1. Entries in the 4-H Dog Show are limited to dog project members who have passed their 8th birthday and have not passed their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current program year. Participation in a county or area show is not a pre-requisite for showing in the Missouri State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Entries in the FFA Dog Show are limited to exhibitors in FFA who are in good standing.

2. Show: Monday, August 15, 9:00 a.m. - Mathewson Exhibition Center. Dogs need to be present at show only at scheduled times of judging and may leave immediately thereafter, unless required for further judging. (If you win first in your class, please stay for pictures.)

Absolutely no dogs left unsupervised in the Mathewson Center. All dogs and equipment must be removed at the completion of the show. Any dogs left will be turned over to the humane society.

3. All entry forms must be received by July 1.

4. An entry fee of $4.00 will be charged for each class entry of each dog.

5. Proper equipment must be used or entry may face disqualification. Proper equipment consists of: Obedience-6 foot leash and properly fitted collar approved by the judge. No special training collars will be permitted; nothing may be hanging from the dog’s collar.

6. The dog must be trained by the exhibitor.

7. The exhibitor shall have been in possession of the dog by April 1, 2016. Age of the 4-H member was his/her age on January 1 of the current year.

8. Only one obedience class per dog. Only one rally class per dog. Only one Jr. Showmanship Class per person.

9. Bitches in season may be shown in Junior Showmanship and at the end of their obedience class, if properly bathed and deodorized with an anti-mating spray and cleared as okay by the judge.

10. All animals must have a health certificate (valid for 30 days) from a veterinarian and proof of vaccination.

11. If an exhibitor has shown at the Missouri State Fair previously, he/she must move up in the classes as indicated below. If the exhibitor is in the first year at the State Fair, he/she may show as a novice junior handler in 1st yr. pre-novice-obedience class, regardless of participation locally. However, if the dog is titled, the exhibitor must show in the class above the degree. A dog may show in pre-novice (beginner) 1 year; pre-novice (graduate beginner) 1 year; novice class, 2 years; graduate novice, 3 years; and open and utility, no limit in years. (County rules may differ.)

12. Novice and Open Jr. Showmanship will be judged as follows: 70% on handling; 10% on knowledge of dog; 10% on poise and appearance of exhibitor; 10% on grooming of dog.

13. Obedience classes will be judged according to AKC rules and score cards as follows: (NOTE: some classes have changed!)

   Beginner-Novice: (First-Year Dog): Heel on leash, 40 points; Figure “8”, 40 points; Sit for examination on leash, 40 points; Sit Stay, 40 points; Recall, 40 points. Maximum total score: 160 points.

   Pre-Novice: (Second-Year Dog): Heel on leash and figure “8”, 40 points; Standing for examination off leash, 40 points; Heel free, 40 points; Recall off leash, 40 points; Sit or down, 40 points. Maximum total score: 160 points.

   Obedience: Heel on leash and figure “8”, 40 points; Stand for examination off leash, 30 points; Heel off leash, 40 points; Recall off leash, 30 points; Long Sit (1 minute) off leash, 30 points; Long Down (3 minutes) off leash, 30 points. Maximum total score: 200 points.

   Graduate Novice: Heel on leash and figure “8”, 40 points; Drop on recall, 40 points; Dumbbell recall, 30 points; Recall over high jump, 30 points; Recall over broad jump, 30 points; Open long down (3 minutes), 30 points: Maximum total score, 200 points.

   Open (Off Leash): Heel free and figure “8”, 40 points; Drop on recall, 30 points; Retrieve on flat, 20 points; Retrieve over high jump, 30 points; Broad jump, 20 points; Long Sit (3 minutes) off leash, 30 points; Long Down (5 minutes) off leash, 30 points. Maximum total score: 200 points.

   Rally Novice: on leash: Handlers may show until they have a Rally Novice title: 10-15 stations to complete with no more than 5 stationary exercises; exercise performed vary from turning 360 degrees to changing paces during the course; exhibitors at this level may clap their hands and pat their legs through the course. Maximum total score: 100 points.

   Rally Advanced (off leash): Handlers may show until they have a Rally Advanced title: 12-17 stations with no more than 7 stationary exercises; exercises include a jump as well as calling your dog to the front of you instead of to a heel position; Maximum total score: 100 points.

   Rally Excellence (off leash): 15-20 stations, with no more that 7 stationary exercises; handlers are only allowed to encourage their dogs verbally; physical encouragement is not allowed at this level; exercises include backing up 3 steps, while the dog stays in the heel position and a moving stand, while the handler walks around the dog; Maximum total score: 100 points.

Judge will split classes based on dog height. Will run 2 groups minimum in each class!

NOVICE: 4-H or FFA members competing in the Missouri State Fair Dog Show for the first year.

**OPEN: 4-H or FFA members who have competed one or more years in the Missouri State Fair Dog Show.

Plaque: Best Junior Handler - Novice
Best Junior Handler - Open