



Step-by-Step Guide

For participating in the
**St. Joseph County, MI
4-H Dog Show**



Following is information you will find very helpful as you prepare to participate in the 4-H Dog Show in September at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair:

1. When you arrive at the 4-H Dog Show on Thursday, September 12, 2019 you will need to register and get your number arm band in the livestock show arena. You will need to keep track of this number arm band because you will use it on Saturday, September 14, 2019. No arm bands will be given out on Saturday. See the **2019** Fair Book for registration times and show times.
2. Please be sure you know which classes you belong in. If you are not sure, check with your leader prior to show day. Also, if there are any classes you previously signed up for but do not plan to show in, please be sure to make this change known to the clerks at the ring you will not be showing in on show day.
3. Senior Showmanship (exhibitors 15-19 years old) will be the first class in the showmanship ring on Saturday September 14, 2019 starting at 8:30 a.m. It is a good idea for younger showmen to watch the senior, so they will know what to expect when their showmanship class is called to the ring.
4. Check the **2019 Fair Book** for day and times for all classes.
5. It is your responsibility to know what day and times you are to be at the livestock show arena for the Dog Show.
6. Before leaving the show arena for any reason, be sure to let someone in your club (parent, leader, fellow club member) know your armband number and which class you are waiting to show in. That way if your number/class is called, and you do not report to the show ring, there will be someone in the show arena who can let the ring steward know where you are, and can look you up and let you know your class has been called. Your name will be called over the speaker only three (3) times. If no response is received to the ring steward in the ring you were called to **YOU WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM THE CLASS.**
7. You need to listen for an announcement(s) regarding when your 4-H class(es) will begin, and be waiting nearby when you know your class is about to start. **NOTE:** If all members make an effort to be where they need to be, when they need to be there, everything will run smoothly!

8. Agility class will begin with Advance, then Intermediate, followed by Beginner. Walk-through of exhibitors only (no dogs) will be announced before each class.
9. Rally classes on Saturday September 14, 2019 will start with Beginners first, the Intermediate followed by advance.
10. See the 2019 Fair Book for information on evaluation of the Dog Husbandry Project at the Fair show.

If we all cooperate and work hard to follow these guidelines, things should run smoothly on show day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support!!!

4-H Dog Show Rules

1. Any aggressive behavior from your dog(s) may result in dismissal from the show and may be asked for the dog(s) to be taken off the fair grounds.
2. Keep the aisles in front of the show arena bleachers clear. People and dogs need to use these aisles to “come and go” throughout the dog show.
3. There is no parking at either end of the livestock show arena. (The open area at the east end of the show arena is reserved for fair officials and judges only.)
4. You are not allowed to take your dog into any livestock barn at any time during the fair. (This is a fair board rule.)
5. Do not take your dog through the hallway that connects the livestock show arena with the Agriculture/ Natural Resources annex building.
6. Crating area will be announced.