuda shorts or capris when showing dogs. However, same rules apply about no holes, no tears, etc.
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4-H DOG PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: 2020 Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims document is mandatory for ALL 4-H dog project members. (DUE to Extension Office April 1)
ALL youth enrolled in 4-H dog projects are required to sign the 2020 Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims document, AND a parent or guardian is required to sign this document, before youth are allowed to participate in any 4-H dog activities with their dogs. This document must be signed each year a youth enrolls in a 4-H dog project and is to be kept on file at the county Extension office. It is also recommended the 4-H club advisor keep a signed copy.

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TO COMPLETE PROJECT (#201O, #201S, #201P, #201W):

201O Obedience
• Includes Training Tips, Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, Brace, Team, and Rally
• Youth must be enrolled in this project to show in any of the above-mentioned obedience classes at the County or Ohio State Fair

201S Showmanship
• Includes Preparing for Showmanship, Stacking, Gaiting, Showmanship Patterns, Tabling, Breed Presentation, Ring Procedure.
• Questions for showmanship judging will come from specific chapters and/or sections of the Dog Resource Handbook.
• Youth must be enrolled in this project to show in the Showmanship classes at the County or Ohio State Fair.
• For County and State Fair judging, the chapters/sections from where questions will be asked, along with sample questions, will be posted on the website by June 1.

201P Performance
• Youth must be enrolled in this project to show in Agility, Drill Team, and Freestyle classes at the County or Ohio State Fair.

201W Working Dogs
• Includes Assistance Dogs, Therapy Dogs, Police Dogs, Search and Rescue Dogs, Military, Herding and Detection Dogs
• Youth must be enrolled in this project to show in the Assistance Dog Class at the County or Ohio State Fair.
EXHIBITING GUIDELINES:

1. Youth must be enrolled in the correct dog project to show in classes as follows:
   - *Obedience*, Project No. 201O – to show in Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, Brace, Team, and Rally classes;
   - *Showmanship*, Project No. 201S – to show in Showmanship classes
   - *Performance Dog*, Project No. 201P – to show in Agility, Drill Team, or Freestyle
   - *Working Dog*, Project No. 201W – to show in the Assistance Dog and 4-H PetPALS classes
   - 4-H members can be enrolled in any 4-H Dog Project to participate in the State Dog Poster Contest
   - Any 4-H member, regardless of 4-H project, can participate in the State Dog Skillathon

2. Only domestic dogs are permitted to be shown at the Ross County Fair Dog Show. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.

3. Dogs must either be owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor’s immediate family. The date of ownership must be no later than April 1. They must be in the continual care of the junior fair exhibitor for the duration of the project. Proof of ownership is the burden of the member and member’s family.
   a. *Immediate family* is defined as the 4-H member’s father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather or grandmother, including step and half relations, or by a member of the exhibitor’s household.
   b. *Continual care* is defined as the 4-H exhibitor being responsible for and involved in the feeding, cleaning, and caring of the project.
   c. *Sharing a dog* at the county level is not permitted for State Fair dog show participation. If two youth share a dog at the county level, neither youth is eligible to show that dog at the State Fair, including Agility competition.

4. Lessons, instruction and advice for the member are encouraged. As long as the 4-H member 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. Only the 4-H member can train the dog at any type of training class on or after the April 1 ownership deadline. No one other than the 4-H member is permitted to show the 4-H project dog at any type of dog show, including fun matches.

5. Criteria for participation:
   a. All dogs participating in the Ross County Fair Dog Show must be immunized against distemper, adenovirus, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, parvovirus, and rabies by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.
   b. Members must complete and submit the 2020 Junior Fair Dog Entry Form to the Ross County Extension office by July 1, 2020 to be eligible to show at the Ross County Fair Dog Show.
   c. A 2020 ROSS County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate completed and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian is required and must be presented at the dog show. These certificates must include the name, breed, and age of the dog. When obtaining the 2020 ROSS County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate, be certain the dates of the required vaccinations, including the rabies vaccination, are listed and signed by the veterinarian. Rabies vaccinations must document on the Vaccination certificate whether the exhibitor’s dog’s rabies vaccination is current for 1 year or 3 years by filling in the “date expires” blank. Veterinarians must also provide their license number or their name/address stamp in the space provided.
   d. ALL required vaccinations must be current through August 1, 2020.
   e. All dogs participating in the Ross County Fair Dog Show must be currently licensed in the exhibitor’s county of residence. The exhibitor must list their dogs’ license tag numbers on the 2020 ROSS County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate.

6. All exhibitors will provide their own equipment as needed, such as collar, leash, water dish, kennel, etc.
   a. *Obedience Collars* - Dogs must be shown with a well fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, or slip collar of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. Fancy collars, harnesses, head halters, studded collars, pinch collars, collars with prongs or spikes on inside or outside, electronic collars, or any other special training collars, or collars that are either too tight or so large that they hang down unreasonably in front of the dogs are not permitted. Nothing shall be hanging from the dog’s collar. Leashes may be of fabric or leather and should be 6 feet in length for sub-novice classes. For other obedience classes, the leash need be only of sufficient length to provide adequate slack in the heel on leash exercises. Chain leashes are not acceptable.
   b. *Showmanship Collars* – Dogs must be shown with a very small chain link or fabric/nylon slip collar, or combination lead and collar such as a martingale. Nothing shall be hanging from the dog’s collar. Leashes may be fabric or leather, proportionate to the size of the dog, and long enough to allow for easy handling of the dog. Chain leashes are not acceptable.

7. Dogs must be kept on leash while on the fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging. Dogs must be kenneled in designated areas. Exhibitors are expected to clean up after their dogs. Dogs are not permitted outside the

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show ring area and kennel area. Food, treats, or toys are not permitted in the show ring area during dog show classes. Youth may take dogs out to designated areas and off show floor to give rewards.

8. Each dog must go through a check-in station where all females will be checked for signs of heat. If a female dog shows any signs of heat, the dog may be shown with judge’s permission. Any female dog that appears so attractive to male dogs as to be a disturbing element may be eliminated from the show and asked to leave the fairgrounds. Decision of the check-in station is final.

9. Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation as determined by the check-in station, may be eliminated from the show and asked to leave the fairgrounds. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment. Decision of the check-in station is final.

10. The judge or show officials may dismiss from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior or any exhibitor abusing the dog.

11. Puppies under 6 months of age can only participate in You and Your Dog, Project #201D.

12. Previous fair participants and dogs in classes Beginners Novice A, Novice A, Open A, and Graduate Open A, may NOT enter the same class.

13. At the time the Dog Show entry form is submitted, the dog to be shown must be identified by breed (or what it most clearly resembles), sex and name, class in which the dog is to be shown must also be specified at this time (i.e. Beginners Novice A, Novice B). Changes will only be permitted later in the case of injury or death of the specified dog. This rule also applies for State Fair entries.

14. Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match must show their dogs on or after their county’s current project year at the same or higher B level classes than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Dogs, who have completed their Companion Dog (CD) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) prior to, or anytime during, the current project year, must show in Graduate Novice classes at the very minimum. Dogs, who have completed their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) prior to, or anytime during, the current project year, must show in Open, Graduate Open, or Utility classes. Any dog receiving one or more legs toward a title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the first leg was earned. For Showmanship classes, dogs with AKC Jr. Handling, UKC, or other titling shows. Dogs, who have completed their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) prior to, or anytime during, the current project year, must show in Graduate Novice classes at the very minimum. This rule also applies for State Fair entries. Fun matches do not apply.

STATE FAIR

1. Any youth enrolled in any 4-H or FFA Dog projects are eligible to compete at the 2020 Ohio State Fair Dog Show. All entries must be approved by the youth’s 4-H advisor/FFA instructor and Extension professional. The 4-H member, parent, 4-H advisor/FFA instructor and Extension personnel must all sign the entry form verifying that the 4-H member is enrolled in the project. The form must be completed before approval will take place.

2. Youth must enter their dogs by completing a 2020 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Entry Form, available online at: http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources or from the county Extension office. Youth must mail entries directly to the Ohio State Fair Entry Department. Entry fees are $4.00 per dog per class entered. All entry fees must accompany the official State Fair Dog Show entry form. All entries must bear a postage stamp and have a legible cancellation date. Metered entries will NOT be accepted. The entry deadline is June 20, 2020. Entries postmarked after June 20, 2020 will be charged a $25.00 late fee. NOTE: The Ohio State Fair Expositions Commission is working on making our Ohio State Fair Dog Show registration an online process. If things work out, this will be the only way participants may register for competition. Check the website for further details.

3. With the exception of Assistance Dogs and You & Your Dog class, a youth may show one project dog in one level of Obedience, other project dogs in different levels of Obedience, the same or different project dog in You & Your Dog “Show” Class, Showmanship, the same or different dog in Agility, Drill Team, Brace, Team, Rally, and Freestyle depending on the number of project dogs owned and handled by the youth, provided they meet those classes’ eligibility requirements. Youth showing Assistance Dogs may also show that Assistance Dog in one Beginning Obedience class(Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, or Pre-Novice) and/or a You & Your Dog Class.

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Any youth enrolled in Performance Dog, Project No. 201P may enter Agility with one or more 4-H dog projects. 4-H and FFA members competing in the Agility class MUST register by completing the Official Entry Form (available online at: http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources or from the Extension Office) and return it directly to Lucinda Miller, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43210, and be postmarked by June 20, 2020. Exhibitors must follow entry procedures. Entries must be received by June 20, 2020.

Youth entered in any Dog projects are eligible to compete in the 2020 Ohio State Fair Dog Poster Contest. Each youth must complete a 2020 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Poster Entry Form and send or bring the completed entry form along with the poster to Lucinda Miller, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43210, and be postmarked by July 1, 2020. Complete rules and registration forms are available at the Extension Office or online at: http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources

The 4-H member, parent, 4-H advisor and Extension personnel must sign the entry form verifying that the 4-H member is enrolled in the project. No Entry fees are required.

CLASSES:

All Beginner Novice A class exercises are performed on leash: Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Sit for Exam on Leash, Sit/Stay (45 seconds) on Leash, Recall on Leash

Beginner Novice A
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 201O.

This class is for the beginning exhibitor and beginning dog. Neither exhibitor nor dog has had any prior obedience experience before April 1, 2020. This means that the exhibitor and/or dog cannot have any kind of formalized training. If they have had any training, they must enter the Beginner Novice B class. Those exhibitors/dogs must enter Sub-Novice B classes at the county fair level. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Sub-Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Sub-Novice B level at the very minimum.

The Beginner Novice B class exercises are as follows: Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Sit for Exam on Leash, Sit/Stay (leash attached, on ground) (Handler Walk Around Ring), Recall off Leash

Beginner Novice B
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 201O.  Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice, decided upon according to skill level and preference. A youth cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year. A dog cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year.

This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Beginner Novice A or has had experience at the Beginner Novice level before April 1, 2020, or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first, for Ohio State Fair exhibition. They have not yet progressed to Novice level or higher. The first place winner must move to Pre-Novice, or Novice A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Beginner Novice B class must either be shown in Pre-Novice or be shown in the Novice A class at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Beginner Novice B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the state fair provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Novice level or higher. OR he/she can show in Pre-Novice provided the dog is not performing at the Novice level or higher. Exhibitors have the option of moving back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice until winning both of these classes or they have experience at the Novice level, with the same dog. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in the Beginner Novice A class.

PRE-NOVICE: All Pre-Novice class exercises are performed on leash: Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Stand for Exam on Leash, Recall on Leash, Long Sit (1 min.) on Leash, Long Down (3 min.) on Leash

Pre-Novice
Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice, decided upon according to skill level and preference. A youth cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year. A dog cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year.

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This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Beginner Novice A or has had experience at the Beginner Novice level before April 1, 2020, or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first, for Ohio State Fair exhibition. They have not yet progressed to Novice level or higher. The first place winner must move to Beginner Novice B, or Novice A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Pre-Novice class must either be shown in Beginner Novice B or be shown in the Novice A class at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Pre-Novice at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the state fair provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Novice level or higher. OR he/she can show in Beginner Novice B provided the dog is not performing at the Novice level or higher.

Exhibitors have the option of moving back and forth between Pre-Novice and Beginner Novice B until winning both of these classes or they have experience at the Novice level, with the same dog. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in the Beginner Novice A class.

**NOVICE:** The Novice class exercises are performed as follows: Performed on leash: Heel on Leash & Figure*; Performed off leash: Stand for Exam, Heel Free, Recall, Long Sit (1 min.), Long Down (3 min.)

**Novice A**
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 2010. In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Novice level before April 1, 2020. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Novice B level at the very minimum.

**Novice B**
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 2010. This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Novice A or has had experience at the Novice level before April 1, 2020. They have not yet progressed to Graduate Novice A level or higher. The first place winner must move to Graduate Novice A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Novice B class must then be shown at the Graduate Novice A level at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Novice B at the Ross County Fair or the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the county level provided the requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Graduate Novice level of higher. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience at the Ross County Fair.

**GRADUATE:** The Graduate Novice class exercises are performed as follows: Heel on Leash & Figure 8, (the Heel is performed on leash and the Figure 8 is performed off leash); Performed off leash: Drop on Recall, Dumbbell Recall, Recall over High Jump, Recall over Broad Jump, Long Down (3 min.-handler out of sight)

**Graduate Novice A**
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 2010. In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Graduate Novice level before April 1, 2020. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduate Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Graduate Novice B level at the very minimum.

**Graduate Novice B**
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 2010. This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Graduate Novice A or has had experience at the Graduate Novice level before April 1, 2020. They have not yet progressed to Open A level or higher. The first place winner must move to Open A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Graduate Novice B class must then be shown at the Open A level. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Graduate Novice B at the Ross County Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the county level provided the requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Open level or higher. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience at the Ross County Fair.

**OPEN:** All Open class exercise are performed off leash: Heel; -Heel free & Figure 8, Drop on Recall, retrieve on Flat, Retrieve over high Jump, Broad Jump, Long Sit (3 min. – handler out of sight); Long Down (5 min. – handler out of sight)

**Open A**
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 2010. In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Open level before April 1, 2020. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Open B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Open B level at the very minimum.
Open B
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 201O. This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Open A or has had experience at the Open level before April 1, 2020. They have not yet progressed to the Graduate Open level or higher. The first place winner must move to Graduate Open A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Open B class must then be shown at the Graduate Open A level at the very minimum. The dog of a first place winner in the Open B class must then be shown at the Graduate Open A level at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Open B at the Ross County Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the county level provided the requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Graduate Open level or higher. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience at the Ross County Fair.

GRADUATE OPEN: All Graduate Open class exercises are performed off leash: Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Exam, Go Out, Directed Jumping

Graduate Open A
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 201O. In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Graduate Open level, or a higher level of dog obedience, before April 1, 2020 or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduate Open B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must then be shown at the Graduate Open B level.

Graduate Open B
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 201O. This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Graduate Open A or has had prior experience at the Graduate Open level, or a higher level of dog obedience before April 1, 2020 or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to the Utility A level or higher. If an exhibitor and/or dog wins first place or places in Graduate Open B at the Ross County Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the county level provided the requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Utility level. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience at the Ross County Fair.

SHOWMANSHIP: Exercises to be performed in all Showmanship classes include: (1) Interview; (2) Handler Appearance & Attitude, (3) Grooming, and (4) Handling. For the Interview, age-appropriate questions will come from specific chapters and/or sections of the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook. The chapters/sections from where questions will be asked, along with sample questions, will be posted on the website by June 1.

Showmanship Junior A
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Showmanship, Project No. 201S. This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 8-11 years of age as of January 1, 2020. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences or a champion title before April 1, 2020. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Junior B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 12 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Showmanship Intermediate B. A dog shown in this class at the Ross County Fair cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the Showmanship B level of the appropriate age of the exhibitor.

Showmanship Junior B
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Showmanship, Project No. 201S. This class is for the 4-H or FFA member or dog that has shown in Showmanship Junior A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences or a champion title before April 1, 2020. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 8-11 years of age as of January 1, 2020. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class at the Ross County Fair can return to this class with the same dog every year provided age requirements are met. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Showmanship B level and cannot go back to an A-level class.

Showmanship Intermediate A
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Showmanship, Project No. 201S. This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2020. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences or a champion title before April 1, 2020. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Intermediate B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 15 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Showmanship Senior B. A dog shown in this class at the Ross County Fair cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the Showmanship B level of the appropriate age of the exhibitor.
Showmanship Intermediate B
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Showmanship, Project No. 201S. This class is for the 4-H or FFA member or dog that has shown in Showmanship Intermediate A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences or a champion title before April 1, 2020. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2020. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class at the Ross County Fair can return to this class with the same dog every year provided age requirements are met. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Showmanship B level and cannot go back to an A-level class.

Showmanship Senior A
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Showmanship, Project No. 201S. This class is for the 4-H or FFA member who has had prior experience in Rally Intermediate A level or higher. Neither the 4-H or FFA member nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2020 or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Senior B. A dog shown in this class at the Ross County Fair cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the Showmanship B level.

Showmanship Senior B
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Showmanship, Project No. 201S. This class is for the 4-H or FFA member or dog that has shown in Showmanship Senior A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2020 or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 15-18 as of January 1, 2020. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class at the Ross County Fair can return to this class with the same dog every year provided he/she meets the age requirements. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Showmanship B level and cannot go back to an A-level class.

ASSISTANCE DOGS:
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Working Dog Project No. 201W. Dogs are owned by Pilot Dogs, Inc. or other Assistance Dog Organizations. FFA members raising a pilot puppy or other assistance dog may also enter this class. Exercises to be performed in the Assistance Dogs class will follow the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test® and include:
1) Accept a Friendly Stranger; 2) Sit Politely for Petting; 3) Appearance and Grooming; 4) Out for a Walk; 5) Walk Through a Crowd; 6) Sit and Down on Command/Staying in Place; 7) Come When Called; 8) Reaction to Another Dog; 9) Reactions to Distractions; 10) Supervised Separation. Information about these 10 exercises can be found at www.akc.org.

RALLY: Each Rally Exercise is described on an 8 1/2" x 11" instructional sign via words, directional arrows, colors, and geometric shapes. There are 10-20 signs per course depending on the level. Rally Novice A and B classes are performed entirely on leash. Rally Advanced A & B classes are performed off leash except for the Honor Exercise. Rally Excellent A & B classes are performed off leash except the Honor Exercise. Novice or above level dogs must show in either Rally Advanced A or B, depending on their experience in Rally. Rally class signs can be viewed and downloaded at www.akc.org.

Rally Novice A
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 201O. This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog with no prior experience showing at any Rally level before April 1, 2020.

Rally Novice B
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 201O. This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog that has had prior experience showing at the Rally Novice level before April 1, 2020. They have not yet progressed to the Rally Advanced A level or higher.

Rally Advanced A
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 201O. This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog that has not had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before April 1, 2020.

Rally Advanced B
This class is for 4-H members enrolled in the Obedience, Project No. 201O. This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog that has had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before April 1, 2020.