September 12, 2016

Congratulations on your achievement of advancing to the State 4-H Dog Show September 24 and 25, 2016!!
Your registration has been received for the above listed classes. Below you will find information that will be helpful to you.

**Show Site:** 4-H Building at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds (If you need directions go to the State Fair website: www.mnstatefair.org)

**Parking:** You may park anywhere on the streets near the 4-H Building.

Please remember to respect the building and grounds. Please clean up after your dog at all times and in all places, including your motel or camp site. This is part of responsible dog ownership. There will be a designated exercise area outside the front of the building. Be sure to have clean-up supplies (baggies and paper towels) with you at all times. Inside the building, dogs are not allowed in the bathrooms. Please stay out of restricted areas marked "DO NOT ENTER".

**Clean-Up:** When you make a deposit in the exercise area, be sure to put your name in for the Super Duper Pooper Scooper drawings. The drawings will be held several times per day on both Saturday and Sunday. Remember, the park is not an exercise area.

**Crating Areas:** There will be plenty of room for crates. Crates need to be placed in designated crating areas. Dogs cannot be left unattended in the crating area.

**Grooming:** No grooming is allowed inside the building.

**Seating:** Limited chair seating will be provided. Please, feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. Be sure to sit behind the taped area around the rings.

**Food Stand:** There will be a food stand available at the show site coordinated by 4-H staff and volunteers. If you choose to leave the show site to get something to eat, please be aware of when your classes are. If you are not at the show when your class is called, you will forfeit your participation.

**T-Shirts and Sweatshirts:** State 4-H Dog Show t-shirts and sweatshirts will be for sale in the entryway of the 4-H Building on both Saturday and Sunday.

**Professional Photographer:** There will be a professional photographer on site both Saturday and Sunday. The photographer is independent from the dog show and you will need to make all arrangements with him or her yourself.
Agility Measuring: All dogs entered in agility must be measured unless the 4-H'er presents a completed height card. Please get your dog measured first before checking in at the registration table. There will be judges available to measure in the 4-H building from 7-8 am on Saturday and 7:30-8:15 am on Sunday. Please utilize these times to measure all dogs entered in agility for the weekend. After this timeframe, there will be one judge available to measure dogs. If unable to measure during allotted time, check with agility ring or office for measuring availability.

Risk and Responsibility of Owner: The owner of a dog entered in a 4-H dog show does so at his/her own risk and agrees to abide by the 4-H rules and regulations. The owner has sole responsibility for the dog if the dog damages anyone or anything.

Dog Aggression and Bites: The judge and/or show committee may excuse any dog attempting to attack any dog or person in the ring or on the show grounds. The attacking dog may be disqualified and no ribbon awarded. If your dog bites someone and breaks the person’s skin, your dog will need to be immediately removed from the show grounds. Local authorities (public health and law enforcement) will be notified and proper procedure will be followed.

Show Schedule:
⇒ If entered in agility have dog measured first.
⇒ Go to the registration table in the 4-H building to pick up your show packet and armband 15-30 minutes before your first class. There will be only one armband number per exhibitor for the whole weekend – so keep track of it. Then go to your designated ring to check-in with the ring stewards. Be sure to check in at all rings if you have a conflict.
⇒ Enclosed you will find a copy of the show schedule.
⇒ You only need to be at the show during your scheduled classes. You are not required to be onsite the entire weekend.

Award Ceremonies: At the completion of every class, all awards (blue, red, and white ribbons as well as Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes and Award of Excellence ribbons) will be presented on the stage. There is a waiting period while the results are verified in the office before the awards are given. Remember: each 4-Her is judged individually in Obedience, Rally and Agility. Class sizes vary as well so please be patient. Awards will be presented as soon as possible. There will be a poster outside of the office with a list of classes whose ribbons have been awarded. Those ribbons not collected on stage can be picked up in the office. Agility awards will also be presented in the 4-H building on the stage. The class champion in all classes of Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, and Agility will need to go to the designated area in the 4-H building to pick up his/her plaque and have his/her photo taken.

Conflict Between Classes/Rings: We will do our best to keep the show running smoothly and efficiently. However, this can only be done with your courteous help. If you have a conflict between rings, communicate with the ring stewards at the rings involved. If indeed there might be a conflict, try to arrange to be at the beginning of one class and at the end of another class. Flexibility will be the key here!

Questions and Concerns: If you have questions or concerns before the show, call Kelsey Aszmann or Jan Brule, State 4-H Dog Show Coordinators, at (651) 335-1763 or (651) 437-3095. If for some reason you are unable to reach them, leave a message and they will return your call. Kelsey’s e-mail address is tegapup@aol.com and Jan’s email address is janbrule@aol.com. For emergencies on Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25, Jan and Kelsey can be reached at either cell phone number (651) 335-1763 or 651-283-6024.
**Remember the Fundraiser**
Each county is to bring items for the silent auction. Deliver to the 4-H building by the stage Friday night or Saturday morning. Cash donations are also accepted.

**Vendors**
- T-shirts
- Photographer
- Dog Equipment/Supplies

**Notes**
1. Stop at the registration table in the 4-H Building 30 minutes before your first class to pick up your armband and registration packet. You will only receive one armband for the weekend – take good care of it.

2. Check in at your ring a few minutes before the scheduled start time (refer to the enclosed schedule). **If you see you have a conflict, check in at all the rings involved. You will get to show.**

3. Plan on at least a 30 minute wait to receive your awards after your class is completed, as all results are checked and entered into the computer after each class.

4. **More Volunteers are needed to help the show run smoothly. Please see Denise in the green house if you are available!**

5. Enjoy your time at the MN State 4-H Dog Show!!!