

Department 13: 4-H/FFA Dogs

Junior Fair Dog Show, You and Your Dog and PetPALS Interview Judging

Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena

Sunday, October 5th at 8:00 a.m. Registration; Show at 8:30 a.m.

Superintendent: Jeff and Loretta Sweeney

Enrollment: You must be enrolled in the You and Your Dog (201D) 4-H project at the beginning of the project year to be eligible to show.

Possession Date: April 1st of the current year.

Quality Assurance: Dog exhibitors are not required to completed Quality Assurance.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Dog Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Dog Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 21st, 2025, to be eligible.

Mandatory Dog Check-In Day: This has been discontinued. Skillathon will take place on September 21st, 2025 and You and Your Dog/PetPALS interview judging will now take place at the fair during the Dog Show. Agility will take place prior to fair on Skillathon Day (Sunday, September 21st, 2025) in Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, **from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** (watch email for details).

To be eligible to show at the Fairfield County Junior Fair Dog Show event classes, all exhibitors are required:

- Submit to the OSU Extension Office by June 1st: 2025 Fairfield County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate, signed by a licensed veterinarian (this is the only certificate accepted) and License Registration Paper for the dog they plan to show at the fair. Dog must have their current Dog License by June 1st of the current year.
- Bring completed project record book to BOTH Skillathon in September and Judging at the Fair in October.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books for You and Your Dog and PetPALS will be reviewed at You and Your Dog and PetPALS interview judging at fair.
 - Exhibitors who do not properly complete a record book for each of their fair projects WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Health Papers: A 2025 Fairfield County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate, signed by a licensed veterinarian (this is the only certificate accepted) must be turned into the OSU Extension Office by June 1st of the current year.

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfaireentry>.

- Dog exhibitors must enter into You and Your Dog Class 1, 2, or 3 (age as of January 1st of the current year) and/or class 4 (PetPALS) when making Junior Fair entries.
- Dog exhibitors must receive a grade in You and Your Dog and/or PetPALS in order to participate Junior Fair Dog Show events (Showmanship, Agility, Obedience, Working Dogs) at the Fairfield County Junior Fair Dog Show.
- Youth may enter ONE CLASS in each of the following Junior Fair Dog Show Divisions: Showmanship, Agility, Obedience, and Working Dogs.
- Age is as of January 1st of the current year.

You and Your Dog/PetPALS Division: Must enter and receive a grade in one of the following You and Your Dog/PetPALS Classes in order to show in Showmanship, Agility, Obedience, and Working Dogs Divisions.

You and Your Dog/PetPALS Classes:

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| 1. You and Your Dog (Age 8-11)*** | 3. You and Your Dog (Age 15-18)*** |
| 2. You and Your Dog (Age 12-14)*** | 4. PetPALS*** |

Showmanship Division: 'A' classes are for 1st year dog projects only.

Showmanship Classes:

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| 5. Junior A (Age 8-11) | 9. Senior A (Age 15-18) |
| 6. Junior B (Age 8-11) | 10. Senior B (Age 15-18) |
| 7. Intermediate A (Age 12-14) | |
| 8. Intermediate B (Age 12-14) | |

Agility Division

Agility Classes:

11. ON-Leash
12. OFF-Leash

Obedience Division: Enter one obedience class only.

Obedience Classes:

13. Beginner Novice A
14. Beginner Novice B
15. Pre-Novice
16. Novice A
17. Novice B
18. Grad-Novice A
19. Open A
20. Grad-Open A

Working Dog Division

Working Dog Classes:

21. PetPALS
22. Assistance Dogs

Fairfield County Fair Show includes: (Sunday, October 5th, 2025, 8:00 a.m.)

- Showmanship Classes
- Obedience Classes
- Agility, ON or OFF leash

Housing: Dogs are not housed at the Fair. Project dogs must be brought to the Fairfield County Junior Fair Dog Show, on Sunday, October 5th, 2025.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during You and Your Dog and PetPALS judging at fair. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at judging, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show in additional classes at the Dog Show at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

*****Premiums are awarded for You and Your Dog and PetPALS grades ONLY**

- You and Your Dog Premiums: "A" =\$2.50; "B" =\$1.75; "C" =\$1.00
- PetPALS Premiums: "A" =\$4.50; "B" =\$3.50; "C" =\$2.50

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

Dog Special Rules

1. **Class Descriptions and Rules** will follow the Ohio State Fair Junior Dog Show Rules and Regulations, which can be found at <http://go.osu.edu/OSFdogrules>.
2. Showmanship and You and Your Dog questions will consist of 3 questions from the Ohio State Fair question bank and the remainder from the You and Your Dog project book and in the Dog Resource Handbook (2024).
3. Exhibitors must sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
4. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
5. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
6. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
7. Each contest must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each contestant must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
8. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Dog Showman of Showmen.
9. The Dog Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.