

MISSOULA COUNTY 4H DOG PROGRAM
FAMILY LIVING

** (Please note - **NO** food is allowed in the ring during the obedience judging - except the trick)

Family Living

Class A - If you or your dog have NEVER been in Dog Project.

Class B - If either you or your dog have been in this class before, but have not received a purple or blue ribbon.

1. **WALK ON LOOSE LEAD:** the object of this exercise is for the dog to be under control while on a leash.

Dog does not need to be in the heel position. Handler may guide the dog with the leash, provided they use a loose leash. If the dog starts to pull, handler may tell the dog to come back, stay here, etc. Handler should be in control, not the dog!

Judges commands will be "Forward, halt, right turn, left turn, about turn, fast, slow and normal". Left and right turns are 90 degree turns, about turn is always to the right. Commands may be given in any order but the judge will try and standardize the pattern for everyone.

Handler will enter the ring with the dog on a check collar and a six foot lead. NO pinch collars! Judge will say, "This is the walk on lead exercise, do you have any questions?" You will answer "No" if you have no questions, or "Yes" if you do. (PLEASE answer yes if you have a question, the judge doesn't mind, and it helps you learn!) The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" Answer "Yes" or "Ready" (not "yeah" or "uh-huh"). Speak loud and clear. Judge will say "Forward". Handler should say the dog's name to get his attention and walk in a straight line until the judge gives you another command. When the judge says "Halt", your dog must stop when you do, but does not have to sit. You may talk to your dog during this exercise (and are encouraged to do so). When the judge says "Exercise finished", the exercise is completed and you are no longer being judged. **PRAISE YOUR DOG !!!**

2. **SIT:** The principle feature of this exercise is for the dog to sit on command.

Dog should be in the stand position. Judge will say, "This is the Sit Exercise, are you ready?" Answer yes or no, or ask any questions you may have at this time. Judge will then say, "Sit your dog". You will then say the dog's name, "sit", and dog should sit quickly. As soon as the dog is sitting the judge will say "exercise finished" and you should release the dog and PRAISE.

You have one minute and five (5) attempts to get your dog to sit. You are not allowed to touch the dog, or to jerk or guide him with the lead.

3. **DOWN:** The principle of the exercise is for the dog to lie down on command.

Dog should be in the sit position (NO penalty for handler placing dog in sit position). Judge will say, "This is the down exercise, do you have any questions?" Answer yes or no. Judge will then say "Down your dog." You will then say the dog's name, "Down", and dog should lie down quickly. Dog's elbows **MUST** be on the ground. You have one minute and five (5) attempts to make the dog lie down. You may **NOT** touch the dog, jerk on the lead or guide the dog in any way. When dog is in down position, the judge will say, "Exercise finished." Release your dog and **PRAISE**.

4. **RECALL:** Dog is to come in a straight line to handler when called.

Dog should be in a sitting position, in a spot designated by the judge. (A ring steward* will loosely hold the dog's lead until the dog goes to the handler.***) The judge will stand halfway between and off to one side of handler and dog, out of the dog's path of travel. Judge will say, "This is the recall, do you have any questions?" If you have no questions, answer "Ready" and hand your lead to the ring steward. Tell your dog "wait", and leave your dog, walking across the ring in a straight line. Turn and face your dog, and wait for the judge's signal or command to call your dog. When you

receive the judge's command, say the dog's name, "Come". Dog should quickly come directly to you. You may clap your hands, run backward, pat your leg, etc. to get your dog to come. You have one minute and five (5) attempts to get your dog to come to you. Once he does, quickly take the lead, and the judge will say, "Exercise finished."

PRAISE YOUR DOG !!

* Ring stewards are the judge's helpers. They will stand quietly and hold the lead until the dog is called to you. They will not talk to the dog, make any corrections, or make any eye contact with the dog.

** NO penalty if dog barks or pulls on the lead while the ring steward is holding your dog.

5. **TRICK:** Purpose of this exercise is that the dog can perform a trick.

The judge will ask what trick your dog will do. You will tell the judge and the judge will in turn tell the spectators. The judge will tell you to have your dog do the trick. When your dog completes this exercise, give him his treat and **PRAISE YOUR DOG.**

Some acceptable tricks:

1. Shake hands
2. High five
3. Roll over
4. Play dead
5. Bow
6. Cover your eyes, salute
7. Say your prayers
8. Carry something
9. Speak, sing
10. Dance
11. Sit up, sit pretty
12. Fetch, find
13. Catch
14. Smile
15. Leap dog (jump over or through something)
16. Give kisses
17. Chase your tail

You may use food for this exercise, but make sure you pick up any food you drop, so it does not distract the next dog in the ring. You have one minute and five (5) attempts to do the trick.

6. **GROUP SIT:** The purpose of this exercise is that the dog must stay in a sit position for one minute without disturbing or being distracted by other dogs.

Dogs will be on a loose lead; ring steward will lead all handlers and their dogs into the ring and line them up along one side of the ring. Handlers will stop and face the opposite side of the ring with dogs at their left sides. The judge will say, "This is the one minute sit, do you have any questions?" ASK A QUESTION IF YOU HAVE ONE. If there are no questions, or when questions are answered, the judge will say, "Sit your dog." Tell your dog "Sit". Judge will then say, "Leave your dog." Tell your dog "Stay", leave your dog and walk to the end of the dog's lead. Turn and face your dog, keeping the lead loose so you don't pull your dog to you. After one minute, the judge will say, "Back to your dog". Walk back to the RIGHT of the dog, and around behind the dog so you end up in the same place as you started, with the dog on your left side. When everyone is back in position, the judge will say, "Exercise finished", release your dog and **PRAISE**.

SCORING

Scoring begins with 200 points, and points are taken away for improper handling, or if the dog does not obey.

Walk on loose lead.....40 points
Sit.....30 points
Down.....30 points
Recall.....40 points
Trick.....20 points
One minute group sit.....40 points

These are some of the reasons points may be taken away:

Walk on loose lead:

- Unmanageable - If the dog is not paying attention or is dragging the handler.
- Holding the lead too close to the dog's collar
- Occasional tight lead
- Handler constantly adapting to the dog's pace
- No change of pace (fast & slow)
- Handler yelling at dog
- Handler jerking dog's lead
- Dogs sniffs ground too much
- No six foot lead

Sit:

- Tight lead
- Handler physically puts the dog into sit position
- Dog does not sit
- Dog does not stay in sit position

Down:

- Tight lead
- Handler physically puts dog into down position
- Dog does not down
- Dog does not stay in down position

Recall:

- Dog does not come to handler
- Dog leaves the ring

Trick:

- Dog does not do the trick after five attempts
- Dog leaves the ring
- Handler yells at dog
- Handler touches the dog (except for "shake", high five", etc.)

Group Sit/Down

- Dog does not stay in position
- Excessive whining or barking
- Handler touches the dog
- Handler jerks the dog into position
- Handler yells at the dog
- Dog disturbs other dog
(if your dog is disturbed by another dog, it should stay in place unless the other dog physically touches it, rolls on or against it, pawing at it, etc. If this happens your dog is allowed to re-do the long sit).

***** If your dog is overly aggressive or out of control, you may be excused at the judges discretion. If your dog attacks another dog or starts a dog fight, you will be disqualified and excused from the ring.**

Automatic White Ribbon/Obedience:

- Choke collar put on dog incorrectly or wrong size (*we practice this all year*)
- Prong/pinch collar/Halties or Gentle Leaders
- Dog fouls the ring
- Dog leaves the ring for any reason (with or without the handler)
- Using a chain lead
- Not using a 6' lead for obedience
- Using a Flexi-lead (retractable lead)
- Using treats in the ring (*except the trick in Family Living*)
- Jerking on lead to make the dog sit on the heel exercise

Automatic Disqualifications

Any help or disturbance on your behalf from outside the ring from parents, siblings, friends, leaders, etc. will be considered double-handling and will excuse you from competition. You may stay in the ring and complete the class, but you will not be eligible for ribbons or awards.

Any dog that attacks another dog or starts a dog fight will be disqualified and excused from the ring. **NO exceptions!**

**At Judge's discretion - Dogs that are overly aggressive or out of control may be disqualified excused from the ring.

4H FAMILY LIVING OBEDIENCE SCORE SHEET

DATE _____

DOG# _____

SHOW _____

BREED _____

AWARD _____

<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>NON QUALIFYING</u> - 40 points for	<u>MINOR DEDUCTIONS</u>	<u>MAX. POINTS</u>	<u>POINTS LOST</u>	<u>NET SCORE</u>
Walk on lead	Unmanageable: No 6' lead Tight lead	Constant tugging on lead -5 Shouts at dog -5 Jerks dog w/leash -5 No change of pace - ½ to 5	40		
Sit	- 30 points for Did not sit after 5 commands Handler jerks dog into sit Handler pushes dog into sit	Extra command to sit -5 Shouts at dog -5 Minor leash cues - ½ to 5 Jerks dog w/leash	30		
Down	- 30 points for Did not down after 5 commands Handler jerks dog into down Handler pushes dog into down	Extra command -5 Pushes dog into down -5 Re-sits dog -5 Minor leash cues -5	30		
Trick	- 20 points for Won't do trick after 5 attempts	Shouts at dog -5 Jerks dog w/leash -5	20		
Recall	- 40 points for Dog does not go to handler after 5 attempts Handler must go to dog Dog leaves the ring	Dog runs to judge -5 Sniffing - ½ to 5 Fouling the ring -15 Extra commands -5	40		
Long Sit (1 minute)	Stood or lay before 10 seconds Stood or lay between 10 & 30 seconds Stood or lay between 30 & 45 seconds Stood or lay between 45 & 60 seconds Sat correctly the entire time **Stood as handler returns - 5	0 points 15 points 20 points 30 points 40 points	40		

Maximum points possible 200

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Showmanship Score Sheet

Jr. Class _____ Sr. Class _____

Handler's Name _____ Number _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____

Date _____ Score _____ Ribbon _____ Placing _____

15 Points	<u>Circle the Ring</u>						Total
	Watches the Judge	5	4	3	2	1	
	Trots Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
	Stacks Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____

15 Points	<u>Line Up</u>						
	Watches Judge & Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
	Moves Dog Around Ring	5	4	3	2	1	
	Stacks Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____

10 points	<u>Appearance (Dog)</u>						
	Proper Equipment	5	4	3	2	1	
	Grooming	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____

5 points	<u>Appearance (Handler)</u>						
	Proper Attire/Cleanliness	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____

25 Points	<u>Straight Out and Back</u>						
	Watches Judge and Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
	Straight Line	5	4	3	2	1	
	Trots Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
	Turn Around	5	4	3	2	1	
	Stacks Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____

30 points	<u>Individual Pattern</u>						
	Watches Judge	5	4	3	2	1	
	Changes Hands (L Pattern)	yes _____	no _____			(5 points)	
	Small Circle (Triangle)	5	4	3	2	1	
	Trots Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
	Turn	5	4	3	2	1	
	Stacks Dog	5	4	3	2	1	
						total	_____

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