

# 4-H DOG RALLY OBEDIENCE

Donna McGraw - Co-Chairpersons

Show: Friday, August 12th - 8:30 A.M.  
Area Outside of Main Gate

Premiums: 10.00 8.00 6.00 4.00 - rest of class  
Ribbons: Juniors, Intermediate, Seniors, and Division Champions  
Awards sponsored by Joy White

Pre-registration required. Check-in time is 8:30 A.M. Contest begins at 9:00 A.M. PAPER ENTRIES ONLY. All dogs shall be immunized, have a Rabies vaccination and have a Maryland 4-H Club Dog Identification Card on file with the 4-H Office prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Rabies vaccination number and date shall be listed on dog registration form at time of county entries. AT ALL TIMES HEALTH PAPERS MUST ACCOMPANY CANINE EXHIBIT OR WHILE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS. Dogs are not to leave the competition area and are to leave the fairgrounds at the conclusion of the show.

1. Dogs of any breed and mixed breeds may participate.
2. Female dogs in season may not compete.
3. Dogs must be on a leash at all times, except when judging in certain classes.
4. Handlers and dogs must have successfully completed Happy Hounds Rally Obedience training classes prior to show entry and carry the Howard County 4-H Dog Project.
5. Multiple members of the same family, or those with a performance animal lease on file, may show the same dog but in different divisions (i.e. Fitting and Showing, Obedience, Agility, Rally).
6. An exhibitor may show 2 dogs in different Rally classes in the same age division (not more than 1 per class). A dog that has won a Rally class in a previous State Fair 4-H Dog Show with an AKC qualifying score (70 points or higher) may not compete in that same class again. The dog must move up to a higher Rally class (i.e. Novice to Advanced) or the Exhibitor must move to the next age level (i.e. Junior to Intermediate). Advancement will be at the discretion of the Local 4-H Dog Project Leader. Once a dog advances to a higher level it cannot move back to a lower level.
7. All course runs will be done individually.
8. Exercises and Judging Criteria for all divisions will follow AKC rules that are in effect as of January 1 of the current year.

**First Year Novice Rally:** Exhibitors who are in their first year of training and/or exhibiting ANY dog and the dog's first year of training. All work will be done on the lead.

**Novice Rally:** Dogs which have earned their RN (Rally Novice) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class. All work will be done on lead.

**Advanced Rally:** Dogs which have earned their RA (Rally Advanced) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class. All work will be done off leash.

**Excellent A Rally:** Dogs which have won this class, with a qualifying score in prior years. Or have earned their RE (Rally Excellent) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class. All work, with the exception of the Honor Exercises will be done off leash.

**Excellent B Rally:** For dogs that have won Excellent A class at the State Fair in prior years, with a qualifying score or have the AKC RE (Rally Excellent) title. All work with the exception of the Honor Exercise, is done off leash.

## CLASSES:

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| 1. Novice Rally - Junior         | 7. Excellent A Rally - Junior  |
| 2. Novice Rally - Intermediate   | 8. Excellent A Rally - Int     |
| 3. Novice Rally - Senior         | 9. Excellent A Rally - Senior  |
| 4. Advanced Rally - Junior       | 10. Excellent B Rally - Junior |
| 5. Advanced Rally - Intermediate | 11. Excellent B Rally - Int    |
| 6. Advanced Rally - Senior       | 12. Excellent B Rally - Senior |