

Spring Youth Fair Dog Department

May 3rd & 4th, 2025

Southwest Washington Fairgrounds



Questions or information, contact the superintendent:

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- ✓ Open to all youth 5 thru 19 years of age. Age 19 must be enrolled in high school, as of May 1, 2025. Age 15 and under must be accompanied by a parent or authorized guardian. You do **NOT** have to be a 4-H member, have a registered dog or live in Lewis County to exhibit. No dogs under 6 months of age.
- ✓ Exhibitor must be able to control their dog. **NO BITING or AGGRESSIVE DOGS!** *Please, NO females in season.* Dogs will be benched closely. We may have more entries than benches, so be prepared to double up on a bench or if you prefer, bring a wire crate. If benches are available, they will be used instead of crates. Dogs will be benched all day for public viewing. No dogs will be left alone when benched/crated! **You are not allowed to walk around the fairgrounds with your dog during fair hours.** Dogs must be on a 6-foot leash at all times. **No flexi-leashes or prong collars.** Please bring your own dog water bowl for health reasons.
- ✓ **Proof of current vaccinations is required.** Bring your dog's current vaccination record to the Superintendent's desk for check in before entering Dog Barn. No dog will be admitted without current vaccination record provided by a veterinarian. Only entered dogs or demo dogs will be allowed in Dog Barn and all will provide current Rabies cert. Service Dogs are exempt under the ADA.
- ✓ Wear closed toe shoes. Shorts are allowed and shall be just above the knee or longer.
- ✓ Dogs will use designated "Potty Area" only to relieve themselves. Any and all accidents will be cleaned up by the exhibitor or premiums will be forfeited. You may decorate your bench, but benches shall be kept tidy. Anything not being used should be kept under the benches, so as not to distract from public viewing of the dogs. Keep aisles clear to maintain public access. There will be a contest for the best decorated bench - vote by "People's Choice".
- ✓ No eating or drinking in the benching area.
- ✓ Judging will be done by class or age divisions; Primary age 5 to 7 years, Junior age 8 to 10 years, Intermediate age 11 to 13 years and Senior 14 to 19 years old. Supt. may divide age divisions further depending on entry numbers. You must attend the clinics to be eligible for the competitions.
- ✓ **Showmanship:** The handler is judged on ability, knowledge and skill in grooming, handling and presenting the dog. Judges may ask you to move your dog in patterns around the ring, both as a group and individually, and will inspect your dog.
 - **Obedience:** Your dog will be judged on his or her abilities to listen and respond to your commands. Choose the right skill level for your dog. If this is your first year competing with dogs, you may choose between Sub-Novice A, where all exercises are done on lead, or Beginner Novice, with some off-leash exercises. But only Sub-Novice A is reserved for 1st year participants. If this is not your first year showing, choose from the other classes offered. The supt. and/or judge has the right to move an exhibitor into a different obedience level.
 - **Sub-Novice A:** All on leash including; Heel, Figure 8, Stand for Exam, Recall, Long Sit & Long Down (1 min. each)
 - **Sub-Novice B:** Same as above, except that Long Down is 3 minutes.
 - **Beginner Novice:** On leash; Heel, Fig 8, Sit for Exam Dropped lead; Sit Stay Off-leash; Recall
 - **Pre-Novice:** On leash; Heel and Fig 8. Off leash; Stand for Exam, Heel Free, Recall and Down STAY
 - **Novice:** On leash; Heel and Fig. 8 Off lead; Stand for Exam, Heel Free, Recall, Long sit (1 minute); Long down (3 minutes).
 - **Higher classes available as needed, indicate class on entry form; Advanced Novice, Graduate Novice, Pre-Open, Open**
- ✓ **Agility fun run:** is a low impact tunnel, weave poles, small A-frame, and low jumps course.
- ✓ Ribbons and premiums awarded for most classes. Prizes will be available and awarded throughout the weekend.
- ✓ **Enrichment areas:** There will be fun enrichment activities set up. For example: Snuffle mat, forage boxes, cookie find game, etc. Please bring a sandwich bag of your dog's favorite kibble and/or treats to participate in these activities.
- ✓ **Unless pre-authorized by the superintendent all participants will follow the Dog Barn hours.** Saturday & Sunday, May 3rd & May 4th: 8:30 am until competitions and awards are completed, could be as late as 6pm.