

Massachusetts 4-H DOG SHOW
Saturday, June 17, 2017
Barnstable Fairgrounds - Barnstable, MA

The Massachusetts 4-H Dog Show is open to all enrolled Massachusetts dog project members. All ages and levels of experience are welcome to participate.

“SHOW STAFF”

Members of the Massachusetts 4-H Dog Program Committee

SHOW SCHEDULE

(rain or shine)

8:30-9:30am Check-in
 9:30am Written Knowledge Test
 10:00am Classes begin
 Ring I..... Showmanship
 Ring II..... Obedience

Rings will break for lunch at the discretion of the judges. An assortment of bag lunches will be available for \$5.00. Lunch choices include the following sandwiches: turkey, roast beef, chicken salad, ham & cheese or peanut butter & jelly. All lunches also include chips, bottled water and an “Audrey Cash’s famous cookie.” You must pre-register for bag lunches. A sign-up area appears on the show registration form. The \$6 fee per lunch should be included with your show registration fee. Families may bring a picnic lunch. Judging resumes following the lunch break. Awards will be presented at the end of the show.

Raffle: There will be a raffle. All proceeds benefit the Massachusetts 4-H Dog Program. Each exhibitor is asked to bring an item for the raffle. Raffle items may or may not be dog related.

Directions to Barnstable Fairgrounds (1220 Nathan Ellis Highway, Falmouth, MA)

From Route 495:

Follow Route 495 to the Bourne Bridge. Cross the bridge onto Cape Cod and follow Route 28 south approximately 8 miles. Take Route 151 East; bear right off the exit ramp. Follow Route 151 four miles to the Fairgrounds.

From Boston:

Take Route 3 to the Sagamore Bridge approach, bear right and follow Scenic Park Highway to the Bourne Bridge. Cross over the Bourne Bridge and follow the directions above.



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DOG SHOW RULES

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all enrolled Massachusetts 4-H members who are 8 - 18 years of age as of January 1, 2017. Cloverbud exhibitors (ages 6 & 7 as of January 1, 2017) may participate in Cloverbud showmanship and Pre-Novice A Obedience. Cloverbuds receive participation ribbons only.
2. All participants must compete in Showmanship and General Knowledge.
3. **OWNERSHIP:** The dog does not have to be owned by the exhibitor, but the exhibitor must have major responsibility for the care and total responsibility for the training of the dog for at least the last three months prior to this show. 4-H members who do not meet the ownership requirements may still compete in all sections of the show, however their showmanship and obedience classes will be non-competitive and they will receive participation ribbons. They are eligible for placement in the General Knowledge test.
4. All dogs must be over six months of age. Dogs do not need to be purebred. Females in season are not allowed to show.
5. **ANIMAL HEALTH:** All dogs must have a rabies vaccination in accordance with current state law. DHL and Parvo are strongly recommended. **A copy of your dog's rabies certificate and vaccination record for the current year must accompany your entry.**
6. All participants must be in control of their dogs. Dog must be kept on leash (except as required in the show-ring). Crates are advisable. Dogs are not to be left unattended.
7. **SHOW UNIFORMS:** Exhibitors must be clean and neat, wearing tan pants, skirt or skort with a white shirt (with 4-H clover) and flat shoes or athletic shoes. No jeans, shorts, clogs or sandals. Points may be deducted if show uniform is improper.
8. Only exhibitors may work with their dogs at this show. Parents and leaders are not allowed to groom, handle, etc. Youth are encouraged to assist other youth if help is needed.
9. The show committee reserves the right to refuse any dog admittance to the show for health or safety reasons.
10. Obedience classes will follow AKC rules. Showmanship classes will follow 4-H guidelines.
11. **ENTRY FEES:** Fees must accompany your entry. First dog - \$5.00 Additional dog -\$3.00.
12. **Parent's Class:** A parent's showmanship class will turn the tables and put parents into the show ring. No entry fee for this class.

SHOW CLASSES

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

- * **The test is required of all exhibitors.** Tests will be provided for the different ages of exhibitors.
- * Any exhibitor who would like to have a test reader or other assistance should check in the area provided on the entry form.
- * Sources of questions include The AKC Dog Care & Training, AKC Complete Book of the Dog and AKC Obedience regulations. Some parts of this test may be visual, members are encouraged to be familiar with breed pictures, and dog related equipment. **Questions also focus on the study areas listed for the 4-H Dog Program at the 2017 Eastern States Exposition.** 2017 ESE focus will be the non-sporting group. Check the ESE web site for a complete listing of topics sources.

SHOWMANSHIP:

- * **Cloverbud** - handler is 6-7 years of age as of 1/1/2017
- * **Novice Junior** - handler is in their first year of showing dogs and is 8-13 years of age as of 1/1/2017
- * **Novice Senior** - handler is in their first year of showing dogs and is 14-18 years of age as of 1/1/2017
- * **Junior** - handler is 8-13 years of age as of 1/1/2017
- * **Senior - Handler is 14-18 years of age as of 1/1/2017**
- * **Advanced/Open** - for exhibitors who have won at least three first places in showmanship classes (4-H or AKC). Advanced/Open exhibitors may be asked to switch dogs with other exhibitors.
- * **Pre-Professional** - for exhibitors who have won at least five advanced showmanship classes (4-H or AKC). Exhibitors may be asked to switch dogs.

OBEDIENCE:

- * **Pre-Novice A** - open to exhibitors showing in their first year of pre-Novice and to Cloverbuds
- * **Pre-Novice B** - open to exhibitors showing a new dog, or to second year pre-novice exhibitors
- * **Beginner Novice** - open to exhibitors and dogs who are transitioning from pre-novice to novice level
- * **Novice A** - open to exhibitors who have not taken a dog through CD
- * **Novice B** - open to all other novice exhibitors
- * **Graduate Novice** - for dogs who have not won a CDX leg or equivalent
- * **Open A & A** - no dogs with utility
- * **Utility**



Your entry must be postmarked by June 9th. There is a \$5.00 late fee for entries postmarked after June 9th.

Send entry, fee, and dog health papers by June 9th to:

Nancy Searle, 550 Amherst Road, Belchertown, MA 01007, 413.253.7721/nsearle@umext.umass.edu

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ENTRY APPLICATION**

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Make checks payable to "Mass 4-H Dog Program"**

Name of exhibitor _____

Street _____

Town _____ Zip _____ County _____

Cell/Telephone _____ Email _____

Name of 4-H Club _____

Date of birth ____/____/____ Years in 4-H dog project _____

Breed of Dog _____ Call Name of Dog _____

Check if you require assistance with the knowledge test

Specify which showmanship class entering _____

Specify which obedience class entering _____

Check one: ____ Dog meets ownership rules ____ Will participate non-competitively

Name of parent(s) participating in parent showmanship class _____

Signature of Member

Signature of Leader

"I approve this entry and acknowledge that my child is entered at the proper level for his/her age and skills. I will not hold responsible the 4-H Dog Committee or other sponsoring individuals or organizations for any injury to my child and his/her dog or property. In case of emergency, I hereby give my consent for necessary examination and treatment by an attending physician."

Signature of parent or legal guardian

Date

My family would like to sign up for the following lunches: ____ Turkey ____ Roast Beef ____ Chicken Salad
____ Ham & Cheese ____ Peanut Butter & Jelly
The \$6.00 fee per lunch must be included with your show entry fee.

I will bring the following item for the raffle _____

My Parent/s will help: ____ steward ____ set-up ____ score tests ____ clean up



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