



2021 Virginia 4-H Virtual Dog Show Rules

1. 4-H members may participate in the trick, rally, obedience, and presentation classes and must be between the ages of 9 – 19 as of September 30, 2021.
2. 4-H Cloverbud members may participate in the costume and photo contest and must be between the ages of 5 – 8 as of September 30, 2021
3. A dog owned by a family may be shown by more than one member of that family, even in the same class.
4. Dogs may be all American (mixed breed) or purebred
5. Youth must train his or her dog.
6. No dog shall be eligible to compete with a physical condition that is detrimental to the health of the dog.
7. All video submissions must be continuous with no editing.
8. All submissions should be emailed to lgeer@vt.edu by 5 PM on November 6th. Videos can be e-mailed as YouTube or Google Doc links.

Classes:

Class 1: Most Creative Dog Costume (Open to Cloverbuds only)

Class 2: Most Creative Dog and Youth Costume (Open to Cloverbuds only)

Class 3: Best Dog Photograph (Open to Cloverbuds only)

Class 4: Best Trick (4-H Members only)

Class 5: Rally Obedience (4-H Members only)

Class 6: Obedience (4-H Members only)

Class 7: Presentations (4-H Members only)

Class descriptions:

Class 1 – Most Creative Dog Costume: The costume depicts a theme (youth not in costume). The theme may be historical, humorous, cartoon, etc. Submit 4 photographs of your dog in costume, include front, sides, and back of the dog.

Class 2 – Most Creative Dog and Youth Costume : The dog and youth costume depict a theme The theme may be historical, humorous, cartoon, etc. Submit 4 photographs of you and your dog in costume, include front, sides, and back of the dog.

Class 3 – Best Dog Photograph: Submit your best photo of your dog.

Class 4 – Best Trick: The member will be judged on the creativity and performance of the trick. Food is allowed. Submit a video of your dog's trick.

Class 5 – Rally Obedience: The dog and handler move continuously through a rally course with 10 signs with the dog at the handler's left side. The dog may be off or on leash. At each numbered sign they perform the indicated exercise then move to the next sign. The handler can talk to the dog and give multiple commands and signals. The course will be made up of [AKC rally signs 1 – 42](#). Signs may include halt, sit down, about turn, slow pace, fast pace, normal pace, left turns, right turn, U-turn, and circles. Not timed. Submit a video of the performance. Upon registering for this class, participants will receive a map to easily set up a course at home. All videos must be continuous with no editing.

Class 6 – Obedience: The handler will ask the dog to heel on a leash, figure 8 on a leash, stay, recall (on leash), long sit (1 minute on leash), and long down (3 minutes on a leash). The handler may choose the order in which the commands are given to the dog. Submit a video of the performance. All videos must be continuous with no editing.

Class 7 – Dog Presentations: Participants will submit a video recorded presentation on a dog topic of their choosing. Example topics include health and care, grooming, training, breeds, etc. The standard [Virginia 4-H Presentation Rules](#) and [Scoring Aid will be used for this class](#).

Virginia 4-H Most Creative Dog Costume

Scoring Aid

___ **Class 1 : Individual** ___ **Class 2: Team**

Name(s): _____ County: _____

Team: _____

Please Note: Costumes should be appropriate and support an overall theme. Props should be used to add character and meaning to the presentation. The costume should not violate the 4-H dress code standards or code of conduct. Material should be appropriate for youth audiences.

Judging Criteria	Judge Comments
Creativity: ability to produce something unique, new and original	
Showmanship: stage personality, poise, confidence, expression, stage presence	
Costuming: appropriate for age and youth audiences, fits well and is flattering	
Material Chosen: appropriate for audience and the ability of the performer	
Audience Appeal: evokes reaction from audience that is desired from the performance	

**Virginia 4-H Best Dog Photograph
Scoring Aid**

Name: _____ County: _____

Dog: _____

Judging Criteria	Judge Comments
Impact: the sense one gets upon viewing an image for the first time.	
Creativity: original expression	
Technical: quality of the image	
Composition: all the parts of the photograph	
Audience Appeal: evokes reaction from audience that is desired from the photo	

**Virginia 4-H Best Dog Trick
Scoring Aid**

Name: _____ County: _____

Dog: _____

Judging Criteria	Judge Comments	Possible Points	Points Earned
Creativity: ability to produce something unique, new and original		25	
Performance: overall presentation and entertainment value, complexity, and execution, attitude, and enthusiasm of the dog and handler.		25	
	Possible total points	50	

Virginia 4-H Rally Obedience

Scoring Aid

Name: _____ County: _____

Dog: _____

Point Deduction	Deductions	Stations #	Comments	Total points deducted
Minor Deduction = 1 point Minor to substantial deduction = 3 – 10 points Substantial deduction = 6 – 10 points	<u>Tight leash</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>Dog interfering with handler</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>Slow, delay, or resistance to respond</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>Out of position</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>Repeat of a station (max. of 2 retires, each retry = deduct 3 points)</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>Lack of control</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>Handler error</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>Station not attempted</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>Incorrectly performed station (max 10 point deduction)</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>Dog unmanageable</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>Lack of teamwork</u>	_____	_____	
	<u>Lack of briskness</u>	_____	_____	
Comments			<u>Possible score</u> <u>100</u> <u>Deductions</u> _____ <u>Final score</u> _____	

Virginia 4-H Obedience
Scoring Aid

Name: _____ County: _____

Dog: _____

Required Elements	Judge Comments	Possible Points	Points Earned
Heel on Leash		20	
Figure 8 on leash		20	
Recall on leash		20	
Long sit (1 minute on leash)		20	
Long down (3 minutes on leash)		20	
	Possible Total Points	100	

*These rules and scoring aids were adapted from Wisconsin and Kentucky 4-H



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