

# SCIOTO COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR DOG GUIDELINES

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1. Scioto County dog projects will be shown and governed by the same rules that apply to the Ohio State Fair. Members and advisors should become familiar with these rules and requirements. The complete guidelines are also available on the Ohio 4-H website: <http://www.ohio4h.org/dogs/index.htm> .
2. Because of State Fair registration requirements, the Scioto County Dog Show will be held prior to the fair. See the pre-fair schedule, or contact the Extension Office for the exact date and time.
3. Judges will select state fair participants on judging day. Members must achieve a minimum score to be eligible for state fair competition. Selected individuals must supply requested information necessary for State Fair pre-registration and have up to date vaccination certificates by the stated deadline to be eligible to compete.
4. Dogs must have up to date and mandatory shots, records and a certificate of vaccination by the stated deadlines. See the State Fair rules for a complete listing of shot and record requirements.
5. Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation as determined by the health check officials will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment. Decision of the health check officials is final.
6. Aggressive dogs will be removed from the show.
7. Pregnant, in heat and/or lactating females cannot be brought to the show. See other rules that may apply.
8. Lessons from a reputable handler and/or working with other youth or adults and their dogs are encouraged. However, only the member may show and/or train the dog after April 1 of the current year.
9. If a member wishes to be judged, they must complete the appropriate information on the Jr. Fair Dog Entry Form and return it to the Extension Office by July 1.
10. Members must have their dogs present at judging (exception: poster contest). Members whose dogs are not available for judging (i.e. in heat, sick, aggressive, etc.), may request to have their record books evaluated (but not placed) by the judge. Contact the Extension Office for specific requests.
11. All judges' decisions are final.
12. Appropriate posters must be displayed in the 4-H Building or the club's booth in order for the member to receive their premiums and passes.
13. To receive county fair premiums, members whose posters are chosen for state competition must construct a second poster to be displayed at the Scioto County Fair because their original poster will be on exhibition at the Ohio State Fair.

14. Please refer to the enclosed state guidelines about the dog poster contest for complete rules and requirements.
15. Score sheets will be available from the Extension Office one week after judging if the advisor requests them in advance by contacting the Extension Office.