

DOG

Superintendent: Amber Garrison

Entry Fees: \$2 per class No fee for showmanship.

4-H Dogs:

Premiums are paid on Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship Classes.

1 st	\$10
2 nd	\$9
3 rd	\$8
4 th	\$7
5 th & down	\$5

Premiums will be mailed.

Dog Regulations

1. Refer to 2025 Colorado State Fair 4-H Contest Requirements for Dog Trials pages 14-45.
2. If a member's dog does not receive a Rabies inoculation as required by the State of Colorado or a Parvo Virus shot as required by Fair Officials for all 4-H Dog Project participants, a certificate from the member's veterinarian stating the reason for these shots not being given must accompany the Dog ID.
3. Dogs must be on a leash at all times except when performing exercises off leash in the show ring.
4. Additional vaccinations may be required when necessary.
5. 4-H Dog Show officials and/or staff can and will dismiss any entrant or his/her family from the show for any mistreatment of dogs entered in this show. If a question should arise as to what constitutes "mistreatment," 4-H staff and/or officials will meet to decide appropriate action in each case.
6. Any negative behavior on the part of the exhibitor, family members or leaders directed toward any official or judge will result in disqualification and awards forfeited. If there is a question as to the rules or the judging of a class, adult family members or leaders must approach the Superintendent and not the judge. The Superintendent will then take the question to the judge(s) if warranted.
7. Dogs which are deemed to be a danger to people or other dogs can and will be removed from the show grounds and all classes forfeited. This will be determined by the Superintendent.
8. Protests must be submitted in writing and presented to the Superintendent within 24 hours after judging is announced. Protests will be handled by the Fair board.
9. All entrants will be responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. Failure to do so can be a basis for dismissal from the 4-H Dog Show and/or forfeiture of any placing.
10. Show management will have final decision authority. If needed, show management may request assistance with arbitration from a committee comprised of the superintendent, the judge(s) (if willing), and the leader and/or agent from the county involved (if present).
11. The Colorado State 4-H Dress Code is to be followed by all 4-H members, as well as adult leaders, advisors, and chaperones at all Colorado State 4-H sponsored events. Please check out the Colorado State 4-H Dress Code at: www.colorado4h.org. In addition to the State Dress Code please adhere to the 4-H Dog Handlers Dress Code. **For more detailed information check out the Dog Resource Handbook.**
12. No dogs are allowed beyond the immediate vicinity of the Indoor building.
13. Entrants will pick up their armbands the day of the show. Each exhibitor will have the same armband number for all dogs he/she is exhibiting.
14. No set-up will be allowed anywhere near the rings. Allowable set-up areas will be designated and no one will be allowed to set up in any other areas. Spectators must stay at least ten feet from the ring.
15. Dog project members must complete record books prior to the fair. Record books are due by 4:30 pm on Monday, July 21, 2025 at the CSU Extension Office in Monte Vista. Record books will be scored prior to the

show and these scores will be used in calculations for the Supreme award.

The general age groups for Dog Project are:

1. Junior 8-10 years
2. Intermediate 11-13 years
3. Senior 14-18 years

Age is determined by the member's age as of December 31, 2024.

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. Member must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project.
2. All exhibitors must have complied with each county's eligibility requirements.
3. The member must own his/her project dog individually or partnership with immediate family members or guardians during the complete duration of the project year. The member must provide the majority of care for the dog(s). Entrants will be encouraged to use the Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects.
4. To qualify for State Fair exhibitors must achieve at least one qualifying score in each class of exhibition. Qualifying scores are 170 and above in Obedience and Showmanship and 70 and above in Rally. An acceptable record book must also be done and meet all guidelines required by the county.
5. Each exhibitor may exhibit a different dog in obedience, showmanship, and rally provided they meet qualifications (refer to rule 3). A member may be entered in multiple Obedience or Rally classes with different dogs, but each member may only enter Showmanship once.

DOG ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. All dogs must have a Dog ID form on file with the CSU Extension Office by May 1, 2025. This form is to be completed electronically thru the 4HOnline system.
2. After once earning a qualifying score in competition as a 4- H project dog in Obedience or Rally, that same dog is no longer eligible for exhibition in that same division at any following fair except Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open and Utility Obedience classes and Rally Advanced-Excellent class.
3. A dog with any other rally or obedience title from any national dog association (AKC, UKC, CKC, ASCA etc.) is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded, or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the fair. If the title was won less than four months before the 4-H State Dog Trial the dog is eligible for entry in the same class. Rule 2, above, takes precedence over this rule.
4. Bitches that are in heat, obviously pregnant, or lactating will not be allowed to compete in any classes.
5. Dogs in obvious pain from a previous illness or injury shall not be shown. If a dog is injured at a show, that dog will be excused from the ring. Consideration of a dog's physical disability needs to be addressed between the handler and project leader before starting the project. An approved veterinarian or qualified veterinary technician's decision on doubtful cases will be accepted as final.
6. Dates of approved current and effective vaccination of the dog for rabies and parvo-virus must be provided on the entry form. Each entrant is also required to enter this info into the state Dog ID electronically on the 4HOnline system and have it submitted by May 1, 2025.
7. If the qualified dog in Showmanship is injured or in season, a replacement may be used at the approval of the Superintendent. The replacement dog must fulfill all of the "dog eligibility requirements", must be carried in the member's record book, and must have a health certificate on file with the county office.
8. No dog with a physical or mental condition that would significantly impair their performance may participate. Some examples of these include (but are not limited to) hip dysplasia, disc problems, severely slipped stifles, shoulder problems, or being overweight. All 4-H'ers are highly encouraged to consult their veterinarian before beginning ability training. All dogs competing in agility are required to have medical certification form signed by a veterinarian. A judge, superintendent or the county trainer at state and county events will have the authority to stop the performance of any dog whose soundness

they question.

Obedience & Showmanship

The SLV Fair 4-H Dog Show is a 4-H show. As such, 4-H youth development principles are of primary importance. Show rules and guidelines are modeled after AKC rules.

Exhibit requirements and rules for Obedience scoring are available from the SLV Area Extension Office.

Ribbon Awards

Ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor on the following basis:

Obedience

Blue: 170 or more points earned, provided each class exercise received 50 percent or more of the maximum point value of that exercise.

Red: 140 to 169 points or those who earned more but did not qualify for a blue ribbon.

White: 139 or fewer points earned.

Showmanship

Blue: 170 or more points earned **Red:** 140 to 169 points earned **White:** 139 or fewer points earned

Rally

Blue: 70-100 points earned

Red: 50-69 points earned

White: 49 or fewer points earned

Other Awards:

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded to the member scoring the highest point total in the following classes:

Obedience

Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champions

1. Sub Novice A, B Obedience
2. Sub Novice C (1st and 2nd year) Obedience
3. Novice A & B Obedience
4. Grad Novice Obedience
5. Advanced Obedience

Showmanship

Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champions

1. Junior Novice and Open Showmanship
2. Intermediate Novice and Open Showmanship
3. Senior and Open Showmanship.

Rally

Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champions

1. Rally Novice A & B
2. Rally Advanced A & B
3. Rally Excellent A & B
4. Rally Advanced/Excellent A & B

Agility Rules

The State 4-H Dog Agility Rules can be found at under Contest Requirements:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/>

Agility Obstacles

The State 4-H Dog Agility Rules can be found at under Contest Requirements:

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Agility Waiver

The State 4-H Dog Agility Rules can be found at under Contest Requirements:

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Supreme Overall

Supreme Overall Grand Champion Supreme Overall Reserve Champion

Points will be totaled for Supreme on the following:

1. Record book 100 points
2. Showmanship 200 points
3. Obedience 200 points
4. Rally 100 points

Division: DOG OBEDIENCE

BEGINNER NOVICE OBEDIENCE CLASSES

1. Puppy Class
2. Beginner Novice A
3. Beginner Novice B
4. Beginner Novice C-1st year
5. Beginner Novice C-2nd year

NOVICE OBEDIENCE CLASSES

1. Novice A
2. Novice B

GRADUATE NOVICE OBEDIENCE CLASSES

1. Pre-Graduate Novice A
2. Pre-Graduate Novice B
3. Graduate Novice A
4. Graduate Novice B

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE CLASSES

1. Open A
2. Open B
3. Graduate Open A
4. Graduate Open B
5. Utility A
6. Utility B

VETERANS DIVISION

1. Novice Veterans
2. Pre-Graduate Novice Veterans
3. Graduate Novice Veterans
4. Open Veterans
5. Graduate Open Veterans
6. Utility Veterans

Division: DOG SHOWMANSHIP

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

1. Junior Novice Showmanship (8-10) *
2. Junior Open Showmanship (8-10)
3. Intermediate Novice Showmanship (11-13)*
4. Intermediate Open Showmanship (11-13)
5. Intermediate Advanced Showmanship (11-13)
6. Senior Novice Showmanship (14 & over) *
7. Senior Open Showmanship (14 & over)
8. Senior Advanced Showmanship
9. Master Showman (Int. & Sr. - previous Grand or Reserve Champion winners at the Colorado State Fair)

**Denotes first year members only*

Division: DOG RALLY

RALLY CLASSES

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| 1. Rally Novice A | 8. Rally Excellent B |
| 2. Rally Novice B | 9. Rally Advanced/Excellent A |
| 3. Rally Intermediate A | 10. Rally Advanced/Excellent B |
| 4. Rally Intermediate B | 11. Rally Masters A |
| 5. Rally Advanced A | 12. Rally Masters B |
| 6. Rally Advanced B | 13. Rally Team |
| 7. Rally Excellent A | |

Division: DOG AGILITY CLASSES

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| 1. Foundation Standard | 8. Foundation Jump |
| 2. Novice Standard - Regular | 9. Novice Jump - Regular |
| 3. Novice Standard - Veteran | 10. Novice Jump - Veteran |
| 4. Intermediate Standard - Regular | 11. Intermediate Jump - Regular |
| 5. Intermediate Standard - Veteran | 12. Intermediate Jump - Veteran |
| 6. Advanced Standard - Regular | 13. Advanced Jump - Regular |
| 7. Advanced Standard - Veteran | 14. Advanced Jump - Veteran |