

LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

Youth Dog Show

All livestock entries are to be done online by 11:59 pm on September 13, 2025

Entry Fee: \$5.00 Per Class Per Entry

Open to all YOUTH from ages 5 to 19 years as of January. 1, 2025

Local Rules:

1. Must be pre-entered with entry fee paid unless otherwise stated.
2. All dogs must have proper verification of Rabies.
(1 - 3 years) and the current **DHL PPC vaccination**.
3. A Certified Veterinarian Certificate verifying all required vaccines **must** be turned in to the dog show chairman at check-in on show day.
4. All dogs must remain in the Youth Dog Show Area. NO BITCHES IN SEASON allowed on show grounds. **No Exceptions! A different dog may be substituted in this case.**
5. All dogs entered must wear a well-fitted chain or collar. Leashes must be 6' in length and made of fabric or leather. Chain leashes will not be permitted.
6. All dogs must leave the fairgrounds immediately following the Dog Show.
7. All dogs entered in Showmanship should be on proper leads, collars, and chains for confirmation classes.

Show Dogs will be allowed in the Dog Show Arena only!

Division 650: Dog Showmanship

CLASS

- 1 Senior..... 9th Grade and Above
- 2 Intermediate..... 6th, 7th and 8th Grades
- 3 Junior..... 4th and 5th Grades
- 4 Mini..... 5-8 years old (will not advance to master showmanship)

Dog Showmanship Criteria

Presentation of Handler: A neat overall picture should be presented to the judge. A complete uniform is recommended.

Knowledge: Exhibitors should be able to answer questions regarding feeding, grooming, etc., and be knowledgeable about the parts of the dog.

Presentation of Dog: This part is self-explanatory.

Condition: Teeth should be clean and white. Look inside the ears and ensure the exhibitor has used a rag to clean out the dirt. The eyes are not to be runny, as the exhibitor should have cleaned them off.

Body & Coat: The critical emphasis is that the dog has been well-groomed and has had a bath. All dogs should be groomed to meet Breed Standards, and the nails should be trimmed.

Group Showing: Award them points for how well they do against each other in a group. You can award the most points to the best exhibitor and so on down the line to last place. Or you can give the same amount to one or two exhibitors.

Another essential item is keeping the dog between the exhibitor and the judge. They should not stand in one place while the judge moves around them.

Small Animal Master Showmanship

Only the highest place in the county exhibitor will advance to master showmanship.

The 1st place winner of each of the classes will be allowed to compete in the Small Animal Master Showmanship Contest. Each Specie contest winner must declare to the Livestock Office his or her intention for the competition. If their intentions are not stated, the Livestock Office will offer the next-placed species contestant the opportunity to compete in the Small Animal Master Showmanship Contest.

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COUNTY FAIR BEST OF SHOW MASTER SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

This special competition is open to exhibitors winning the senior-level Master Showmanship or Senior Round Robin Showmanship in large animal competitions (beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, market goats, horse, or dairy goats). Or in small animal competitions (poultry, rabbit, dog, pygmy goat, and cavy) at their County, District, or Citrus Fair, between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2025. Classes are offered in Large Animal Livestock Showmanship and in Small Animal Showmanship. Large Animal Master Showmanship Show Day - July 17, 2025, Small Animal Master Showmanship Show Day - July 21, 2025. Refer to the County Fair Best of Show Competition Guide for complete rules. To obtain a Competition Guide and further information, log onto www.CalExpoStateFair.com and click on the County Fair Best of Show page under Competitions or phone (916) 263-3149.

Youth Dog Competition

This contest is based on the Dog's ability to follow the Exhibitor's commands through a designated course.

Division 651: Rally

Classes:

1. Pre-Novice Exhibitor (Mini Exhibitor)
2. Novice Exhibitor (competed in three (3) or fewer Rally trials)
3. Intermediate Exhibitor (competed in four (4) to six (6) Rally trials)
4. Advanced Exhibitor (competed in more than 6 Rally trials)

Division 652: Agility

Classes:

1. Pre-Novice Exhibitor (Mini Exhibitor)
2. Novice Exhibitor (competed in three (3) or fewer Agility trials)
3. Intermediate Exhibitor (competed in four (4) to six (6) agility trials)
4. Advanced Exhibitor (competed in more than six agility trials)

Division 656: K9 Knowledge Bowl

Classes:

1. Mini Exhibitor
2. Junior Exhibitor
3. Intermediate Exhibitor
4. Senior Exhibitor
5. Team