HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H & AGRICULTURAL FAIR

P.A.W.S. 4-H DOG CLUB EVENTS

Location: DOG SHOW TENT

RALLY OBEDIENCE Date: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017 Set-up - 10:00 a.m. Start Time - 10:30 a.m.

TEAM RALLY Date: WEDNSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017 Set-up – 1:30 p.m. Start Time – 2:00 p.m

AGILITY GAMES Date: THURSDAY, AUGUST 24. 2017 Set-up – 10:00 a.m. Start Time 10:30 a.m.

AGILITY COMPETITION Date: THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017 Set-up – 4:00 p.m. Start Time - 5:00 p.m.

INVITATIONAL OBEDIENCE COMPETITION Date: SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017 Set-up - 9:00 a.m. Start Time - 10:00 a.m.

TEAM OBEDIENCE Date: SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017 Set-up- 1:30 p.m. Start Time-2:00 p.m.

GAME DAY Date: SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 Start Time - 1:00 p.m.

Rules

Refer to the general rules for all Hunterdon County 4-H shows/events.

Members must have fulfilled all project area and club requirements before entering the competition at the fair and must be a member in good standing of an official 4-H club in good standing.

All project record books are to be checked by a club leader, who will verify that your project book is up-to-date.

I. Dress Code – Member and Dog

- a. Club members participating in Paws 4-H event(s) at the Hunterdon County Fair should wear their club t-shirt to the event(s) with the exception of the Obedience Invitational per AKC rules.
- b. Club members participating in Paws 4-H event(s) at the Hunterdon County fair must wear closed, rubber-soled shoes or sneakers. Sandals, open shoes, flip-flops, clogs, etc., may not be worn.
- c. Participating dogs must have been bathed, groomed and have nails clipped in order to participate.

II. Arrival and Set Up/Breakdown and Clean Up

- a. Set up will begin 30 minutes prior to the official start time of club event(s) (unless otherwise instructed by a club leader). All club members must be prepared to assist with set up (moving and setting equipment, etc.) at that time.
- b. Please allow sufficient time prior to set up in order to walk/exercise your dog, use restrooms, arrange your crate, etc.
- c. Breakdown will immediately follow all event(s). All club members are expected to assist with removal of equipment, etc.
- d. Clean up of the judging and crating areas will immediately follow breakdown. All club members are required to help clean up the area before leaving the fairgrounds.

III. Confinement and Care of Dogs

- a. It is strongly recommended that you bring a crate or ex-pen for your dog. Your crate should be used for down time prior to and after performances, during set up and clean up.
- b. You may place your crate and other belongings ONLY in designated areas. DO NOT use pens, cages or other areas at the fair that have not been assigned to the PAWS 4-H club.
- c. Dogs will not be permitted to share (double up in) crates, ex-pens, etc.
- d. Dogs may not be left loose in County Fair pens (i.e. livestock pens located in the barns).
- e. Dogs may not be left unattended at any time. This includes when they are crated. Club members are responsible for their own dogs.
- f. Dogs must be given sufficient time to urinate/defecate prior to club event(s). Soiling the ring is grounds for disqualification. Club members are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. Be sure to pack poop bags.
- g. Do not allow your dog to urinate on buildings, tents, pens, hay bales, equipment, etc. Please take your dog to a remote location to complete his/her business.
- h. Proper care requires that your dog be provided with water as needed. Be sure to pack water and a water bowl for your dog.
- i. In keeping with positive training methods used during all PAWS 4-H lessons, it is strongly recommended that you bring treats for your dog.

IV. Participation and Behavior

- a. Club member must be present for judges' instructions and for walk through.
- b. Club members are required to remain in the judging/ring area for the duration of club event(s). Watching the event and the performances of others is an important part of competition. It is also good to support and cheer on your fellow club members.
- c. Be sure to check in with the ring steward and claim your armband. If you do not pick up your armband prior to the start of the event, you will be marked absent.

- d. Pay attention to the progress of the event, and be prepared when it is your turn. If you are not present at the start of your turn, you will be marked absent.
- e. Judges decisions are final.
- f. Show respect for the judges, leaders and your fellow club members at all times. Also be respectful of spectators, members of other 4-H clubs, officials, exhibitors, etc. This includes respecting property.
- g. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Displays of poor sportsmanship will be grounds for disqualification from PAWS event(s).

8/2015