

CLASS 9	Rat	(Minimum age 4 weeks)
CLASS 10	Hedgehog	(Minimum age 5 weeks)
CLASS 950	Parakeets and Canaries	
CLASS 960	Tropical Birds	
CLASS 970	Reptiles and Amphibians	
CLASS 980	Tropical Fish and Goldfish	
CLASS 990	Other Pets	
CLASS 11	Poster	

GENERAL RULES – CAT

- GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS
- ENTRY LIMITS** - Each exhibitor may enter no more than 4 cats in the show. Cats must be a minimum of 4 months old.
- IDENTIFICATION** - Animals must be identified on a 4-H Companion Animal Ownership/Identification Affidavit with a photograph. Affidavits must be completed and submitted to the Johnson County Extension Office by closing on May 1. Additionally, an immunization record must be submitted for each cat to the Johnson County Extension Office by closing on May 1 or they will not be allowed to show.
- PRE-ENTRY** – All cat entries, including showmanship must be entered on a Johnson County Fair Large & Small Animal Entry Form to be eligible to show at the companion animal show. This form must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on June 1.
- HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** –
 - All cats must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, and any internal or external parasites and infectious diseases. If a cat shows the possibility of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other cats and will not be allowed to show. Cats that pose a danger to others will not be allowed to enter the building.
 - PROOF OF VACCINATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SHOW OR THE ANIMAL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW.** One of the following is required as proof of vaccination: a veterinary health certificate with a veterinarian's signature or a vaccination printout or vaccination receipt from a vet clinic.
 - Cats are required to be current on the following vaccinations: rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus. Cats must have a current feline leukemia vaccination or proof of a negative test within 180 days of the show.
 - Proof of vaccinations must be sent in with the identification affidavit and pre-entry form. Participants should have their veterinarian fill out and sign the "Nebraska State Fair Cat/Ferret Vaccination Record Form." Exhibitors will not be allowed to show without a veterinarian signed vaccination form.
 - 4-H members vaccinating their own cats must provide proof in the form of a statement from their veterinarian or by turning in the serum containers. A rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given by a licensed veterinarian only. This vaccination must be current and printed on a vet clinic report.
 - If a cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped.
 - No expectant or nursing mother cats may enter.
 - ANY CAT NOT MEETING THE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE JUDGED AND WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE SHOW.**
- SHOW PROCEDURE** –
 - Exhibitors must be present at the time of showing.
 - Animals must be housed in a cage at all times during the show unless asked to remove them by the judge.
 - Each exhibitor will be asked to give a short "showmanship" presentation on their cat. The characteristics, health, and care of the animal should be covered in the presentation. Following the presentation, exhibitors will be interviewed on their knowledge of their cat and its care.
 - The judge will evaluate the participant on the following basis (see Nebraska 4-H Companion Animal Judging Sheet (SF 73)):
 - Animal health and wellbeing 35 points
 - Cage evaluation (appropriateness of travel housing as well as description of everyday housing) 25 points
 - Overall knowledge and presentation skills 40 points
- SHOWMANSHIP** – Exhibitors will be judged on handling of cat from cage to judge's table, plus answers to questions as to breed, age, type and date of immunizations, sex, and general cat knowledge.
- CAGES & CARE** –
 - Cats will be brought to the show in a secure container, preferably a cat carrier with no more than 2 cats per container.
 - Cats will not be allowed out of the container unless held by the exhibitor.
 - The exhibitor should have on hand: food, water, litter, a comfortable cage bottom, and non-see through cage covering (2-3 bath towels or a sheet will suffice).
 - Judging criteria will be based on the animal's comfort and efficient use of the space provided. Cages will be judged for the availability of food, water, and litter as well as cage comfort, and cage covering on.
- BEST PERSONALITY AND MOST SPIRITED** - All cats will be automatically entered in these just for fun classes. A Champion and Reserve Champion Best Personality and a Champion and Reserve Champion Most Spirited will be chosen.

DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 100		CAT SHOWMANSHIP
PREMIUM	Purple \$4.00	Blue \$3.00	Red \$2.00	White \$1.00
CLASS 910	Senior Division	14 years of age and older		
CLASS 920	Intermediate Division	11 to 13 years of age		
CLASS 930	Junior Division	8 to 10 years of age		
DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 100		COMPANION ANIMALS
PREMIUM	Purple \$4.00	Blue \$3.00	Red \$2.00	White \$1.00
CLASS 1	Cat	(Minimum 4 months of age)		

DOGS

GENERAL RULES – DOGS

- GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES & REQUIREMENTS
- ENTRY LIMIT** - An exhibitor may enter no more than three dogs. A dog can be entered in only one obedience class. Two dogs per exhibitor are allowed in obedience and must be in different classes. A 4-H member can be entered in only one showmanship class. For County Show – A dog may re-enter the ring with a different (family member) handler in the showmanship class.
- IDENTIFICATION** - Animals must be identified on a 4-H Companion Animal Ownership/Identification Affidavit with a photograph. Affidavits must be completed and submitted to the Johnson County Extension Office by closing on May 1. Additionally, an immunization record must be submitted for each dog to the Johnson County Extension Office by closing on May 1 or they will not be allowed to show.

4. **PRE-ENTRY** - All dog entries, including showmanship must be entered on a Johnson County Fair Large & Small Animal Entry Form to be eligible to show at the dog show. This form must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on July 15.
5. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** - All dogs must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworms other parasites and infectious diseases or they will not be permitted to show. All shots/vaccinations must be given at least 1 month in advance of the shows or clinics for the protection of other animals and children. Immunization can be effective within an animal in a month's time. **PROOF OF VACCINATION MUST BE MUST BE FILLED OUT ON FORM SF263 AND SIGNED BY A VETERINARIAN AND TURNED IN TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE NO LATER THAN MAY 1. SHOW AGE OF DOGS IS 6 MONTHS OR OLDER.** The following are diseases that dogs must be vaccinated against: distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies. The Nebraska State Fair Certificate of Vaccination for Dogs must document the vaccinations within 1 year or 3 years for rabies and **all other vaccinations within 12 months.** All vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the dog show.
6. **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES** - Each class will be judged on handler's appearance (10%), grooming and conditioning of dog (20%), handling-showing of dog (50%) and general knowledge (20%). See GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES for more information.
7. **ADVANCEMENT IN OBEDIENCE CLASSES** – The following definitions and rules apply to advancement in obedience classes:
 - Experienced handlers are those showing for the second year or more at any dog show, including AKC, fun matches, etc.
 - Handlers and beginning dogs may show only one year in Division A. Then they must advance to Division B. If continuing as a team, both must advance to Division B.
 - A youth will move up to a 'transition year', after they receive 2 purples in a specific class at county or state level competition. Youth will finish their 4-H year at the same level if the second purple ribbon occurs in the middle of their 4-H year. Youth do not have to move up in the middle of a 4-H year. Youth will then have the option to stay in their current class for one additional year (after receiving 2 purple ribbons) called the 'transition year'. During the transition year, youth will practice the more advanced class (gaining skills such as off leash work) but may compete in their same level. Youth may advance up to the next level more quickly with advice/assistance from a leader and parent to help evaluate skills and readiness of youth and dog. This may especially occur if the youth has had previous dog handling experiences.
 - Dogs with AKC degrees will show as follows: "CD" degree must show in Graduate Novice or higher; "CDX" or "UD" degree must show in Utility.
 - The dog will stay in its highest attained class. A 'new' handler will enter such class.
 - There is no limit on the number of years a dog may be shown in the Utility class.
 - Exhibitors enter equal to or above the class level of participation at County Fair from the last calendar year.
8. **ADVANCEMENT IN AGILITY CLASSES** - Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420. A youth will move up to a 'transition year', after they receive 2 purples in a specific class at county or state level competition. Youth will finish their 4-H year at the same level if the second purple ribbon occurs in the middle of their 4-H year. Youth do not have to move up in the middle of a 4-H year. Youth will then have the option to stay in their current class for one additional year (after receiving 2 purple ribbons) called the 'transition year'. During the transition year, youth will practice the more advanced class (gaining skills such as off leash work) but may compete in their same level. Youth may advance up to the next level more quickly with advice/assistance from a leader and parent to help evaluate skill and readiness of youth and dog. This may especially occur if the youth has had previous dog handling experiences.
9. **DRESS CODE** – See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS
10. **AGE OF DOG** – A dog must be 6 months or older.
11. **DISQUALIFIED DOGS** - Females in season will not be permitted to be shown. Overly aggressive dogs may be disqualified at the discretion of the extension staff, judge or superintendent. Lameness or crippled dogs will not be permitted to show if it is determined by a show superintendent that it is affecting the health of the dog.
12. **BAITING** – Baiting with food or a toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys. The judge has the authority to disqualify violators.
13. **EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY** – Dogs are not allowed on the floor except while in the show ring. CLEANUP shall be the EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY. Non-entered dogs and puppies are not allowed at the show.
14. **GROOMING** – Only exhibitors are allowed to groom or work dogs at the show, both in and out of the ring.
15. **JUDGING** – Procedures described in *Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines* (4-H 420) will be followed.
16. **SUBSTITUTIONS** - A dog may be substituted for showmanship classes only if it is injured or dies following the entry deadline. Substitutions are generally not allowed in obedience and agility classes; however, substitutions may be considered at the discretion of the dog superintendent. A substitute can be selected from the exhibitor's household family or from the household where the originally entered dog resides. Dog(s) may be substituted only if the Extension Office is directly consulted prior to the show date. A Nebraska State Fair Dog Show Vaccination Form (SF 263) must be completed for all substitution dogs and received by the Extension Office prior to the show date.
17. **WORKING & TRICKS** - This class is just for fun and will award a champion and reserve champion. Sign-up for this class is optional. The dog performs tricks that it has been trained to do, such as: sit up, roll over, retrieve, etc. Treats may be used in this class.
18. **BEGINNING NOVICE LEVEL** - Obedience classes in both the A and B division of Beginning Novice: all exercises to be performed on a 6 foot leash. Dogs must heel including figure 8; come on recall; stand for examination; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes. The leash may lie on the floor in front of the dog or be held by the handler.
19. **AGILITY PROCEDURE** - Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines to determine class entry. With heights of all agility dogs must be included with advanced entries. Level 1 & 2 Agility classes are run on leash. Level 3, 4, and 5 are all run off leash. One of each obstacle noted in each level are mandatory and duplicate obstacles may be added to make up quantities of obstacles in each level. Obstacle equipment needing repair or deemed unsafe by judge will be excluded from the competition. Judges determine the arrangements of the obstacles on the course. Obstacles in course should be numbered to note the obstacle order for the course. Course maps will be made available and posted at time of show registration in designated area(s). Level 5 – youth can use additional equipment for competition that they have access to and can use in practice. Obstacles that are used for agility competition events may be included from (AKC, CPE, USDAA, NADAC, UKC, etc....)

Agility Jump heights – measure dogs at withers to determine jump height:

 - Dogs 11 inches or less – 4 inches,
 - Dogs over 11 inches up to and including 14 inches – 8 inches,
 - Dogs over 14 inches up to and including 18 inches – 12 inches,
 - Dogs over 18 inches – 16 inches.

DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 700		DOG SHOWMANSHIP
PREMIUM	Purple \$4.00	Blue \$3.00	Red \$2.00	White \$1.00
CLASS 910	Senior Division	14 years of age and older		
CLASS 920	Intermediate Division	11 to 13 years of age		
CLASS 930	Junior Division	8 to 10 years of age		
DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 701		DOG OBEDIENCE
CLASS 10	Beginning Novice Division A	Exhibitor and dog in first year of competition		
CLASS 20	Beginning Novice Division B	Exhibitor or dog that is beyond its first year of competition		

CLASS 30	Novice	Dogs must heel on leash including figure 8; stand for examination off leash, heel free; come on recall off leash, long sit for one minute off leash and long down for three minutes off leash	
CLASS 40	Graduate Novice	Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off leash; heel free including figure 8; drop on recall; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes both with handler out of sight	
CLASS 45	Advanced Graduate Novice	Heel on leash and figure 8 (off leash); drop on recall; dumbbell recall; recall over high jump; recall over broad jump; and long down	
CLASS 50	Open	All exercises off leash. Heel free and figure 8; drop on recall; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes, both with handler out of sight.	
CLASS 55	Graduate Open	Signal exercise, sent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, go out, and directed jumping	
CLASS 60	Utility	The dog will perform five exercises – the signal exercise; the scent discrimination exercise with leather and metal objects; the directed retrieve; moving stand and examination; directed jumping. Exhibitors must supply their own scent articles and gloves for the directed retrieve.	
DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 702	DOG AGILITY
CLASS 10	Level 1	6 obstacles – 3 bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, and tunnel (open).	
CLASS 20	Level 2	10 obstacles – several bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump and tire jump (hoop jump).	
CLASS 30	Level 3	10 obstacles – same obstacles as Level 2 but dogs run off leash for Level 3.	
CLASS 40	Level 4	13 obstacles – bar jump which has one bar each, bar jump which has two bars each, tall dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump, teeter totter (seesaw), weave poles (single set with 6 poles), and tire jump (hoop jump).	
CLASS 50	Level 5	15 – 20 of any of the following obstacles such as: bar jump which has one bar each, bar jump which has two bars each, tall dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump, A-frame short, A-frame tall, teeter totter (seesaw), weave poles (single set with 6 poles), weave poles (double set with 12 poles), and tire jump (hoop jump) broad jump, dump jump, triple bar jump, swing bridge, crawl, etc.... . Number of obstacles used for a course will depend on ring size and available equipment at show site. Course layout may include more advanced handling techniques.	
DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 703	DOG RALLY
CLASS 10	Beginning	Dog is on leash and there are 5 to 10 stations. The beginning Rally signs that are suggested include: halt sit, halt down dog, right turn, left turn, about turn right, slow pace, fast pace, and normal pace. These are the same commands that exhibitors use in beginning novice obedience levels.	
CLASS 11	Rally 1	Dog is on leash and there are 10 to 15 stations.	
CLASS 12	Rally 2	Dog is on leash and there are 12 to 17 stations.	
CLASS 13	Rally 3	Dog is off leash and there are 15 to 20 stations.	

NOTE: Although every course will have many of the same exercises, the sequence of those exercises in the course design may vary. As levels go up the difficulty of the exercises goes up in ordinary obedience. The rally classes will follow the AKC rules for the same levels. The signs and rules are available online at the AKC's website (<http://www.akc.org/events/rally/resources/>). A difference between rally and regular obedience is that you may talk to your dog as much as you want to guide and instruct them.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

ANIMAL SCIENCE STATIC EXHIBITS RULES

1. **PURPOSE** – The purpose of Animal Science exhibit is to inform the public about an animal husbandry or production topic related to a specific 4-H animal project area. Appropriate topics include, but are not limited to: nutrition, reproduction, physiology, quality assurance, etc.
2. **EXHIBITS** – An Animal Science exhibit may consist of a poster or display. The exhibit may represent materials from any of the animal project manuals. All reference materials need to be properly cited. Exhibits lacking proper citation will be lowered a ribbon placing.
 - Posters**
 - This exhibit should present the viewer with a design that is simple and direct, unlike a display that usually presents more information.
 - A poster should not exceed 22" x 28" and may be either vertical or horizontal.
 - Displays**
 - A display may include but is not limited to: a three dimensional exhibit, a scale model, the actual product (example: skeleton; teeth; samples of leather, fur, etc.) or a notebook.
 - A display is not a poster.
 - A display may be mounted on poster board not to exceed 22" x 28" or on ¼" plywood or equivalent that does not exceed 24" high or 32" wide.
3. **PHOTOGRAPHS** – If photographs are to be part of the exhibit, remember the public will view them. Make sure that the photographs are in good taste and not offensive to anyone.
4. **REFERENCES** – Since these are science displays, all references and information must be properly cited.
5. **TOP EXHIBIT** – A top exhibit will be selected from those exhibits receiving purple ribbons in the animal science division.
6. **MANUALS** - Printed materials are available from the Johnson County Extension Office for all currently enrolled 4-H members in Johnson County.

DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 999		ANIMAL SCIENCE
PREMIUM	Purple \$2.50	Blue \$2.00	Red \$1.50	White \$1.00
CLASS 905	Beef Cattle Poster or Display			
CLASS 910	Bucket Calf Poster or Display			
CLASS 915	Dairy Cattle Poster or Display			
CLASS 920	Goat Poster or Display			
CLASS 925	Horse Poster or Display			