

# **2025 State 4-H Dog Show**

Hosted by the New Jersey 4-H Dog Project Advisory Council (PAC)



**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

Check in begins @ 9:00 am

Show begins @ 10:00am (rain or shine)

**Registration deadline: June 7th**

<https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/dogs/dogshow/>

## **Location**

Somerset County Ted Blum 4-H Center  
310 Milltown Road  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Hospitality provided by Somerset County Master Chefs 4-H Club by donation.



## **Questions? Contact:**

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## **Who can participate?**

*4-H Dog Care & Training youth members and 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy-Raising Project youth members who meet the state requirements of “member in good standing”*

## **What is a 4-H “Member in Good Standing”?**

ALL 4-H youth participants (grades 4<sup>th</sup> and up) must meet the NJ 4-H “member in good standing” requirements which include:

1. Currently registered in ZSuites as of January 1, 2025.
2. Has attended 70% of club meetings/activities.
3. Has given a presentation at the club level or higher.
4. Has an up-to-date 4-H dog project/Seeing Eye record book.

\*Youth who do not meet these requirements may show *For Exhibition Only (FEO)*\*

## **Registration Process**

### **Participants**

- Let your club leaders know you plan to attend.
  - Discuss the appropriate classes for you and your dog
- **Register** - Use the following link to completely fill out the registration form
  - <https://tinyurl.com/3jnfrz8m>
  - If the link is not clickable, please cut and paste into your browser's address bar
- **Youth Permission Form** – Use the following link to completely fill out the [NJ 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth](#)
  - [go.rutgers.edu/n92g0p2w](https://go.rutgers.edu/n92g0p2w)
  - If the link is not clickable, please cut and paste into your browser's address bar

### **Club Leaders**

Once the State Dog Show Committee receives the completed entry an email will be sent to each club's contact person.

- **Review entry/entries and reply back** confirming the information or edits as needed.
  - **Pay particular attention to:**
    - the dog entered is a 4-H Care and Training or Seeing Eye puppy
    - vaccinations are up to date to the best of your knowledge
    - the classes and levels are correct for the dog and handler
- **Collect Payment** for all club participants.
  - Send single packet with a single check to cover your club's entry fees
    - Checks payable to “NJ 4-H Dog PAC”
    - **NOTE:** Withdrawn Entries after May 24th cannot be refunded

**All related documents** can be found **online** at <https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/dogs/dogshow/>.

## What to Expect the Day of Show

- **Location**

Ted Blum 4-H Center  
310 Milltown Rd  
Bridgewater, NJ

- **Schedule** - Check-in begins at 9:00 am. Show begins at 10:00 am.

- 9:00 Grooming Check Opens
- 10:00 am – Jr Show and Obedience classes begin
  - Showmanship will begin with Master Senior (most experienced to least)
  - Obedience will begin with Beginner and Pre-Novice classes
- 10:00 am – Seeing Eye classes begin
- 11:00 am – Rally, CGC, Trick Dog classes
- 11:00 am – Agility classes
- 11:30 am – Arts Show check in closes
- ongoing - K-9 Arts Show and canine educational opportunities

- **Refreshments**

- Refreshments are available by donation from Somerset County's
- **Master Chefs 4-H Club.**



- **Volunteers**

- Help is needed from everyone! Youth and adults are needed in a variety of roles including set-up, photographer, ring stewards, clean-up, and more.
- Contact Kelly Dziak at [dziak@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:dziak@njaes.rutgers.edu) to learn more.

## Events

<p><b>Obedience - \$5.00 / Dog</b>  4-H dog project members grades 4 and up</p> <p>Tests a dog's ability to perform tasks on command from its handler. Starting in Beginner and moving to more difficult exercises as the handler/dog team earns 3 qualifying scores (85% of total).</p> <p>Detailed explanation on Obedience page</p>	<p><b>Jr. Showmanship - \$5.00 / Dog</b>  4-H dog project members grades 4 and up</p> <p>Tests a handlers ability to 'Show' their dog In this event the Dog is not judged rather the handlers ability to display their dogs best attributes.</p> <p>Detailed information on Jr. Show page.</p>
<p><b>Agility - \$5.00 / Dog</b>  4-H dog project members grades 4 and up</p> <p>Dogs race against a clock as they navigate an obstacle course with strong concentration and speed</p> <p><b>Beginner</b> - non-competitive, on lead - <i>best suited for dogs with little/no agility experience.</i></p> <p><b>On Lead</b> - <i>best suited for dogs with some agility experience.</i></p> <p><b>Off Lead</b> - <i>for the dog and handler with agility experience</i></p>	<p><b>Rally - \$5.00 / Dog</b>  4-H dog project members grades 4<sup>th</sup> and up</p> <p>You and your dog navigate a course, side-by-side, as you steer him through a course of 10-20 different signs. Each of these signs provides instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed.</p> <p>Select the safest option based on the dog's size and ability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rally Novice – on lead</li> <li>● Rally Advanced A – on lead</li> <li>● Rally Advanced B – off lead</li> </ul> <p>Jump heights available from 4"-20" for Advanced level</p>

<p><b>Trick Dog - FREE</b>  4-H dog project members grades 4 and up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Trick Dog Novice (TKN)</b></li> <li>● <b>Trick Dog Intermediate (TKI)</b>– <i>must provide proof of passing TKN</i></li> <li>● <b>Trick Dog Advanced (TKA)</b>– <i>must provide proof of passing TKI</i></li> </ul> <p>To earn an AKC Trick Dog Title</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dog will need to be registered w/ AKC as either Purebred or PAL</li> <li>● Handler will need to be registered with AKC as Jr Handler</li> </ul> <p>These registrations are free to 4-H and we can help provide the forms as needed <b>More info at:</b> <a href="#">Trick Dog - American Kennel Club</a></p>	<p><b>Canine Good Citizen (CGC) - FREE</b>  4-H dog project members grades 4 and up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>CGC</b></li> <li>● <b>CGC Advanced</b> – <i>must provide proof of passing CGC</i></li> </ul> <p>To earn an AKC CGC Title</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dog will need to be registered w/ AKC as either Purebred or PAL</li> <li>● Handler will need to be registered with AKC as Jr Handler</li> </ul> <p>These registrations are free to 4-H and we can help provide the forms as needed  <b>More info at:</b> <a href="#">CGC Test Items – American Kennel Club</a></p>
<p><b>Grooming - FREE</b>  <u>All</u> dogs must be evaluated for health.</p> <p><b>Dog Care and Training project entries</b> report to the Grooming judging area for evaluation.</p> <p><b>Seeing Eye classes</b> include grooming evaluations. <i>SE exhibitors are invited (but not required) to participate in the <b>Dog Care and Training Grooming class</b>.</i></p>	<p><b>K-9 Arts Show - FREE</b></p> <p><b>ANY</b> 4-H member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Photography</li> <li>● Creative Writing</li> <li>● Visual Arts</li> <li>● Craft</li> </ul> <p><b><u>All entries must relate to a dog theme.</u></b> All entries must be original works only (no kits).</p>
<p><b>“Wild Card” Pre-Novice - \$5.00 / Dog</b>  For dog project members who are working mostly at Pre-Novice level but are stuck on one exercise. You get to skip any one exercise of your choice.  Not eligible for High in Trial, can’t enter any other Obedience class.</p>	<p><b>Seeing Eye - \$5.00 / Dog</b>  4-H Seeing Eye project members grades 4<sup>th</sup> and up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Puppies 4-5 months</b></li> <li>● <b>Puppies 6-9 months</b></li> <li>● <b>Puppies 10 months and up</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Urban Ratting Demo/Exhibition - \$5.00 / Dog</b>  12 pm - 2 pm  Test your dog's ability to find live bait to locate and mark rats hidden in a course made up of "stuff you might find in an urban alley. For more info see: <a href="https://citysniffers.org/about-urban-ratting#:~:text=Historically%2C%20dogs%20were%20used%20to,read%20more%20about%20each%20below!">https://citysniffers.org/about-urban-ratting#:~:text=Historically%2C%20dogs%20were%20used%20to,read%20more%20about%20each%20below!</a></p>	<p><b>Prep/Cloverbud - \$5.00 / Dog</b>  4-H dog project Prep/Cloverbud members grades 1 through 3</p> <p>Non-competitive exhibition combining basic Showmanship and Obedience skills</p>

## **Explanation of Junior Showmanship Classes**

**Beginner class: all grades** (formerly First Year) Anyone who does not want to compete can enter this class. Participation rosette to all entrants. Non-competitive, constructive class.

**Junior class 4th -6th grades:** Equivalent to AKC Junior Classes

Novice: for those who have not yet received 3 PLACINGS in this class

Open: for those who have 3 or more 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> PLACINGS (does not need to be in 1 calendar year) in the 4-H Junior level or have shown in an AKC Novice Junior class

Master: for those who have shown at the AKC Open level, or have won 3 Best Junior Handler awards at 4-H shows (formerly 4-H Advanced class)

**Intermediate class 7th to 9th grade:** Equivalent to AKC Intermediate classes

Novice: for those who have not yet received 3 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> PLACINGS in this class

Open: for those who have 3 or more 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> PLACINGS, OR are moving up to the Intermediate grade group from the 4-H Open Junior class, or have shown in an Novice Intermediate class at an AKC show

Master: for those who have shown at the AKC Open level, or have won 3 Best Junior Handler awards at 4-H shows (formerly 4-H Advanced class)

**Senior class 10th -13th grade:** Equivalent to AKC Senior class

Novice: for those who have not yet received 3 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> PLACINGS in this class

Open: for those who have had 3 or more 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> PLACINGS, OR are moving up to the 4-H Senior grade group from the 4-H Open Intermediate class, or have shown at the Novice Senior level at an AKC show

Master: for those who have shown at the AKC Open level, or have won 3 Best Junior Handler awards at 4-H shows (formerly 4-H Advanced class)

**Best Junior Handler classes are determined as follows:**

Best Novice - Determined from the First Place winners from Novice Classes:

Jr. Novice, Int. Novice, Sr. Novice

Best Open - Determined from the First Place winners from Open Classes:

Jr. Open, Int. Open, Sr. Open

Best Master - Determined from the First Place winners from Master Classes:

Jr. Master, Int. Master, Sr. Master

## **Explanation of Obedience Classes**

<p><b>Beginner A (all on leash)</b></p> <p><b>Both Handler AND Dog are new to showing</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Simple Heeling: 40 points</li> <li>2. Sit for Examination: 20 points</li> <li>3. Long Sit (30 seconds): 30 points</li> <li>4. Long Down (60 seconds): 30 points</li> </ol>	<p><b>Beginner B (All On Leash) (non-competitive)</b></p> <p><b>Dog OR Handler has Showing Experience</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Simple Heeling: 40 points</li> <li>2. Sit for Examination: 20 points</li> <li>3. Long Sit (30 seconds): 30 points</li> <li>4. Long Down (60 seconds): 30 points</li> </ol>
<p><b>Pre-Novice A (all on leash)</b></p> <p><b>Both Handler AND Dog are new to showing</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heel on Leash: 45 points</li> <li>2. Figure Eight: 25 points</li> <li>3. Stand for Examination: 30 points</li> <li>4. Recall: 40 points</li> <li>5. Long Sit (1 minute): 30 points</li> <li>6. Long Down (3 minutes): 30 points</li> </ol>	<p><b>Pre-Novice B (all on leash)</b></p> <p><b>Dog OR Handler has Showing Experience</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heel on Leash: 45 points</li> <li>2. Figure Eight: 25 points</li> <li>3. Stand for Examination: 30 points</li> <li>4. Recall: 40 points</li> <li>5. Long Sit (1 minute): 30 points</li> <li>6. Long Down (3 minutes): 30 points</li> </ol>
<p><b>Intermediate Novice</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heel (on leash): 45 points</li> <li>2. Figure Eight (on leash) 25 points</li> <li>3. Stand for Examination (off leash) 30 points</li> <li>4. Recall (off leash) 40 points</li> <li>5. Long Sit (off leash) 30 points</li> <li>6. Long Down (off leash) 30 points</li> </ol>	<p><b>Novice</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heel (on leash) and Figure Eight (on leash): 40 points</li> <li>2. Stand for Examination (off leash): 30 points</li> <li>3. Heel Free (off leash): 40 points</li> <li>4. Recall (off leash): 30 points</li> <li>5. Sit Stay Get Your Leash (off leash): 30 points</li> <li>6. Long Sit (off leash, 1 minute) &amp; Long Down (off leash, 3 minutes): 30 points</li> </ol>
<p><b>Advanced Novice</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heel (on leash): 30 points</li> <li>2. Stand for Exam and Call Dog: 30 points</li> <li>3. Heel Free and Figure Eight (on leash): 40 points</li> <li>4. Drop on Recall: 40 Points</li> <li>5. Long Sit (handler across ring, 3 minutes): 30 points</li> <li>6. Long Down (handler out of sight, 3 minutes): 30 points</li> </ol>	<p><b>Graduate Novice (AKC-based score sheet)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heel (on leash) and Figure Eight (off leash): 40 points</li> <li>2. Drop on Recall: 40 points</li> <li>3. Dumbbell Recall: 30 points</li> <li>4. Recall Over High Jump: 30 points</li> <li>5. Recall Over Broad Jump: 30 points</li> <li>6. Stand Stay Get Your Leash: 30 points</li> </ol>

**Separate High in Trial awarded to highest scoring dog in the following groups:**

- **Pre-Novice**
- **Intermediate Novice and Up**