



Dogs

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Identification Form Due	1 st Dog Show	Superintendent	MSU Extension Office
Show Dates:			
Judging	Friday, July 11, 2026 Set Up 1:00 Registration 2:00 Show Begins 2:30	Junior Handling Agility Record Books	Sanilac County Fairgrounds
	Saturday, July 12, 2026	Obedience Rally Obedience	Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds

Identification Form due to the Fair Office by July 6th, accompanied by:

- A. Proof of Certificate that each dog is up to date on D.H.L.P.P.C. vaccinations. Bordetella (Kennel cough) vaccination is recommended. If shots are given at home, proof (a dated label) of the vaccine used and the date of administration is acceptable.
- B. Proof of a valid rabies certificate
- C. Proof of a valid Michigan Dog License.
- D. Signe Aggressive Dog Policy

1. Cloverbud dog classes will show during the Dog Show immediately following or before corresponding classes
2. Each exhibitor must complete one Sanilac County 4-H Dog Project Record Book (2020 Format); 3 levels available: Cloverbud 1st year member, experienced member. For each dog exhibited (up to 2), the project Record Book must include a copy of the project Animal Information page for every dog. Record books are due at the first Dog Show.
3. Exhibitors are limited to showing two dogs. Each dog may be shown in only one class in each section. Dogs must be 5 months old for all activities except Agility. Dogs must be 12 months of age or older to show in Agility. If youth need to share a dog, it must be approved by the superintendent. Members may only show one dog in Handling.
4. The dog need not be purebred stock and may be any type or size.
5. All dogs must be trained and prepared for the show by the 4-H club member. No professionally trained dogs allowed. Club Members are responsible for all maintenance and clean-up of their animals. Dogs must be attended to or kenneled except when judged. Dogs must be kept in the immediate area of the dog show. The exhibitor must pick up all dog droppings. No dogs allowed in the show ring before judging. This includes no practicing on agility equipment. Agility equipment may be used after the show is complete.
6. Females in Season will **NOT** be allowed into the shoe barn. If females in season enter the show barn without permission, they will be disqualified for the entire day. Please notify the superintendent that you have a female in season so they can direct them to an alternate staging area and schedule them at the end of your class, or at an alternative location per the judge's preference.
7. The AKC obedience regulations will be used as guidelines and adapted to 4-H rules where conflict arises. A grooming examination will be included in the evaluation of 4-Her and animals.
8. **All trophies/awards will be kept until the conclusion of the Sanilac County Fair, where they will be on display during the week of the fair.**
9. Canine Dress code: Obedience and Rally require training collars or buckle collars and require a 6ft leash of either leather or fabric. Agility requires a buckler collar without tags. A 6-foot lead must be used for the Beginner Agility Class. Intermediate and Advanced Agility are off-leash. Showmanship requires a show lead. With approval from the Superintendent and Judge, alternative collars may be approved for use; this is only with pre-approval before the show begins, not at the time of the class. Grand and Reserve placing will not be rewarded to exhibitors with alternative collars.
10. Dress Code: Flat shoes, such as tennis shoes, should be worn by all exhibitors. Long hair should be tied back. Jewelry that makes noise or interferes with handling should be avoided. **Girls:** a skirt, culottes, or dress (no shorter than knee length is recommended). Dress slacks are acceptable, but modest dresses or skirts are preferred. Boys: dress slacks and a jacket or suit, with a shirt and tie or a turtleneck, are recommended. If at any time the judge feels your attire is not appropriate in any of the classes, it may reflect on your placement. Agility dress code: Modest athletic attire, including shorts at least fingertip length, not tight; polo shirts or T-shirts are acceptable. Athletic shoes only; sandals, flip flops, clogs, etc., will not be allowed.

Shows will be held in conjunction with Lapeer County 4-H. County participants will be judged and placed within their own county for awards. Sanilac County trophies and Record books will be displayed during the Sanilac County Youth and 4-H fair and will be available to pick up at the conclusion of the fair, along with all other projects.

WESTLEY'S BECKIE BEE GOOD MEMORIAL TRAVELING TROPHY

This trophy is sponsored by the Westley Family in memory of Westly's Beckle Bee Good. The trophy goes to the Best All Around dog member.

Selection is based on the accomplishments and citizenship throughout the year. Winner is announced during the Dog Show. The award recipient shall return the traveling trophy to the office by June 1 of the following year. Previous awardees are not eligible.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Exhibitor must be a current member of the 4-H dog project in Sanilac County.
2. The exhibitor must complete and exhibit their 4-H member record dog project book.
3. The exhibitor must show respect to parents, leaders, judges, and other 4-Hers.
4. Exhibitors should show sportsmanship both in and out of the ring.
5. Show consideration to others.
6. The exhibitor is caring and thoughtful of their dogs.
7. Completed in an Obedience class and a Junior Handling class at this year's fair.

NOMINATIONS: Open to all members who have at least 1 year of experience in the Dog Program. To compete for this award, a one-page essay on how you meet the above requirements should be forwarded to the 4-H Extension office at least one week before the show.

JUDGING PROCEDURE: Nominees shall meet with the judges at the show. The judges may base their decision on interviews.

DIVISION 1 – JUNIOR HANDLING (SHOWMANSHIP)

1. Novice – Members in their 1st or 2nd year who do not have 3 1st-place wins at any match or show.
2. Open – Members in their 3rd or above year who do not have 3 1st place wins at any match or show.
3. Champion – Members who have 3 or more 1st place wins in any class at any match or show must show in the championship classes.

Class	1 st -6 th place rosettes offered in each class	
0001	Novice	Ages 8-11 Years Old
0002	Novice	Ages 12-15 Years Old
0003	Novice	Ages 16-19 Years Old
0004	Open	Ages 8-19 Years Old
0005	Champion	Ages 8-19 Years Old
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class
0006	Clover Bud Handling	

DIVISION 2 – DOG OBEDIENCE

1. All inexperienced exhibitors with inexperienced dogs at each level (Pre-Novice-Utility) show in "A" classes.
2. All exhibitors who have previously trained a dog at a class level or an inexperienced exhibitor with an experienced dog at a level must show in "B" class at that level (Pre-Novice-Utility).
3. The term "Experienced" means completion of any Obedience classes or competition in any Obedience shows, 4-H, or non-4-H.
4. If an exhibitor has shown a dog in an AKC Sanctioned Match or AKC Licensed Obedience Trial, they must show in the "B" Class. If they are showing in a more advanced class than the one, they showed in at a match or trial, then they may show in the "A" class.
5. Dogs with an AKC title must show in class where the title was earned or higher, regardless of the exhibitor's experience.
6. Qualifying score at the previous year's Fair requires moving up to the next level.
7. Limit of one entry (dog) per class in Novice and above classes. Limit of two entries (dogs) in the Pre-Novice level, Long sits, and downs may be combined or split as necessary to accommodate.
8. The Grand Champion Handler is eligible for the Small Animal Sweepstakes, and the Reserve Champion Handler is the alternate.
9. Cloverbud Obedience will use the Pre-Novice score sheet, with the judge's discretion of sections to be completed.

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class	
1000	Pre-Novice A (on lead) New Trainer working first dog	8-11 years old
1001	Pre-Novice A (on lead) New Trainer working first dog	12-15 years old
1002	Pre-Novice A (on lead) New Trainer working first dog	16-19 years old
	Champion Pre – Novice A	1 st & 2 nd place winners from classes 1000-1002
1003	Pre-Novice B (on lead) Experienced trainer with new dog or experienced dog with new trainer	8-11 Years old
1004	Pre-Novice B (on lead) Experienced trainer with new dog or experienced dog with new trainer	12-15 years old

1005	Pre-Novice B (on lead) Experienced trainer with a new dog or an experienced dog with a new trainer	16-19 years old
	Champion Pre-Novice B	1 st & 2 nd place winners from classes 1003-1005
1006	Novice A	8-19 years old
1007	Novice B	8-19 years old
1008	Graduate Novice A	8-19 years old
1009	Graduate Novice B	8-19 years old
1010	Advanced Obedience Class – Any above Graduate Novice	8-19 years old
	Highest Scoring Advanced Obedience	1 st & 2 nd place winner from classes 1006-1009
	Highest Scoring in Trail	1 st & 2 nd place winner from classes 1000-1009
1011	Cloverbud Obedience (Modified Pre-Novice)	

DIVISION 3 – BRACE

The brace routine will be done with 2 dogs tethered together with a brace collar. Dogs must be entered in an obedience class at this show, but neither dog has to be shown individually by the same member. It is recommended that the dogs be at the Novice or above level, as this is a Novice routine that does include off-leash exercises.

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class
1100	Brace-Novice Routine

DIVISION 4 – AGILITY

1. A walk-through without the dig will be done at the beginning of each class.
2. Exhibitors receiving two qualifying scores must advance to the next level of agility. Exhibitors may move up a level without qualifying scores, with the Superintendent's approval.
3. All Classes:
4. Handler/Dog first year competition in this level
5. An experienced dog or handler member or dog has received other training or competed at this level in the previous year
6. Michigan 4-H Dog Agility Manual can be referenced for more information.
7. Exhibitors may participate in 1 Jumps & Tunnels class and 1 agility class with each dog they are showing.

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons are offered in each class	
1200	Beginner Agility A	8-11 Years Old
1201	Beginner Agility A	12-15 Years Old
1202	Beginner Agility A	16-19 Years Old
1203	Beginner Agility B	8-11 Years Old
1204	Beginner Agility B	12-15 Years Old
1205	Beginner Agility B	16-19 Years Old
	Highest Scoring Beginner Agility	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1200-12005
1206	Intermediate Agility A	
1207	Intermediate Agility B	
	Highest Scoring Intermediate Agility	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1206-1207
1208	Advanced Agility A	
1209	Advanced Agility B	
	Highest Scoring Advanced Agility	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1208-1209
1210	Cloverbud Agility	
1211	Beginner Jumps & Tunnels A	8-19 Years Old
1212	Beginner Jumps & Tunnels B	8-19 Years Old
1213	Intermediate Jumps & Tunnels A	8-19 Years Old
1214	Intermediate Jumps & Tunnels B	8-19 Years Old
1215	Advanced Jumps & Tunnels A	8-19 Years Old
1216	Advanced Jumps & Tunnels B	8-19 Years Old
1217	Cloverbud Jumps & Tunnels	

DIVISION 5 – RALLY

Rally is a sport that combines the fast pace of Agility with obedience exercises. The judge instructs the handler to begin. The dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (8-20, depending on the level). Each station has a sign with instructions for the next skill to be performed. Rally is to be performed with an obedience training collar and 6-foot leash for on-leash exercises.

Class:	1 st -6 th place ribbons offered in each class	
1300	Novice A	8-11 Years old
1301	Novice B	8-11 Years old
1302	Novice A	12-15 Years old
1303	Novice B	12-15 Years old
1304	Novice A	16-19 Years old
1305	Novice B	16-19 Years old
	Champion Novice Rally	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1300-1305
1306	Advanced A	8-19 Years old
1307	Advanced B	8-19 Years old
	Champion Advanced Rally	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1306-1307
1308	Excellent	8-19 Years old
	Champion Excellent Rally	1 st and 2 nd place winners from class 1308
	Highest Soring Rally	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1300-1308
1309	Cloverbud Rally	

DIVISION 6 – DOG MISCELLANEOUS

Participant will learn how to care for a dog, cost of feed, housing, breeds and any other information pertaining to care of a dog.

Class	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class	
1400	Dog Project Record Book 1 st Year Member	8-19 Years Old
1401	Dog Project Record Book – Experienced member (2 nd year and beyond)	8-19 Years Old
1402	Dog Related Craft (limit 2 entries) To include but not limited to vinyl awards, dog toys, dog bed, etc. Include a 3x5 card securely attached to the project with a description to the project, steps taken to complete, time spent on the project etc. These items will be judged during the dog show on Saturday.	