

Washington State 4-H Dog Program - Showmanship Group Scorecard

Class _____ Lot _____													
Show Name _____													
Judge's Name _____													
Date _____													
Part I: Appearance (40 points)	Max Score												Max Score
Dog													
Overall appearance: clean, well-brushed	10												10
Feet and toenails properly trimmed	5												5
Ears clean and properly trimmed	5												5
Teeth clean	5												5
Handler													
Properly dressed and groomed	5												5
Equipment: uses proper leash and collar	5												5
Courteous to judge and fellow exhibitors	5												5
Part II: Handling (55 points)													
Individual Judging													
Individual exam and showing bite	10												10
Individual gaiting	5												5
Ring patterns	5												5
Group Judging													
Group gaiting	5												5
Line spacing and ring etiquette	5												5
Presentation in line-up	5												5
General Handling													
Stacking	10												10
Overall presentation, timing, poise	10												10
Part III: Knowledge (5 points)													
Parts/anatomy	1												1
Breed history and standard	1												1
Care and health	1												1
AKC general knowledge	1												1
4-H	1												1
Total Score	100												100

Comments: _____

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Class _____ **Lot** _____ **Date** _____

Show Name _____ **Exhibitor No.** _____

Judge Name _____

	Max. Score	Net Score
<u>PART I: Appearance (40 points possible)</u>		
Dog		
Overall appearance: clean, well-brushed, free of parasites	10	
Feet and toenails properly trimmed	5	
Ears clean and properly trimmed	5	
Teeth clean	5	
Handler		
Properly dressed and groomed	5	
Equipment: uses proper leash and collar	5	
Courteous to judge and fellow exhibitors	5	
<u>PART II: Handling (55 points possible)</u>		
Individual Judging		
Individual exam and showing bite	10	
Individual gaiting	5	
Ring patterns	5	
Group Judging		
Group gaiting	5	
Line spacing and ring etiquette	5	
Presentation in line-up	5	
General Handling		
Stacking	10	
Overall presentation, timing, poise	10	
<u>PART III: Knowledge (5 points possible)</u>		
Parts/Anatomy	1	
Breed history and standard	1	
Care and health	1	
AKC general knowledge	1	
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TOTAL SCORE	100	

Comments: _____

Judge's Guidelines

Place score on front

Part I: Dog Appearance	
Dog*	
Overall appearance: clean, well-brushed, free of parasites	Coat and skin appears to be in good condition as can be determined from appearance and handler comments. Dog has been thoroughly brushed, bathed, and free of mats and parasites. Judges are encouraged to ask questions about member's participation in grooming.
Feet and toenails properly trimmed	Nail length is not as important as tips having been trimmed and/or filed. Feet are trimmed in correct manner for breed, though an attempt is more important than finesse. Consider the age of the exhibitor.
Ears clean and properly trimmed.	Clean, free of mites, odor, and dirt build-up. Okay if the handler states that the dog is being treated. Ears are trimmed in correct manner for breed, an attempt is more important than finesse.
Teeth clean	Tarter build-up should be penalized. Missing, broken, yellowed, or misaligned teeth shall not be considered.
Handler	
Properly dressed and groomed	Handler's outfit follows 4-H dress code, and is neat and business-like without detracting from dog. Hair is kept out of face. Shoes are appropriate for the breed's gaiting speed.
Equipment: uses proper leash and collar	The leash and collar allow handler to control dog, collar is unobtrusive to the picture of the dog, and leash appears comfortable and easy for handler to hold. Style of the leash and collar do not matter as long as the above requirements are met.
Courteous to judge and fellow exhibitors	The use of bait and toys is quiet and proper. Handler picks up anything they drop, and does not talk to other exhibitors except when necessary. Is polite to the judge, stewards, and other exhibitors.
Part II: Handling	
Individual Judging	
Individual exam and showing bite	Judge all components of the exam: profile, presentation of head, front, rear, timing, and control at all times. Members are to show the dog's bite, teeth, <i>or</i> mouth at the judge's request. Handler has knowledge of whether the dog is stacked on the table or on the ground. Dogs that are too large for the child to lift onto the table may be shown on the ground. If on the table, the dog is properly lifted. Handler keeps hands and head out of judge's way, and repositions feet the judge moves as needed. In case of a shy dog, see bottom of sheet.*
Individual gaiting	Shows proper gait presentation and speed for front, rear, and side movement.
Ring patterns	Does pattern as requested. Lines up with judge when moving toward or away from them. Moves in a straight line. Does not block judge's view more than is necessary. Uses courtesy turns appropriately. Presents dog at the end of the pattern.
Group Judging	
Group gaiting	Does not crowd others. Gaits dog at proper speed for their breed. Judge should be on the inside of the circle. Handler will keep dog on their left side (the inside of the circle) with no hand changes.
Line spacing and ring etiquette	Does not crowd other handlers or disturb other dogs. Does not interfere with other handlers stacking space in line. Refrains from blocking the area where individual patterns are being judged. Does not give the dog harsh or excessively loud commands, or treat dog with undue severity.
Presentation in line-up	Handler attempts to "sell" their dog to the judge with an economy of movement, positioning their dog and themselves to their best advantage. Exhibitor shows proper front, head, profile, and rear presentation for breed.
General Handling	
Stacking	Hand and/or free stacked as close to breed standard as conformation allows. Consistently stacks accurately, fixes feet that the dog moves, and makes best effort to keep dog stacked even if it is not cooperating. Positions feet and presents in a quiet, efficient, way that does not detract from the dog.
Overall presentation, timing, poise	Demonstrates confidence in handling ability, ties all aspects of their time in the ring together neatly and seamlessly. Handler anticipates and is prepared for the judges movements. Handler knows when to relax and when to have dog stacked. "Relax" does not mean that the dog can lie down or the handler can talk to others. Does not distract the judge while other dogs are being evaluated.
Part III: Knowledge	
Ask appropriate questions for each category designated on the front according to age and experience level. Check with the superintendent with questions beforehand.	

- This is a class judged on the handlers' abilities - conformation is not to be considered.
- All exhibitors perform the same skills in every group of a class.
- Only as many dogs should be in the ring as space safely allows. Classes may be divided into smaller groups.
- BDJ (Between dog and judge) rule: Brief blocking movements are allowed in order to enhance a smooth, accurate, and efficient presentation of the dog. Courtesy turns are allowed for the purposes of lining up the dog, calming or controlling the dog, and working the dog into proper gaiting speed.
- *In the case of a dog that is too shy or reserved for examination, the handler may personally show the required parts (teeth, ears, feet). If the judge can not place their hands on the dog for the individual exam and to check for mats and cleanliness, the handler is to receive a deduction.
- A dog may be asked to leave the ring if it is uncontrollable, aggressive to the judge or other participants and their dogs, or is distracting or disrupting with menacing behavior.