

DEPARTMENT K – JUNIOR LIVESTOCK

4-H AND FFA DOG SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS 2020

ALL GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SPECIFIED BY THE GILA COUNTY FAIR APPLY. Please read them carefully.

Dog and Horse Entries are due at the regular entry time, September 16, 2020.

1. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Only Gila County 4-H and FFA members in good standing may enter this division. Members may enter only those animals which have been used as their 4-H or FFA project for the current year. Dog and horse Exhibitors are encouraged but not required to take the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) class.

2. EQUIPMENT

Crates need not be new but must be intact and in good working order with a latching door. Water must be offered to all dogs at least once every hour in a clean bowl. Equipment must be appropriate for the class, correct size and in good repair. Muzzles, or flexi leads. Max leash length is 6 ft.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

Official Dress for the respective organizations will be required for all shows.

- Official 4-H Dress - A buttoned up, collared long sleeve shirt, of the appropriate 4-H colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white. No third color mix or additional colors are allowed. Long pants or knee length to longer skirt (dark color - blue or black jeans), belt, boots or closed toed shoes and green neckwear (tie, ribbon or scarf).
- Official FFA Field Dress- Official FFA Jacket, white collared button-down shirt, black or dark blue jeans, belt, closed toed shoes or boots, official tie or scarf.

Underwear should not be showing. No shorts allowed. Long hair must be pulled back and bangs kept out of eyes. No rings, noticeable body jewelry, or dangly earrings. Nail polish should be clear or light colored if worn.

4. DOGS

Must be clean (white areas white!!!) and dark areas dark, free of parasites, mats, etc. Teeth should be clean of excessive tartar. Ears must be cleaned. Toenails must be trimmed. Coats should be in good condition without bare spots, crusty lesions, or scabbed areas. Grooming should be appropriate for the breed and the dog should be groomed as close to how it would appear in the breed ring as possible. (ex. shaved faces, feet, and tails on poodles). Mixed breeds should be clean and well-groomed with a neat appearance. A veterinarian will be consulted if there is any doubt to the health or safety of the dogs involved and their decision will be final. **Rabies certificate required, and proof of distemper required. Bring photocopies of proof of BOTH shots and turn them into the show superintendent immediately upon arrival. No exceptions.**

5. GENERAL BEHAVIOR

Causes for disqualification of Exhibitors include:

- a) Unnecessary roughness or abuse of animals.
- b) Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of Exhibitor, parent or leader.
- c) Disrespectful behavior or abusive language on part of the Exhibitor, the Exhibitor's parents, or leader.

First Offense: Disqualification from the Class

Second Offense: Disqualification from the Show

No unsupervised children. 4-H'ers not in the show ring during the show must be with their dog waiting quietly in the waiting area or seated in the bleachers with the dog crated. 4-H'ers are expected to be courteous to those in the ring and remain quiet. You may talk, but it should be in a quiet, inside voice that will not be disruptive to the dogs being shown. There will be no running outside of the ring allowed. Dogs must be on a leash at all times unless in the obedience ring or crated.

By signing this form, I agree to the above regulations, and I promise to abide by them.

Youth signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____