



2020 Boulder County Fair 4-H Dog Show

Greetings Dog Project families!!

What an extraordinary year this has been! We are very excited to have an opportunity to show our dogs at Fair, but the 4-H Dog Show we are all so accustomed to will look quite a bit different this year. The following information summarizes most of the important changes, but families are strongly encouraged to review the Fairbook before completing their Fair entries. The revised Livestock Fairbook is posted on the Fair webpage at https://d38trduahtodj3.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=BoulderCountyFair&f=2020_4-H_Livestock_Fairbook_COVID_EDITION_7.8.2020.pdf

To make room for all species on the Fairgrounds with the new COVID restrictions, the 4-H Dog Show has been re-scheduled. The Show is now scheduled to be held in the Indoor Arena on the following dates:

SHOWMANSHIP – Saturday, August 8th, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

RALLY – Saturday, August 8th, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

OBEDIENCE – Sunday, August 9th, 8:00 am – noon

With some form of virus-related restrictions expected to remain in place through the summer, the 2020 Boulder County Fair 4-H Dog Show has been modified to accommodate a **live 4-H Dog Show** with limited in-person judging, fewer classes, small group sizes, social distancing, and restrictions on the number of dog entries. This year's show also includes a new **virtual exhibition class (display board)** option for members to complete their 4-H Dog Project exhibition requirement without face-to-face contact.

The **virtual exhibition** class requires demonstration of knowledge about dogs and dog showmanship. No video entries will be required for this new class and exhibition entries are not eligible for State Fair competition. The new virtual exhibition class is a great option for puppies or first year members whose dogs may not be quite ready for ring competition, or for members who do not feel safe participating in a face-to-face event. Please refer to Department 400 of the Fairbook for the display board requirements and scoring rubric. Be sure to select the correct 4-H age level (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) when registering for this class. You will need to upload a PDF of your virtual display board to Fair Entry by the **August 3rd** deadline!

The **in-person judging** will include most regular competition classes for Rally, Obedience and Showmanship. However, with so few training opportunities this year, there will be no PUPPY class, no NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP classes and no NOVICE A RALLY. Beginner Novice A and C1 Obedience will be offered for first year members or members starting a new dog. To help us comply with Health Department requirements, members may compete with different project dogs, but may only enter ONE DOG for each discipline this year – so, only ONE Showmanship dog, only ONE Obedience dog and only ONE Rally dog. Members who participate in in-person judging may be eligible to participate in State Fair.

In the event the in-person County Fair 4-H Dog Show is cancelled due to the virus, video entries may be considered for project completion and State Fair eligibility. Members who are interested in competing at State Fair should upload video entries to Fair Entry for each of their classes. Video entries may be filmed at a 4-H Virtual Fun Match, at home or at another training event. There will also be a “last minute” opportunity for members to “Reserve-A-Ring” to film their video entries. Reserve-a-Ring will be available in the Barn A Outdoor Arena on Monday July 27th. Sign up in advance at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044BAAA722A7FB6-boulder> Video entries will be judged ONLY if the in-person 4-H Dog Show is cancelled prior to the contest. Directions for uploading videos will be provided by the Extension Office and will generally require uploading to a private YouTube account and then pasting the URL into Fair Entry.

All 4-H Dog Contest participants (Virtual or In-Person) are required to submit a completed Record Book (*minimum requirement of the 4-H Story and 4 captioned photos of your project*) to the Boulder County Extension Office no later than the second Friday in September. If you participate in Fair and don't turn in a record book, you will NOT be able to show at Fair next year.

DEADLINES FOR DOG ENTRIES: **Monday August 3rd** is the final deadline to register for

- ALL Dog Contest classes
- AND to upload dog virtual exhibition (display board) entries (PDFs)
- AND to upload dog photos for the virtual Costume Contest
- AND to upload dog video entries!

NOTE: You will need to register for ALL your dog classes in Fair Entry AND upload ALL your dog entries (display board, photos, videos, etc) AND submit dog entries for ALL family members AT THE SAME TIME....

SO BE SURE TO PLAN AHEAD!!

DAY OF SHOW PROCEDURES:

Plans are still evolving, but we expect to open check in on the north side of the Indoor Arena at the door near the bathrooms 30 minutes prior to the start of each discipline. At that time we will know the estimated start time for each class. Participants may wait in the designated staging area or at another dispersed location until their class is called.

We are only allowed to have a total of 10 people at any one time inside the Indoor Arena. That means we will need to limit spectators for most classes. Depending on the size of our groups, participants may be able to bring one parent into the Arena to observe for Rally and possibly for Obedience. However, since our Showmanship classes are judged as a group, no spectators will be allowed in the Arena for those classes. The Fair Office is working on options to Live-Stream all events. Once your class is completed, you will be asked to leave the Fairgrounds until your next class. All participants will be required to wear a mask at all times and to practice social distancing of 6 feet or more.

Please feel free to contact Anne Janicki at janicki.anne@gmail.com if you have any questions about the classes or requirements.