



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

2025 South Dakota Regional 4-H Dog Shows

Contestant Packet



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Registration Deadline: July 9, Show: July 19

CENTRAL REGIONAL DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Registration Deadline: Aug. 6, Show: Aug. 16

WESTERN REGIONAL DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Registration Deadline: Sept. 10, Show: Sept. 20

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Championship Locations



Youth will have three site options.

Eastern Championships

- July 19, 2025
- Lincoln County 4-H Office
 - 27711 SD-17, Lennox, SD 57039

Directions

From exit 68 on I-29, proceed west 4.5 miles to SD-17, then proceed south 1.1 miles to Lincoln County 4-H.

Central Championships

- August 16, 2025
- Davison County 4-H Complex
 - 3200 W. Havens Ave., Mitchell, SD 57031

Directions

From exit 330 on I-90, proceed north 0.7 miles to the stoplight at Havens Avenue, then proceed west 1.6 miles to Davison County 4-H.

Western Championships

- September 20, 2025
- RyeDoodle Boarding & Training
 - 4223 Peaceful Pines Rd, Rapid City, SD 57702

Directions

From exit 52 on I-90, proceed east 0.8 miles to RyeDoodle Boarding & Training. Please park efficiently.



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Summary of Major Changes for 2025

Changes

- **Dog Agility** – The dog agility section has had major changes and updates. Please read through the section carefully before starting agility practice.
- **Off Leash Agility** – All agility classes will now be ran off leash.
- **Number of Entries** – Members may enter two different dogs in each sport, except for showmanship where they may only show with one dog. The dog that is shown in showmanship will be the dog whose scores will be used to determine the Premier Exhibitor Award.
- **4-H Online Deadline** – Dogs must be uploaded into 4-H Online by June 1. They must also have their most recent vaccination record uploaded by June 1.
- **Regional Show Vaccinations** – In order to compete at a Regional Dog Championship, exhibitors must have vaccination records that show their dogs are up to date with vaccinations on the day of the regional show.
- If you have any questions about any of the changes, please feel free to reach out to the South Dakota 4-H Dog Coordinators Wendy Sweeter (wsweeter@lincolncountysd.gov) or Nathan Skadsen (nathan.skadsen@sdstate.edu).



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Exhibitor Information



Exhibitor Information

This packet is provided to help in your preparation for the event. All class and contest rules for the State 4-H Dog Show can be found in the South Dakota 4-H section on extension.sdstate.edu. If you have any questions, contact your county 4-H office or the South Dakota State 4-H Office at 605-688-4167. Good luck!

- There are no housing facilities for dogs during the Regional 4-H Dog Shows.
- Clubs and families are encouraged to bring portable kennels for the day's events.
- On the day of the show, youth must keep all dogs on a leash.
- Participants should come prepared to clean up after their dogs.
- Female dogs in estrus cannot be shown – no exceptions.
- The Regional 4-H Dog Shows is open to any breed of dog (purebred and mixed). However, no wolf-hybrids may be shown.
- Official South Dakota 4-H t-shirts will be provided at check-in for exhibitors. For additional attire requirements, please see the Showmanship attire section in the Dog Project Guide.

Dog Health Regulations

All dogs participating in the Regional 4-H Dog Shows must be in good health and have a current vaccination record to provide during check in.

- Families are no longer required to upload a separate dog affidavit as in years past. Instead, families must update their dog information in 4-H Online by June 1 and upload a proof of vaccination from your veterinarian that shows current Bordetella, Rabies and DHLPP vaccines.
- Each animal must have individual identification which may be the rabies tag number issued by the veterinarian or a description of the animal listed on the health certificate. The official tag the veterinarian issues when the dog is vaccinated for rabies is recognized as official identification. NOTE: Rabies tags do not replace your dog's proof of vaccination from your veterinarian.
- Any questions regarding the health of an animal will be based on the animal's condition as it is presented on show day. This determination is at the discretion of official show representatives.
- Please bring water and food to meet your dog's needs on show day.

Dog Show Results

All results will be posted on extension.sdstate.edu following the Regional 4-H Dog Shows. Posted results are final.



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4-H Exhibitor Entry Directions

4-H Exhibitor Directions:

- Important: All Regional 4-H Dog Shows entries are due in FairEntry.
 - Eastern Regional Dog Championship: Registration Deadline: July 9, Show: July 19
 - Central Regional Dog Championship: Registration Deadline: Aug. 6, Show: Aug. 16
 - Western Regional Dog Championship: Registration Deadline: Sept. 10, Show: Sept. 20
- Wolf hybrids are not allowed to show at the South Dakota Regional 4-H Dog Shows.
- Utilize the South Dakota 4-H Dog Entry Worksheet as a tool to gather all the requested information needed for registration in FairEntry.
 - Write the lot number and dog name for each class you would like to enter.
 - List the dog height (in inches) by the dog's name in the Animal Name box if applicable.
- All entries must be entered using FairEntry. No late entries will be accepted for the South Dakota 4-H Regional Dog Shows due to the tight registration deadlines.
- Any participant who is competing in a class where a retrieve may be asked for is required to bring their own retrieve item. This can be any dog safe item but cannot contain treats, food, etc. If competing in a class that may have a directed retrieve bring 3 retrievable items (e.g., dumbbell, scent article, glove).



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Dog Show Schedule



Show Schedule:

9:00 a.m.	Registration begins
9:30 a.m.	Ring-Side Check-In for Showmanship begins
10:00 a.m.	All Showmanship Classes Begin, Agility Arena Opens
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Dog Skill-a-Thon
11:00 a.m.	Obedience and Rally begin

Participants should check in at ringside 30 minutes before the beginning of each class.

*For those members who are not participating in showmanship but are participating in agility, agility may start at 10 a.m.