

Judge's Packet
Grooming

Attached for your reference is the score sheet for the Grooming class at the upcoming _____ County Dog Show. You will be asked to judge the entrants as Excellent, Very Good, Good or Fair. Danish ribbons will be awarded accordingly.

In general the dogs should show evidence of being well cared for, brushed, bathed, clean eyes and ears, teeth and gums in good condition without excessive tartar buildup, nails trimmed, no evidence of parasites, excessive loose fur or dandruff, and general evidence of grooming according to the breed requirements. The age of the dog will be listed on the score sheet and should be taken into consideration during your evaluation. The 4-H member should be able to explain unusual circumstances i.e. shaved areas due to surgery or hot spots.

Thank you for volunteering your time, it is very much appreciated!

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Prep Classes

Attached for your reference is the evaluation sheet for the Prep Event at the upcoming _____ County Dog Show. The prep members are not judged but should be given praise and constructive criticism.

The Prep Classes are for members in first through third grades. These classes are designed to create an interest in dog shows for our younger members. Prep Members are able to show their dogs in a *non-competitive* format. This will be separate class open only to prep members. They will have their own judge who will be there to encourage and provide positive feedback. These classes are designed to give youngsters confidence in being in the show ring. The dogs will be examined with reference to how they are GROOMED. The Prep Members will also have their own version of Jr. Showmanship, with the judge assisting and commenting in a positive fashion. In addition, the Prep Members will also perform the same exercises as listed in the BEGINNER A class. Prep Members may also participate in the MAZE & AGILITY event without being timed or placed. None of the classes involving Prep Members will be judged competitively nor will there be any placements. ALL Prep Members will receive a "Special Rosette" for participating in this event.

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Obedience

Attached for your reference are the score sheets for the Obedience classes at the upcoming _____ County Dog Show.

4-H is an organization which uses a learn-by doing approach to youth development. The 4-H'ers you will be judging have been in Dog Care and Training projects for varying amounts of time and have different amounts of experience. You will encounter purebred as well as mixed breed dogs. There will be a schedule provided for use in prorating points for sits and downs in the sub-novice classes. The 4-H'ers would appreciate feedback on their strong points as well as suggestions on improving their performance.

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Junior Showmanship

Attached for your reference are excerpts from the AKC Guidelines for Judging the Junior Showmanship classes at the upcoming _____ County Dog Show.

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Junior Showmanship classes at the "4-H Dog Show Circuit" shows are divided into five levels, First Year, Beginner, Novice, Open and Advanced with a Junior and Senior division in each level. In addition to awarding first through fourth placements, we will ask you to award Danish system ribbons (Excellent and Very Good) to all participants based on your evaluation of their performance relative to the experience level of the class. It will be left to your discretion to divide large classes. First place winners of the junior and senior class of each division (excluding First Year class) will runoff for "Best Junior Handler" awards. The 4-H'ers would appreciate your feedback on their strong points as well as constructive suggestions on improving their performance.

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