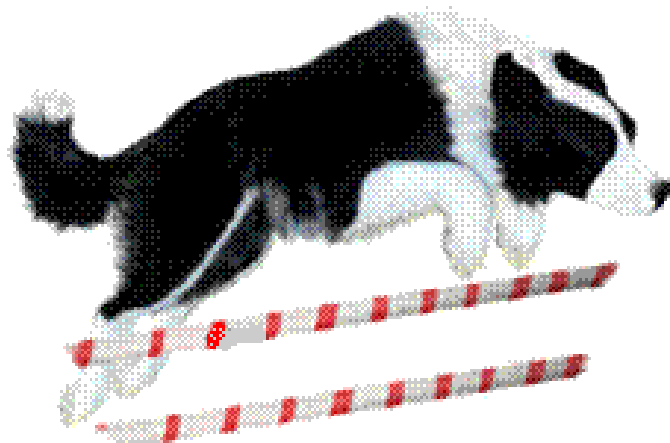


GUIDELINES & INFORMATION
Entry Deadline: August 27th, 2008

2008 Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Agility Show



**Eau Claire County Exposition Center
Eau Claire, Wisconsin
September 20th, 2008**

Guidelines & Rules

2008 STATE 4-H DOG AGILITY SHOW

Questions should be directed to:

- Dawne Bisek
S11800 Cty Rd F
Eleva WI 54738
(715) 878-4248 or konaire@hotmail.com

Or,

- Eau Claire County UW-Extension Office
(715) 839-4712 or katy.forsythe@ces.uwex.edu

Entry Fees, Deadline, & Other Information

Entry Fees

The total entry fee for participation in this event is \$8.00 per dog **per class**. You may enter two dogs.

Deadline

Entries must be postmarked by August 27, 2008. **NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**

How to Enter

Complete the appropriate entry form(s) included in this book. No entries will be accepted without the 4-H Youth Development Agent and the leader signatures. These signatures verify that the vaccination certificates are up-to-date and dogs have exhibited acceptable behavior. Note: Entry blanks in each county shall be distributed by the leader or a 4-H Youth Development Agent in charge of the Dog Project.

Make checks payable to:

Eau Claire 4-H Dog Project

Mail entries postmarked by August 27th to:

**State 4-H Dog Agility Show
c/o Dawne Bisek
S11800 Cty Rd F
Eleva WI 54738**

Lodging & Camping

A list of motels in the Eau Claire area is included in this booklet. Camping is possible on the grounds at a cost of \$10 per night (use the reservation form included in this booklet).

T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

Use the form in this booklet to order your T-shirt and/or hooded sweatshirt.

Vet On-Call

To be announced

Food

Food will be available on the grounds

Clean-Up

If your dog messes, you are responsible for your own clean up. Please bring your own clean up equipment. There will be specified exercise areas: look for signs! There will be a **POOP SCOOP-N-RAFFLE**. There will be one drawing after JTT and another at the completion of Standard.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 20

8:00 am

Begin picking up armbands at the show ring

9:00 am

Judging begins

All competitor numbers may be picked up at ringside beginning 1 hour before judging starts.

Ribbons and Trophies:

Trophies will be awarded to the top dog/handler team in JTT - A and JTT - B and Standard A and Standard B. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st - 5th place in each class, division and height. Qualifying ribbons will be awarded for any qualifying runs, regardless of placing.

Please Note: *No trophies or rosettes will be mailed.*

EXHIBITOR QUALIFICATIONS

1. Open only to youth currently enrolled in the 4-H dog project.
2. Exhibitor and dog must meet local county requirements of attendance, training, and exhibiting.
3. Exhibitor must be approved for the State 4-H Dog Agility Show participation by a leader and the 4-H Youth Agent. If there is no leader, the form may be signed by the 4-H Youth Agent only.
4. Exhibitor shall complete the required registration form and submit it to the Show chair by the entry date specified (August 27, 2008).

DOG QUALIFICATIONS

1. The dog shall have completed training requirements specified and authorized by their county 4-H dog project.
2. Eligibility requirements and participation rules detailed in the guidelines included in this booklet (pages 4 –7) will be followed.
3. Use the guidelines in this booklet (pages 4 –7) to determine the proper class and division of entry (JTT-A or JTT - B and/or Standard A or Standard B and on or off leash).
4. ALL dogs to be exhibited must have had the following vaccinations with dates vaccinated listed on the entry form and certified by their Dog Project Leader or 4-H Youth Agent.
 - a. DHL & Parvo Virus - within one year of show date
 - b. Rabies - within three years of show date (or valid vaccination)
 - c. It is recommended that the fecal be checked prior to the show
 - d. Prefer all dogs be heartworm checked and on preventative medicine
 - e. Corona and Kennel Cough (bordatella) are highly recommended

Equipment

Each dog must be equipped with a buckle collar with no attachments (no name tags, rabies tags, license, etc) and a 6 foot leather, nylon, or web leash with only a metal snap attached or use a slip lead and run the dog without a collar. **Pinch collars, slip collars and chain leashes will not be allowed.**

Agility Rules and Guidelines for the State 4-H Agility Event

(Updated 2/2008)

All 4-H activities and events are to be youth focused. This means that the event will help teach young people life long skills and assets, utilizing their project, in this case – their dog, as a vehicle for learning those skills. The actual event takes a back seat to the development of young people. Safety is also and always a primary concern for both youth and animal.

Eligibility:

In order to compete in Agility each exhibitor and dog must **demonstrate** the following competencies:

1. A successful sit/stay.
2. A successful down/stay.
3. A good relationship between the dog and handler, which includes ability to control the dog whether stationary or when walking on leash.
4. The ability to be peacefully approached by other dogs and handlers.

It is strongly suggested that youth and dog successfully complete at least one year of obedience training before moving to agility.

Participation Rules

1. The handler and dog must be in good health at the time of competition.
 2. The dog may not be pregnant or nursing puppies at the time of competition. Bitches in heat may not compete.
 3. Dogs must be at least 12 months old to compete in agility. It is recommended that larger breeds be at least 18 months old. This is because for most breeds the growth plates in the bones are still developing until the average age of fourteen months – even later for large breeds.
 4. Dogs 18 months and younger and 7 years and older are encouraged to jump at least one height lower than their measured jump height. Handlers should inform the judge of the dog's age and request the lower jump height prior to running.
 5. If a dog has a condition other than age for which the exhibitor is requesting a lower jump height, the handler should speak to the judge prior to running.
 6. All 4-Hers are strongly encouraged to consult their veterinarian before beginning agility training to be sure that there are no problems such as hip dysplasia, disc problems, overweight, etc.
 7. The handler and dog must know basic commands at the time of competition. (sit, down, stay, come, controlled walking on leash, etc.)
 8. Any breed or mixture of breeds and/or size dog is allowed to compete.
- The handler must have complete control over their dog at all times.

Standard Equipment:

1. Buckle collar – no choke collars
 2. Standard 6 foot leash – no retractable leashes
- For safety reasons, handlers must wear rubber soled shoes that tie or velcro (no flip-flops or slip-ons)

Class Jump Heights

Classes divided by 4 jump heights:

4" class – for dogs up to 10 inches at the shoulder

8" class – for dogs greater than 10" and up to 14" at the shoulder

12" class – for dogs greater than 14" and up to 18" at the shoulder

16" class – for dogs over 18" at the shoulder.

Class Descriptions (Depending on their demonstrated abilities handler/dog teams may enter both classes.)

JTT (Jumps, Tunnels, Table) Class* (There will be a JTT-A and JTT-B, see details below)

Jumps, Tunnels and Table – on leash

Jumps, Tunnels and Table – off leash

Standard Agility Class** (There will be a Standard A and Standard B division, see details below)

Contact Obstacles and Weaves – on leash

Contact Obstacles and Weaves – off leash

** The contact obstacles (A-frame, dog walk and seesaw) and six weave poles will be added to the course containing jumps, tunnels and table.)

When exhibitors move to Standard Agility, (by demonstrating the ability to complete contact obstacles and weaves successfully as determined by a county dog project leader), they will be able to compete in BOTH JTT and Standard agility classes at a single event.

Both JTT and Standard will be divided into two divisions - A and B.

Division A - In this division, neither the dog nor handler has previously achieved a qualifying score in 4-H agility or another agility venue. In addition, neither the handler nor the dog has previously achieved a title in another agility venue.

Division B - This division is designed for those where either the dog or handler have achieved a qualifying score in 4-H agility or another venue OR for those situations where either the handler or the dog has earned an agility title in another venue.

General Course Information

1. The course will be determined by the judge. JTT agility courses will consist of 7 – 10 obstacles with a course time of 75 seconds. Standard agility courses will consist of 10 to 15 obstacles with a course time of 120 seconds. Areas in which courses are set up should be at least 60 feet by 70 feet.
2. The course will be clearly marked with a start/finish line.
3. Each obstacle will be marked with a number. Handlers and dogs will be required to follow the course in numerical order.
4. Before competition begins, the handlers will be allowed to walk through the course to become familiar with the course. The walk through is restricted to the handlers only and is limited to 10 minutes.

5. In Standard agility, a period of time (determined by the judge) will be allowed for obstacle familiarization for dogs and handlers on the contact pieces ONLY.
6. A warm-up jump outside of the ring will be available for handlers and dogs. Handlers should be considerate of others in taking turns at the warm-up jump.
7. Any dog whose hair covers its eyes and may interfere with its vision of the obstacles may tie the hair back with rubber bands.
8. Food and toys are not permitted on the course.
9. Handlers are not permitted to have whistles, stopwatches, fanny packs or other training devices on the course.
10. The handlers may be on either side of the dog while running the course.
11. A dog's time starts whenever any part of the dog crosses the start line. Its time will end when any part of the dog crosses the finish line.
12. Flat collars are required for all dogs. No choke or pinch collars are allowed on the agility course.

General Scoring

1. Each course is worth a maximum 100 points.
2. A penalty consists of the loss of 5 or 10 points.
3. 10 point penalties (judge holds up two hands) include: not making contact in contact zones, not doing the obstacles in proper order or not completing an obstacle, the handler going over the obstacle with the dog, or missing one or more weave poles.
4. 5 point penalties (judge holds up one hand) include: going over the course time; knocking down a jump bar, excessively guiding the dog with leash, touching the dog, or touching the obstacle.
5. Refusals or run-by's will not be faulted in 4-H competition.
6. The only penalty for breaking a sit or a down on the pause table is the extra time that accumulates when the count stops, and is not resumed, until the dog is back in position.
7. The dog/handler team's run will be timed. A 5 point penalty will be given for going over the course time and an additional 5 points for each 15 seconds over the course time. In the case of a tie in total points, the fastest time will win.
8. If the judge determines that a dog is no longer working with the handler, the team will be excused from the course.
9. The contact zone on the A-frame, dog walk and seesaw is the contrasting colored zone (usually yellow) on the start and end of each obstacle.
10. Handlers are not to jump over obstacles with the dog.
11. Any interference or outside assistance that aids the dog or is intended to aid the dog or handler will be considered a penalty.
12. If a handler loses control of their dog while on the course, it will be considered a penalty.
13. Excessive or harsh commands or corrections will not be allowed. This will be a penalty.
14. Un-sportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. This will be a penalty and the handler and dog will be excused from the competition.
15. Failure to follow judge's verbal instructions is a penalty.
16. If the dog urinates or defecates on the course, the dog and handler will be disqualified from the agility event.
17. Familiarization of contact zone obstacles will be allowed for a time period established by the judge.
18. Any dog that commits to a contact obstacle (A-frame, dog walk, seesaw) with all four paws must, for safety reasons, continue with the obstacle. Whether obstacle is completed or if the dog jumps off, dog and handler must go on to the next obstacle and may not attempt that obstacle again.
19. A score of **70** or higher is considered a Qualifying Score in the JTT and Standard classes of 4-H agility.

Obstacles

A-Frame: Dogs must go up one side touching the contact zone on the up side with any part of two feet and down the other side in the direction designated by the judge. The dog must also touch the contact zone on the down side with any part of two feet prior to exiting the obstacle.

Dog Walk: Dogs must go up the ramp touching the up contact zone with any part of two feet, cross the center section and go down the down ramp touching any part of two feet in the down contact zone prior to exiting the obstacle.

Seesaw: Dogs must go up the plank touching the up contact zone with any part of two feet and cause the plank to pivot. At least two feet must touch the down contact zone after the plank has touched the ground and prior to exiting the obstacle. (Handlers may slow the plank down so it doesn't scare the dog).

Weave Poles: The dogs must enter the weave poles by passing between poles # 1 and #2 from right to left. They must continue this sequence until they pass the last two poles. Missing a pole or refusal will be a penalty. The dog's left shoulder must enter on the right of the 1st pole.

Pause Table: The dogs must pause on the table for 5 seconds in either a sit or a down position, as specified by the judge at the beginning of the competition. The judge will do an oral count and will also give a signal to "Go". If the dog breaks from the sit or down position the judge will stop counting and will only continue the count when the dog returns to the proper position. When the judge says, "Go," the handler may then release the dog and proceed.

Open Tunnel: The dogs must enter the end specified by the judge and exit the other end.

Closed (Collapsed) Tunnel: The dogs must enter the rigid entrance and exit through the fabric chute.

Bar Jumps: The dogs must jump over the top bar, without displacing it, in the direction indicated by the judge.

Panel Jump: The dog must jump over the top panel without displacing it, in the direction indicated by the judge.

Tire Jump: The dogs must jump through the tire opening in the direction indicated by the judge, without knocking the tire/frame over.

Double Jump: The dog must jump over two bars, without displacing either of the bars.

Triple Jump: The dog must jump over all three bars, without displacing any of the bars.

Broad Jump: The dog jumps over several low, flat jumps equaling two times their jump height (for example, a dog jumping 8 inches needs to jump over a 16 inch broad jump).

Obstacle Construction Standards

Please refer to AKC rules for specifications to use in constructing agility equipment.

State 4-H Dog Agility Show Entry Blank

ENTRY DEADLINE: August 27th, 2008

EXHIBITOR'S NAME _____

AGE _____ GRADE (completed as of May/June 2008): _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ COUNTY: _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL _____

ENTRY FOR DOG #1

Dog's Call Name _____ Age _____ Sex: _____

Breed (Purebred) _____ Breed (Mixed) _____ Jump Height _____

Class: Jumps, Tunnels and Table (JTT)

Class: Standard

Division A _____ Division B _____

Division A _____ Division B _____

On Leash _____ Off Leash _____

On Leash _____ Off Leash _____

Health Record (Dates of required vaccinations - month, date, year):

DHL: _____ Parvo-Virus: _____ Rabies: _____

Entry fee: \$8.00/class (maximum fee of \$16.00 for dog #1)

ENTRY FOR DOG #2

Dog's Call Name _____ Age _____ Sex: _____

Breed (Purebred) _____ Breed (Mixed) _____ Jump Height _____

Class: Jumps, Tunnels and Table (JTT)

Class: Standard

Division A _____ Division B _____

Division A _____ Division B _____

On Leash _____ Off Leash _____

On Leash _____ Off Leash _____

Health Record (Dates of required vaccinations - month, date, year):

DHL: _____ Parvo-Virus: _____ Rabies: _____

Entry fee: \$8.00/class (maximum of an additional \$16.00 for dog #2)

I certify that the vaccinations have been given, that this 4-H member is currently enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project in our county, and that the above information is correct.

Signature of 4-H Youth Agent

Signature of Dog Project Member

Signature of Dog Project Leader

Signature of Parent/Guardian

***Note: If there is no dog project leader, the signature of the 4-H Agent will be sufficient.**

Make your check payable to: **Eau Claire 4-H Dog Project** and send it with your entry form by August 27th to: **State 4-H Dog Agility Show, c/o Dawne Bisek, S11800 Cty Rd F, Eleva, WI 54738**

CLASS SPONSORSHIP

Any 4-H member, leader, alumni, club, county group, or business interested in sponsoring a class for the 2008 State 4-H Dog Agility Show may do so by sending a donation to:

**Dawne Bisek
S11800 Cty Rd F
Eleva, WI 54738**

A \$25.00 donation will name you or your organization as the sponsor of a class. Your donation is greatly appreciated!

To ensure recognition in the catalog, please mail your sponsorship by July 30, 2008.



2008 State 4-H Dog Agility Show CLASS SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Sponsor:

Address:

City: _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

**Send to: Dawne Bisek
S11800 Cty Rd F
Eleva WI 54738**

Shirt Order Form

Name _____

_____ T-shirt (\$10 each) Please circle your color choice and size (adult sizes):

Caroline blue (approx. sky or periwinkle blue)

Sand (light tan)

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

XX-Large

XXX-Large

_____ Hooded Sweatshirt (\$25 each) Please circle your color choice and size:

Caroline blue (approx. sky or periwinkle blue)

Sand (light tan)

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

XX-Large

XXX-Large

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Camping Form

Camping is available on Friday night, September 19th. The cost for camping is \$10/night. You will have access to water, flush toilets and showers, but there are **NO** electrical or water hook-ups for the sites.

Name _____

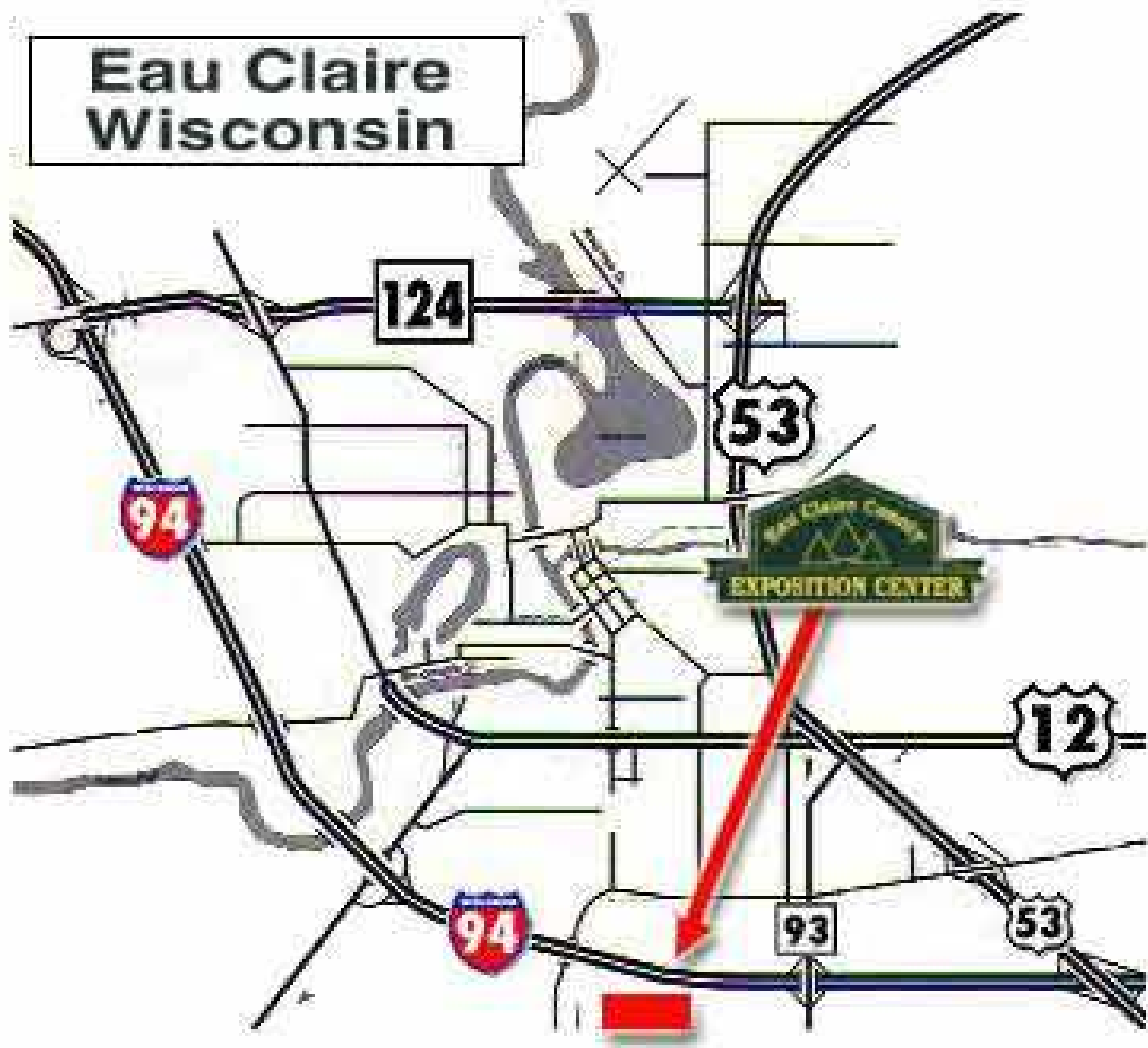
Type of camping (tent, pop-up, RV, etc.) _____

Number of people in camping group _____

Estimated time of arrival _____ (we will need to have someone on the grounds to meet you).

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**MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF
THE EXPOSITION CENTER
(COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS)**



South of Interstate 94, on State Highway 93, Exit 68. Turn right on Lorch Avenue (between the car dealerships). The Exposition Center is just ahead on the left.

MOTELS

- Excel Inn (715) 834-3193
2305 Craig Rd, Eau Claire
Seems to be the best price in Eau Claire
- Quality Inn (715) 834-6611
809 W. Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire
Dog & kid friendly with an indoor & outdoor pool
- Heartland Inn (715) 839-7100
4057 Commonwealth Ave, Eau Claire
- Econo Lodge (715) 833-8818
4608 Royal Drive, Eau Claire
- The Plaza (715) 834-3181
1202 W. Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire
- Park Inn & Suites (715) 838-9989
3340 Mondovi Rd, Eau Claire

CAMPGROUNDS

- O'Neil Campground (715) 723-9865
14956 105th Ave, Chippewa Falls
- Elmers Campground (715) 832-6277
8027 Hwy 12, Fall Creek
- Pine Harbor Campgrounds (715) 723-9865
7181 185th St, Chippewa Falls
- Camping at the show site (see camping form in this booklet)

RESTAURANTS CLOSE TO THE FAIRGROUNDS

(these are just a few of the dozens of restaurants in this area)

Burger King	Golf Road
Quiznos	Golf Road
Applebee's	Golf Road
Famous Daves Bar-B-Que	Mall Drive
Old Country Buffet	Clairemont Ave
Pizza Hut	Clairemont Ave
Outback Steakhouse	Keystone Crossing
Texas Roadhouse	Keystone Crossing