

Dog Skillathon 2023

Age Divisions: Junior (8-11) Intermediate (12-14) Senior (15-18)

Exhibitors will participate in age-based Skillathons. This study guide includes all topics an exhibitor **might** be tested on. Youth will only be tested on a portion of these items.

Station 1 Record Keeping

Project Book (1st year) - All relevant components of an exhibitor's project book must be complete

Record Book (2nd year +) – All components labeled “Required for Skillathon” must be complete

Station 2 Skillathon Kit Knowledge

Junior – Types of Teeth (pg. 133) - Including: incisors, canine, premolars, carnassials molar, and molars.

Intermediate – Breeds and Breed Groups (Chapter 2)

Group 1: Sporting Dogs – Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever, Weimaraner

Group 2: Hounds – Beagle, Dachshund, Bloodhound, Norwegian Elkhound

Group 3: Working Dogs – Boxer, Great Dane, Rottweiler, Siberian Husky

Group 4: Terriers – Cairn Terrier, Miniature Schnauzer, Staffordshire Bull Terrier

Group 5: Toy – Chihuahua, Maltese, Toy Poodle, Yorkshire Terrier

Group 6: Non-Sporting – Bulldog, Dalmatian, Schipperke

Miscellaneous Class – American English Coon hound, Rat Terrier

Senior – Anatomy of the Foot (pg. 132)

Please identify the following names associated with a dog's foot anatomy: (1) ulna; (2) radius; (3) carpus; (4) tapeworms; (5) metacarpus; (6) carpal pad; (7) dewclaw; (8) metacarpal pad; (9) phalangeal pad

Station 3 Quality Assurance

All Ages: Answer questions regarding the Dog Food Label A: Project Book (pg. 20 and Resource Book pg. 161)



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Station 4 Interview

Junior

1. How old is your dog?
2. How long have you been training your dog?
3. What are some resources (people, books, videos, etc.) that you have been using for help?
4. Name 2 of the 4 types of obstacles in agility -not necessarily the actual obstacle (pg. 114-116)
5. Name 3 things to consider when deciding how much planned exercise your dog should get (pg. 165-6)
6. What is the most important nutrient in the dog's diet? (pg. 159)
7. What is the definition of tail carriage? (pg. 25)
8. What type of basic brush is excellent for regular brushing? (pg. 31)
9. In showmanship, when are you allowed to put both of your knees on the ground? (pg. 105)
10. What is the name for body scoring that allows veterinarians and dog owners to have a common understanding of a dog's weight? (pg. 158)

Intermediate

1. How long have you been training your dog?
2. What dog projects are you enrolled in 4-H?
3. How often should responsible dog owners have their dogs retake the AKC Canine Good Citizen test to make sure they are still reliable and well-mannered? (pg. 51)
4. Name 3 ways to take your dog's heart rate. (pg. 156)
5. In reference to grooming, why is coat type an important consideration when choosing a dog? (pg. 29)
6. Explain how to locate a purebred puppy to purchase, and name five questions you should ask a breeder.
7. Compare the requirements for keeping a dog indoors versus outdoors.
8. Explain why it is important to know when a dog is stressed and identify at least five signs of stress in dogs, including some you have seen in your own dog.
9. Define calming signals and identify five calming signals in dogs.
10. According to the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine, what are three (3) reasons why you should not allow dogs to chew on bones.

Senior

1. Largest dog recording organization in the United States? (pg. 17)
2. Mission of the American Kennel Club? (pg. 17)
3. Describe an overshot bite. (pg. 23)
4. Name 6 types of commands given during the Heel on Leash exercise. (pg. 76)



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5. What are the 2 major goals to accomplish in gaiting your dog in Showmanship?
6. What are 3 ways you can visually tell your dog has tapeworms? (pg. 148)
7. What is the definition of temperament? (pg. 178)
8. Describe the difference between animal-assisted activities (AAA) and animal-assisted therapy (AAT)
9. Describe the Body Condition Scoring (BCS) assessment system.
10. List three (3) ways in which the canine influenza virus can be spread to other dogs.

Station 5 Interview about Project Goals

Youth will be asked questions related to the project goals they outline in the their project/record books.



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