



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY  
4-H Youth Development  
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station



## 2026 4-H Dog Fun Match & K-9 Arts Show

**Saturday, June 13, 2026**

(rain or shine)

Event is part of [Hunterdon County Community Day](#)

**Registration deadline: May 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Fun Match - <https://go.rutgers.edu/li4ykh65>
- K-9 Arts Show - <https://go.rutgers.edu/446uo9cg>

**\$10 per participant**

Participate in any 4-H dog fun match classes.

### Location

[Hunterdon County Fairgrounds](#)

1207 Route 179, Ringoes, NJ 08551



### Questions? Contact:

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## **Who can participate?**

All NJ 4-H dog project members are invited to this fun day! This is a great opportunity for dog and handler to practice in a show ring, receive judges' feedback, and connect with other 4-H dog project members.

## **Registration Process**

### **Participants**

Let your club leaders know you plan to attend.

- Discuss the appropriate Fun Match classes for you and your dog
- Register for the Fun Match classes and K-9 Art Show (separate registrations)

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

### **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.



## Events Open to 4-H dog project members

**\$10 per participant**

Participate in any of these 4-H dog fun match classes.

<p><b>Obedience</b>          Tests a dog's ability to perform tasks on command from its handler. Detailed explanation on Obedience page.</p>	<p><b>Jr. Showmanship</b>          Tests a handlers ability to 'Show' their dog. Detailed information on Jr. Show page.</p>
<p><b>Agility</b>          Dogs race against a clock as they navigate an obstacle course with strong concentration and speed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Beginner</b> - non-competitive, on lead - best suited for dogs with little/no agility experience.</li> <li>• <b>On Lead</b> - best suited for dogs with some agility experience.</li> <li>• <b>Off Lead</b> - for the dog and handler with agility experience</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rally</b>          You and your dog navigate through a course of 10-20 different signs. Each of these signs provides instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. 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</b></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><b>These registrations are free to 4-H and we can help provide the forms as needed More info at: <a href="#">Trick Dog - American Kennel Club</a></b></p>	<p><b>Canine Good Citizen (CGC)</b></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><b>These registrations are free to 4-H and we can help provide the forms as needed</b>  <b>More info at: <a href="#">CGC Test Items – American Kennel Club</a></b></p>
<p><b>Grooming</b>  <u>All</u> dogs will be evaluated for health.</p>	<p><b>K-9 Arts Show</b>          See more details further in packet.</p>
<p><b>Prep/Cloverbud</b>          4-H dog project Prep/Cloverbud members grades 1 through 3. Non-competitive exhibition combining basic Showmanship and Obedience skills.</p>	<p><b>Seeing Eye</b>          4-H Seeing Eye project members.</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>



## 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 a 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**



# 2026 New Jersey 4-H K-9 Arts Show

in conjunction with the  
[Hunterdon County Community Day](#), Saturday, June 13th, 2026

**Registration deadline 5/31**  
<https://go.rutgers.edu/446uo9cg>

The K-9 Arts Show recognizes the creativity of 4-Hers, providing an outlet for them to showcase their talents, receive feedback from judges, and recognition from the community. Life skills developed through the arts include, among others, communication, decision making, self-esteem, leadership, goal setting, socialization and responsible citizenship.

The K-9 Arts Show is open to any 4-H club members (grades 4th and up). A 4-Her does NOT need to be registered in a 4-H dog club or arts related club to enter the K-9 Arts Show.

All entries must relate to a dog theme. All entries must be original works only (no kits).

Scoring will follow the Danish system. Ribbons will be awarded for first through third place in each class in the following divisions - 4th-6th grade, 7th -9th grade and 10th-13th grade.

Pre-registration is required online. Link available at

All entries should be brought to the **Hunterdon County Community Day**

Hunterdon County Fairgrounds  
1207 Route 179  
Ringoos, NJ

Judged work will be available for public viewing throughout the day. Judges will be available to share their feedback with 4-Hers who have entered the New Jersey 4-H K-9 Arts Show.



# CATEGORIES AND CLASSES

The NJ 4-H K-9 Art Show is divided into the following categories:  
Photography | Creative Writing | Visual Art | Craft

## Photography

- A. Digital Photography (image taken on digital camera, phone, iPad, etc)
- B. Film Photography (image captured on film and developed)
- C. Alternative process photography (tintype, cyanotype, etc.)

## Creative Writing

- A. Essay
- B. Short Story
- C. Children's Story
- D. Poem
- E. One Act Play
- F. Comic Strip
- G. Other

## Visual Arts

Visual arts can be 2 or 3 dimensional. A 2D piece occupies a flat space. A 3D piece occupies more space and is usually in the form of a sculpture or other structure created from hard materials. All 2D pieces must be mounted for display before being entered (matted or framed).

- A. Pencil Sketch
- B. Oil Paint
- C. Watercolor
- D. Charcoal
- E. Chalk / Pastel
- F. Ink
- G. Acrylic
- H. Oil Pastel
- I. Digital
- J. Crayon
- K. Colored Pencils
- L. Collage
- M. Print
- N. Etching
- O. Art made from recycled materials
- P. Art made from natural materials
- Q. Sculpture
- R. Other

## Crafts

- A. Weaving
- B. Candle
- C. Leatherwork
- D. Pottery
- E. Puppet
- F. Bead
- G. Jewelry
- H. Costume / Apparel
- I. Mask
- J. Fiber Arts
- K. Woodwork
- L. Doll / Stuffed Animal
- M. Other