

Dog Judging Expectations

Showmanship Judges Expectations

I will be looking to see that you and your dog can work together as a team. I will be looking for correct bait procedures. I will be looking at your dog for proper grooming techniques. Are their toenails trimmed, are their coat's free of dirt and tangles? Are your dogs' teeth cleaned and free of plaque buildup? I will ask you to show me your dogs' bite.

The only patterns I will ask you to perform will be ones listed on the Washington State 4-H site. I will be looking for your dog to be gaiting correctly for its breed. Also the focus should be on the dog not you. So I will be watching to see that you can present your dog with the least amount of interference between you and the dog. I, also, expect that you will be constantly showing your dog even if my attention is not with you. Unless I tell you that you can relax your dogs I will periodically be checking to see that you are still working with your dog even if I am examining another participants dog.

I will ask five questions in the areas of dog breed knowledge, anatomy, general AKC knowledge, general 4-H knowledge, and care and health for dogs.

I expect that participants are clean and well groomed. Is your hair out of your face? Are you wearing appropriate shoes?

Obedience Judge Expectations

I will be watching for your leash to be slack. If after the third attempt your dog does not perform the task asked, please move on. Are you being positive with your dog even when it may not be performing how you want it too? Any rough behavior with your dog will be grounds for disqualification from the event.