



BC Agricultural Expo

September 19-22, 2025
North Thompson Agriplex
Barriere, BC



4-H & OPEN YOUTH/OPEN RULES AND REGULATIONS **CANINE DIVISION**

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL CLUB LEADERS TO ENSURE THAT ALL MEMBERS, PARENTS AND/OR HELPERS ARE FAMILIAR WITH AND FOLLOW ALL DOG DIVISION RULES.

2025 Dog Representatives: Sue Wessel and Cheryl Betker

ENTRIES:

1. Entry deadline is June 30, 2025. No refunds of entries after deadline. All Leaders must enclose an address and contact name and phone number with entries – please specify your Club name.
2. Fees: Project Dog member \$15.00 per entry (plus 5% GST) GST# 77836 2723
3. Age of participants:
 - a. 4-H Junior - 9 to 11 years as of Dec 31st of previous year
 - b. 4-H Intermediate - 12 to 14 years as of Dec 31st of previous year
 - c. 4-H Senior - 15 to 19 years as of Dec 31st of previous year
 - d. Open Youth - 6 to 8 years at the time of the fair (ex. Cloverbuds)
 - e. Open - 9 years and older at the time of the fair
4. 4-H project entry fee for the BC Agricultural Expo includes:
 - a. Dog Judging
 - b. Dog Showmanship (no dog treats allowed during this class)
 - c. Unit Work (must register using the 4-H unit currently enrolled in)
 - d. Dog Agility (optional)
 - e. Command Class (optional)
 - f. Costume Class (optional)
5. Open Youth/Open project entry in BC Agricultural Expo includes:
 - a. Open Youth Obedience and/or
 - b. Open Youth Agility
 - OR
 - c. Open Obedience and/or
 - d. Open Agility
6. All dogs entered at BC Agricultural Expo must be at least 6 months old and in good health.

7. All entries must have the following:
 - a. Proof of up-to-date vaccinations that extend beyond the fair dates, including Rabies, Distemper, Adenovirus, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza, Leptospirosis, and Bordetella
 - b. Acceptable social behavior
 - c. Both a. & b. to be confirmed by the Club Leader upon registration
8. The use of collars or devices that are designed to enforce pain or compliance are prohibited in all dog classes and while waiting outside the ring. Prohibited collars include, but are not limited to, shock/stim/tickle, prong, choke, and spray collars. Flat collars, martingale collars, and head halters are acceptable when properly fitted. Collars and halters may be subject to inspection prior to each class.
9. All dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. Off leash exceptions - only when participating in designated show ring activities or while in display pens or crates in the dog areas.
10. All dogs will enter and exit using designated entry ways and use the main roads to access the dog areas and campground. Dogs are to be exercised in designated areas only. Dogs and handlers will not wander in barns or other areas occupied/used by livestock.
11. Dog care (walking, grooming, feeding, etc.) is the responsibility of the member.
12. All dog droppings are to be cleaned up promptly and disposed of in an outdoor garbage bin.
13. The Dog Rep and/or the Grievance Committee has the right to remove any dog and owner/handler from the grounds if the dog and its owner/handler are not conforming to any of the General Barn or Dog Division Rules.
14. Dog class prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Dog Judging – by age group (1st to 5th)
 - b. Dog Showmanship – by age group (1st to 5th), Champion class to follow (1st and 2nd)
 - c. Unit Work – by unit and age group (1st to 5th), Overall top score (1st and 2nd)
 - d. Dog Agility (optional) – 1st to 5th
 - e. Command Class (optional) – 1st to 5th
 - f. Costume Class (optional) – participation prize
 - g. Open Youth Obedience – 1st to 5th
 - h. Open Youth Agility – 1st to 5th
 - i. Open Obedience – 1st to 5th
 - j. Open Agility – 1st to 5th
15. Decorating for Stall Competition is optional, but is to be completed by the club members.
16. Any questions regarding the rules are to be directed to the BC Agricultural Expo Dog Rep.