

4-H Dog Show

Sunday, 9 am,

Superintendent- Sarah Gardner

- A. At the discretion of the Superintendent, classes may be combined. The Superintendent will refuse to coop, pen or have judged any ailing, unthrifty or inferior specimen.
- B. Except for service dogs, the Cornish Fair has a **"No Dogs"** policy. Therefore, animals participating in the 4-H Dog Show will only be allowed to come to the fair on Sunday for the show.
- C. All entries are **due by JULY 1st**.
- D. Contestants must report by 8:00 am Sunday. The show will begin at 9:00 am and be held in the Beef tent on the hill. Exhibitors and their dogs must enter the grounds through the Security Gate. Dogs must be shown in appropriate Fitting and Showing, and Obedience Classes. **Exhibitors must have enrolled their dog on the Intent to Show Form by July 1st with their County Cooperative Extension Office.**
- E. Health sheets including a current rabies certificate must be presented to the Superintendent prior to the show. Members are solely responsible for grooming and handling of their dogs at all times. Dogs must be at least 6 months old at the time of the show. Dogs must be kept under control when not in the show ring. Dogs in heat or who are ill are not allowed at the 4-H shows under any circumstances. NO electric or prong collars allowed on the show grounds. No gentle leaders will be allowed in the show ring.
- F. All New Hampshire 4-H Dog Program Rules apply. Rules can be found in the NH guide for Dog Shows and the NH Guide for 4-H Dog Show Judges.
- G. **4-H Dress Code:** Uniform is a clean white collared dress shirt, blouse and green pants, culottes, skirt, dress shorts or jumper of appropriate length (not shorter than 2" above the knee). No T-shirts, tank tops or athletic shorts. Long sleeves, sweaters, and fleeces can be worn by must be white and 4-H patch must be placed on the outside, so it is visible. No hooded sweatshirts. Any shade of green is allowed. White, black, or brown clean shoes are acceptable. Members must wear a 4-H insignia (patch) on the left side of their shirt or blouse.
- H. No dog handlers shall remove any of their equipment until the show is completely over.
- I. The Danish System of Awards will be used:
A. 15.00 B. 12.00 C. 10.00
- J. Fitting & Showing, Obedience and Obstacle Premiums
A. 30.00 B. 25.00 C. 20.00
- K. PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE AWARD – Danish System of awards will be used. Each member will be judged on the youth exhibitor's: availability to educate and interact with the public, willingness to share information and answer questions as an overall promoter of agriculture. Credit will also be given for more experienced members being available to younger members in need of guidance.

CLASSES:

1. DOG KNOWLEDGE

Questions will be taken from the 4-H Dog Project Manuals, AKC Complete Dog Book, AKC Complete Dog Book for Kids and the American Red Cross Pet First Aid Book. All exhibitors in the dog show must take the quiz.

2. FITTING AND SHOWING

Dog to be shown on leash and judged for condition, grooming, cleanliness and evidence of good care and handling. Members are judged on appearance, poise, alertness, attitude, ability in leading, posing and showing dog to best advantage.

3. FAMILY DOG LOT 5

The 4-H member brings the family dog to this class. The dog will be on display and the member will demonstrate that the dog can sit, stay, come, and walk calmly on a leash. The member will be able to discuss the dog's home care including feeding, health, and general dog knowledge. **For 8–11-year-old members only.** Members entering this class may enter *no* other classes at the show. Members will not be allowed to continue in the Family Dog class for more than one year. Members who have shown in higher classes than Family Dog may not drop back into Family Dog classes.



4. OBEDIENCE CLASSES

1. **Service Dog A** - For members who are raising a service dog for the first time. Dogs will be on lead, allowed to wear appropriate equipment and score will be based on 200 points. Scoring will be based on individual organization guidelines.
2. **Service Dog B** - For members who have previously raised a service dog. Dogs will be on lead, allowed to wear appropriate equipment and score will be based on 200 points. Scoring will be based on individual organization guidelines.
3. **Sub Novice A** - For members who have not previously graduated a dog from any higher level of training. The dogs in this class must not have had training beyond the beginner's level. Dogs will be on lead and scored on the basis of 200 points. Onlead will be done on the following exercises: heel on leash; stand for examination; figure 8; recall and finish; long sit (*1 minute*) and long down (*3 minutes*).
4. **Sub Novice B** - For members who have graduated a dog from the beginner or more advanced levels of training. Dogs must not have qualified beyond the beginner class. Dogs are shown on lead. Exercises performed are: heel on leash, figure 8, stand for examination, recall, and finish, long sit (*1 minute*) and long down (*3 minutes*). Scoring for Sub Novice A and B is based on a total of 200 points.
5. **Beginner Novice** - For members whose dogs have not received a qualifying score at or beyond the Pre-novice level. Members in this class must not have shown or trained a dog beyond this level. The following exercises will be performed on lead, heel and figure eight and Sit for exam. The Sit Stay will be on leash but will be dropped on the ground. Recall will be off leash. *To view rules refer to akc.org.*
6. **Pre-Novice** - For member whose dogs have not received a qualifying score at or beyond the novice level. The following exercises will be performed on lead, heel and figure eight, The Following will be performed off leash, Heel off Leash, Stand for Exam. Recall will be off leash. Sit or down Stay
7. **Novice A** - For 4-H members who have not previously graduated a dog from Novice A or B or more advanced level of training. Dogs must not have qualified beyond the Novice level or completed their CD degree. All of the exercises except the heel on leash and the figure 8 will be done off lead. Remaining exercises will be done off lead as follows: Stand for examination; heel free; recall and finish; long sit (*1 minute*) and long down (*3 minutes*).
8. **Novice B** - For members who have previously graduated a dog at Novice or more advanced levels of training. Otherwise the same as Novice A.
9. **Pre- Graduate Novice** - For members who have previously qualified a dog at the Novice course of instruction. Dogs may have earned a CD degree but not a CDX. Scored on a basis of 200 points. All of the exercises will be done off lead and will include: heel free, figure 8, drop on recall, stand for examination, recall and finish, long sit (*3 minutes*) and long down (*5 minutes*) out of sight.
10. **Graduate Novice** - For dogs and handlers who have achieved a CD but not working a full open routine. The following exercises will be performed, Heel on leash, figure eight off leash, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, Recall over the High Jump, recall over Broad Jump, Long Down. Open to dogs who have achieved CDX. *Dog that have earned 3 qualifying scores may stay at this level indefinitely*
11. **Open A** - Dogs may have earned a CD but not a CDX. Obedience work will be done entirely off lead and will include Graduate Novice Exercises plus retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump and broad jump. Members are to bring their own jumps.
12. **Open B** - For CD dogs with handlers who have finished at the Open level, or new handlers working dogs that have previously received CDX. Dogs that have placed at the top of this class in a previous year are expected to move up to Utility level. Not open to dogs with a UD. Members are to bring their own jumps.
13. **Utility A** - Open to all CDX dogs and handlers. For dogs and handlers beyond Open Class level. Dogs that have earned aUD will show for Danish ribbons and premiums only. Judging will be according to the AKC Utility class. All commands given by hand signals. Members are to bring their own jumps.
14. **Utility B** - Open to all CDX dogs and handlers. Same as Utility A. Members are to bring their own jumps.
15. **Brace - 2** dogs working together doing Novice obedience routine or higher with one handler. Dogs may be attached or not. Coupling device not less than 6 inches. Must be same throughout. Pair work in unison at all times. Scored on a basis of 200 points.
16. **Champion Showman** - First place members from the Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior class compete against each other.
18. **Trick Class** - Open to all dogs being shown in show. The use of props and toys are optional. One entry per member. Tricks should be entertaining and clever, but the safety of the dog and handler remains a priority. To be judged on originality, execution, dog's attitude while performing, and appropriateness to the age and ability of the animal and handler. One ribbon to be awarded. Entries accepted until the start of the class.

4-H Dog ShowA

Members Name: _____ Age as of January 1: _____

Address: _____

4-H Club Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone # _____

Dogs name: _____ Age: _____ Breed: _____

Fitting & Show:

Family Dog _____ (can only enter in this class) Novice (1st year showing under 13) _____ Junior A (9-11) _____

Junior B (12-13) _____ Senior _____

Obedience:

Sub-Novice A _____ Sub-Novice B _____

Beginner Novice A _____ Beginner Novice B _____

_____ Novice A _____

Novice B _____

Grad. Novice A _____ Grad Novice B _____

Open & Utility (please specify, must bring own jumps) _____ Service Dog A or B _____

Return by JULY 20th to:

Cornish Fair Association

Atten: 4-H Youth Fair Entries

Po Box 245

Cornish Flat, NH 03746

COPY OF RABIES CERTIFICATE MUST BE PRESENT ON SHOW GROUNDS

4-H Activity Expectation, Permission & Release Form for Participation in 2026 Cornish Fair

_____ will be participating in
(Name of Exhibitor)

_____ 4-H Events at Cornish Fair _____ on _____ August 21-23, 2026 _____
(Name of Activity) (Date)

Appropriate and respectful conduct is expected for the entire time that a 4-H member is on the fairgrounds. The Cornish Fair assumes no responsibility for supervision of 4-H members staying overnight in the barns or anywhere else on the fairgrounds.

4-H members are the sole responsibility and must be under the direct supervision of their parents or an adult appointed by their parents. Participation in the Cornish Fair is dependent on your agreement to the following expectations:

- A certificate of liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$300,000 is required of beef, dairy, and horse exhibitors.
- 4-H members shall show respect for the property and facilities used during the fair and will assume financial responsibility for any damage they cause.
- 4-H members shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner that is appropriate and respectful of themselves and others.
- 4-H members shall not use nor possess alcoholic beverages nor controlled drugs.
- All the animals we plan to exhibit at Cornish Fair have been vaccinated for rabies.
- All 4-H members' animals are shown at the risk of the owner or lessor.
- Any damage to persons or property are the legal and financial responsibility of the 4-H member who owns or leases the animal and their family.

I/We have read and discussed the above expectations and hereby agree to accept them. I/We have read and understand the basic 4-H rules and rules pertaining to the Animal Shows we are involved with, in the 4-H Cornish Fair Book. I/We understand that failure to comply shall result in the 4-H member being expelled from the fair and premiums will be withheld.

We give permission for the above named youth to participate and, by our signature, take full responsibility for his/her actions. We understand the responsibilities, hazards, and dangers inherent in participation in this activity, including the transportation. We understand the Code of Conduct.

We hold harmless the Cornish Fair Association, its trustees, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against all claims, demands, actions, and causes of action for damages which may be sustained by the above named youth or anyone else. This includes personal injury, death, or property damage, whether or not the result of negligent acts or omissions. If the above named youth's participation in the activity causes damage to property, we agree to pay for such loss.

Signature of 4-H Exhibitor

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of person responsible for 4-H Exhibitor
Date while at the fair if different from above

Telephone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Note: Please fill out an expectation statement for each 4-H Exhibitor