

**Please be aware that  
Exhibitors entering  
into these classes  
must also be familiar  
with the General  
Rules and Livestock  
Rules.**

**(Anything with grey highlight is new)**



## DEPARTMENT 22 DOGS

**Chairman: Kelsey Griffith**

**CO-SUPERINTENDENTS:**

**CONNIE PETERSON & KATHI ALDERDICE**

**Non-Traditional Events Coordinators:** Linda Shannon-Chaillet & Vicki Williams

**Registration Deadline: July 1, 2026**

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### FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE:

#### JUDGING LOCATION TO BE IN BLDG. 34

Entry --- **Sunday ONLY: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (must verify classes, dog journals and bring shot records, no dogs)**

#### **SUNDAY; ENTRY DAY:**

**8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ONLY:** Dog Events, Dog Journals and Canine Entry Verifications - *Entry Building (#10).*

**2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ONLY:** Dog Science Notebook Entry - *Craft Building*

**Judging: Inclusive is TR and NTR**

- TUES**
- 8:00 a.m. – Health Check
  - 9:00 a.m. – Inclusive Rally
  - 2:15 p.m. – TR & NTR Dog Costume
  - 4:00 p.m. – NTR Obedience & NTR Agility
- WED**
- 9:00 a.m. – Health Check
  - 10:00 a.m. – Inclusive Jr. Showmanship
  - 2:00 p.m. – TR Obedience
  - 6:00 p.m. – Meet & Greet (6:00-7:00 p.m. See Meet & Greet Sign Up)
- THURS**
- 8:30 a.m. – Health Check
  - 9:00 a.m. – Scent Work classes (inclusive)
  - 2:00 p.m. – TR Agility
- FRI**
- 10:30 a.m. – Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes (Bldg. #34)

**Dog Department Divisions 1 and 2 offers the following canine events:** Dog Science Notebook, (page 16) Obedience, Agility, Jr. Showmanship, Rally, Scent Work & Costume.

*Exhibitor must take responsibility to refer to BCYF General Rules, Regulations & Policies of Procedure, as well as, BCYF Youth Exhibits Rules, and BCYF Livestock Rules (if applicable).*

#### **EXHIBITOR'S DEFINITIONS, ABBREVIATIONS & AGE:**

#### **Traditional Exhibitor (TR Exh; Division 1):**

**Defined** is a person who CAN meet the AKC'S traditional canine competition handling standards of one handler with one canine and does not require the assistance of a Team Instructor in the canine judging ring. **Participation Eligibility** – To be eligible to participate in the Rally, Jr. Showmanship and Traditional Canine Event(s), the TR Exh must be between the ages of 5 to 20 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.

#### **Non-Traditional Exhibitor (NTR Exh; special needs; Divisions 1 & 2):**

**Defined** is a person who CANNOT meet the AKC'S traditional canine competition handling standards of one handler with one canine and does require the assistance of a Team Instructor in the canine judging ring. **Participation Eligibility** – To be eligible to participate in the Rally, Jr. NTR Showmanship and Non-Traditional Canine Event(s), the NTR Exh. must be between the ages of 5 to 26 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year. NTR Exh. must have trained with a Berrien County 4-H Canine Therapy Dog Competition Club, OR a dog training facility that offers Canine Therapy Dog Competition classes.

**\*\* The term "inclusive"** shall be understood as both TR and NTR exhibitors entering and including competing in same event and/or classes.

**\*\* Exhibitor's Responsibility** – **EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND READING THE COMPLETE DOG EVENT(S) JUDGING PROGRAM(S) AND GUIDELINE(S) BEFORE EXHIBITING IN HIS OR HER CHOSEN CANINE EVENT(S).** Dog Event judging programs and guidelines can be obtained from the BCYF main office, or go to [www.bf4hclub.com](http://www.bf4hclub.com), and Michigan State University Extension Office.

#### **BCYF DOG DEPARTMENT REGISTRATION AND GENERAL RULES:**

- 1: Canine Photographs, Must turn in with registration July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, no exceptions – Two (2) current photographs of your dog entered must accompany the Exhibitor's registration.** One photograph must show a front view of the dog, and the second photograph must show a side view of the dog. **EACH PHOTOGRAPH SHALL BE LABELED WITH THE EXHIBITOR'S BCYF ID NUMBER, DOG'S NAME, AGE, BREED, SEX, AND IF ALTERED OR NOT.** Photographs become the property of the BCYF and will not be returned.
- 2: Canine Event Judging** - Canine Event classes may be held in reverse Exhibitor Handbook order should the judge deem it necessary. **JUDGE'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**
- 3: TR AND NTR Class Advancement** – Please read the Dog Event judging programs and guidelines. *Refer to exhibitor's responsibilities.*
- 4: Canine Event's Exhibitor's Dress Code, Canine Grooming Code & Sportsmanship Code of Conduct WILL BE ENFORCED.** See dog events judging programs and guidelines.
- 5: Parking** – Use either Gate 2 or 3 and park behind commercial buildings.

#### **BCYF CANINE REGULATIONS**

- 1: Major Exhibits** - All dog classes with the exception of Animal Science Notebooks and Costume.
  - 2: Canine Ownership - TR Exh. dog(s)** – May register a canine with whom he/she has been training for a minimum of 11 (eleven) weeks prior to fair event.
- EXHIBITORS' DOG JOURNAL-**
- A.** Exhibitor is required to document training of his/her canine by keeping a journal of all canine classes attended (obedience, showmanship, grooming, etc.), practice dates

and time frames of classes, and location of said class and/or practice

B. Parent/Guardian and/or Class instructor must confirm classes and practice dates by initialing and commenting on the practice of each class/practice session.

C. Exhibitors' journal must be presented on Entry Day when verifying dog classes. If the exhibitor **DOES NOT HAVE** the journal on entry day, exhibitor will **NOT** be permitted to take part in dog events.

**NTR Exhibitor** may own the dog or may register a Volunteer Team Dog with whom he/she has been training with, along with a Team Instructor, for at least eight (8) weeks prior to exhibition. *Refer to the NTR OB and NTR AG Judging Rules and Regulations.*

**3: Canine's Age** - TR and NTR Exhibitor's canine must be six (6) months of age as of August 1<sup>st</sup> of current year to be entered in Obedience, Rally, Junior Showmanship and Costume. **For Agility Events** - TR Exhibitor's canine must be twelve (12) months of age, and NTR Exhibitor's canine must be six (6) months of age.

**4: Sharing Canine(s)** - Sharing of a canine in the same event and/or class is prohibited.

**5: How Many Dogs Can Exhibitor Enter?**

A. **TR Exhibitor may enter a maximum** of two (2) dogs in the dog events of Obedience, Rally and Agility.

**Exceptions are OB Pre Beginner A and Agility Young Beginner's Class** where the exhibitor may enter only one canine in these event classes. TR exhibitor may enter one dog in Junior Showmanship, Scent Work and Costume.

B. **NTR exhibitor may enter** one (1) canine in Nontraditional Dog Events of Obedience, Agility, Rally, Junior Showmanship and Costume, but may use a **registered** Reserve Canine should the need arise according to the NTR OB, RA and AG Judging Program and Guidelines.

**6: Canine with a Title** - TR exhibitor's canine with an Obedience, Agility, Rally and/or Scent work title, and showing proof of said title, must show in the next higher class than the title.

**7: Handicap Canine** - A canine with a life challenge will be permitted to compete in dog event classes, but is required to perform all parts of the exercises without added assistance from the exhibitor.

**8: Canine Immunizations** – **As of March 1, 2022 all canine vaccinations must be administered by a licensed veterinarian and valid proof (signed certificate) from veterinarian must be provided on Entry Day.** Exception to this ruling will be if the canine immunizations were administered by someone other than a licensed veterinarian (*excluding rabies*) prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 and the canine is not due for the next immunizations for 3 years from the date administered. The exhibitor must show valid proof of the date of injections, the label, sticker, or the bottle itself of the vaccine on Entry Day. Canine, regardless of age, is required to have received the following immunizations: Rabies, Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvovirus. On Entry Day the

exhibitor must provide a rabies certificate, as well as a DHP certificate (*unless exempt by the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 ruling*) signed by a licensed veterinarian as proof that canine received said immunizations. One-year (1) vaccinations for a canine, ages six (6) months to eighteen (18) months, is acceptable if administered on or before July first (1<sup>st</sup>). For canine that is nineteen (19) months and older, three (3) year immunizations are acceptable if administered on or before July first (1<sup>st</sup>). Bordetella, Influenza, Lyme's, and Leptospirosis are recommended but optional.

**9: Canine May Not Participate** - Pregnant canine, obese canine, or a canine in poor health may not participate in BCYF's Dog Department events. A canine with a physical or mental condition that would significantly impair the dog's performance, may not participate. Examples including, but not limited to, hip dysplasia, disc problems, severely slipped stifles, shoulder problems, overweight or advancing age. If noted later that a canine should not have participated due to the restrictions mentioned, the exhibitor will be disqualified and premiums, ribbons and awards will be withdrawn. Judges, veterinarian, fair board member(s), and or Dog Committee Member(s) reserve the right to inspect and/or disqualify any and/or all canines for health, disposition, temperament, etc.

**10: Veterinarian Health Check** - Unless mandated by the State of Michigan, each canine will require one (1) mandatory veterinarian health check for the entire week of the fair. Veterinarian health checks shall be done one (1) hour prior to the first event of the day. **If fleas have been found on the canine, the exhibitor must provide CAPSTAR to be administered immediately. Otherwise there will not be a veterinarian health clearance, and said canine goes home.** Exhibitor may not pick up his/her back tag number until proof of a veterinarian health check has been issued by the veterinarian.

**11: Canine Grooming Code** - Canine shall be judged on its grooming. Canine shall be immaculately groomed to breed standards, or to the breed standards the canine closest resembles. This will include the ears and eyes cleaned and no foul odor emitting from ears. Teeth brushed and paws and nails trimmed. Should the exhibitor choose not to groom his or her canine, he or she will be penalized up to minus (-) sixty (60) points.

**12: Canine in Season** - Exhibitor will communicate that his/her canine is in season to the Registrar when picking up his or her BCYF's back tag number. **Said canine will wear Bloomers (doggie panties) with an absorbent pad adhered to the inside.** Canine will be isolated from all other canines and will be shown out of judging order by being last in the event judging ring.

**13: Canine Supervision, Boundaries and Safety** - Canine must be removed from the fairgrounds upon the completion of dog events each day. Unless the canine is a Service Dog, canine(s) are not allowed on the fairgrounds, only in Bldg. 34. Canine must remain on a leash or crated safely. If crated, the crate shall be labeled with the exhibitor's name, exhibitor number, and immediate phone number. Canine is not allowed on the bleachers nor in the bleacher area. Please

keep canines six to eight feet apart to prevent dog fights and/or human injury.

**SUNDAY, ENTRY DAY**

**1: Purpose:** To verify exhibitor's canine event classes and canine's immunizations. At this time exhibitor may drop, change, add classes, or cancel a canine's participation. New canine(s) may not be added or registered. Exhibitor may register for High Point Dog Exhibitor(s) Awards and Ag Olympics.

**ITEMS TO BRING: A copy of your canine's classes entered, proof of canine's immunizations your dog's training journal, and you must complete and sign a BCYF Animal Certification Form at this time.**

**2: Award Registration** - TR exhibitor may sign up for the following Overall Event Championship awards:

**TR Overall Junior Dog Exhibitor Award -**

**Rules** - Exhibitors, ages 5 to 9 years, are required to sign up for this award. Exh. must be entered, and will have competed in Obedience, JR Showmanship, Agility, Rally and Scent Work. Winners are selected on a point system based on where he/she places in the named events.

- **Overall Junior Dog Exhibitor**  
Fapco Inc. of Buchanan Trophy (do12r)
- **Reserve Overall Junior Dog Exhibitor**  
Bever Excavating, LLC of Buchanan Trophy (do13r)
- **TR High Point Dog Exhibitor Award Rules** - Exh. is required to sign up for this award. Exh must be entered and will have competed in Obedience, Jr Showmanship, Agility, Rally and Scent Work. Winners are selected on a point system based on where he/she places in the named event classes.
- **TR High Point Dog Exhibitor Trophy**  
Berrien Kennel Club Trophy (do05r)  
**\$25.00 check** from the Berrien Kennel Club
- **NTR High Point Dog Exhibitor Trophy**  
**Rules** - Exh. is required to sign up for this award. Exh must be entered and will have competed in Obedience, Junior Showmanship, Agility and Rally. Dog Science Notebook shall be used as a tie breaker. Winners are selected on a point system based on where he/she places in the named event classes.
- **NTR High Point Canine Exhibitor Trophy** - In Honor of Jina McIlvenny; The "Best" Team and Class Instructor (do16r)

**AG-OLYMPICS (See pg. 17) Team Competition Sign Up** - Exhibitor may wish to sign up for consideration of participating as a team member and representing the Dog and Cat Department in team competition held on Saturday.

**Meet & Greet Sign Up** - (Read Meet & Greet Procedures and Guidelines at [www.bf4hclub.com](http://www.bf4hclub.com)) - Assigned booth can be obtained on Entry Day or on Tuesday of fair. A god department prize will be awarded to the decorated booth that wins the most public votes.

**Classes:** Trophy awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place in beginning classes only. Rosette awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place. (Unless stated otherwise)

**CANINE EVENTS OFFERED**

**TRADITIONAL OBEDIENCE (OB) EVENT Dept. 22 – Div. 1**

**TR OB Premiums:**

<b>801. - 802.</b>	A-2.25	B-1.50	C-1.00
<b>803. - 808.</b>	A-3.00	B-2.25	C-1.50
<b>809. - 812.</b>	A-3.75	B-3.00	C-2.25
<b>813. - 816.</b>	A-4.50	B-3.75	C-3.00

**TR OB Event Classes Offered:**

- 801.** OB TR Pre Beginners A
- 802.** OB TR Pre Beginners B
- 803.** OB TR Beginners A
- 804.** OB TR Beginners B
- **Champion Beginner Obedience**
- **Res. Champion Beginner Obedience (3-6 Rosettes)**
- 807.** OB TR Novice A
- 808.** OB TR Novice B
- 809.** OB TR Graduate Novice A
- 810.** OB TR Graduate Novice B
- 811.** OB TR Advanced Graduate Novice A
- 812.** OB TR Advanced Graduate Novice B
- 813.** OB TR Open A
- 814.** OB TR Open B
- 815.** OB TR Utility A
- 816.** OB TR Utility B
- **Grand Champion Obedience, TR**  
Wyn Yore Memorial Trophy (do03c)
- **Reserve Grand Champion Obedience, TR**  
Janke Insurance Agency Trophy (do04c)  
(Rosettes to 3 - 6)

**JUNIOR SHOMANSHIP (JR) EVENT (Inclusive) Dept. 22 – Div. 1**

**Please Note:** TR Grand Champion JR Showmanship winner shall represent the Dog Department in the Small Animal Sweepstakes on Friday.

**JR Showmanship Premiums:**

<b>819. - 825.</b>	A-3.75	B-3.00	C-2.25
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**JR Showmanship Event Classes Offered:**

- 819.** JR TR Beginners (age 5 - 7)
- 820.** JR TR Young Juniors (age 8 - 9)
- 821.** JR TR Juniors (age 10 - 11)
- 822.** JR TR Young Intermediate (age 12 - 13)
- 823.** JR TR Intermediate (age 14 - 15)
- 824.** JR TR Seniors (age 16 - 20)
- 825.** JR NTR Showmanship (*special needs*; age 5 - 26)
- **Grand Champion Junior Showmanship, TR**  
Randy Miller Memorial Trophy (do01c) w/ 1<sup>st</sup> place Rosette
- **Reserve Grand Champion Junior Showmanship, TR**  
Kamoleen Pointers Trophy (do2r) (Rosettes 3 - 6)
- **Grand Champ. Junior Showmanship, NTR** Rosette
- **Reserve Grand Champ. Junior Showmanship, NTR** Rosette (Rosettes 3 - 6)

**TR AGILITY (AG) EVENT Dept. 22 – Div. 1**

**TR AG Premiums:**

<b>830.</b>	A-2.25	B-1.50	C-1.00
<b>831. - 832.</b>	A-3.00	B-2.25	C-1.50
<b>835. - 836.</b>	A-3.75	B-3.00	C-2.25
<b>837. - 839.</b>	A-4.50	B-3.75	C-3.00

**TR AG Event Classes Offered:**

830. AG TR Young Beginners (age 5 - 8)  
 831. AG TR Beginners  
 832. AG TR Advanced Beginners
- **Champion AG TR Beginners**
  - **Res. Champion AG TR Beginners** (3 - 6 rosettes)
835. AG TR Intermediate  
 836. AG TR Advanced Intermediate  
 837. AG TR Excellent  
 838. AG TR Advanced Excellent  
 839. AG TR Veterans Agility
- **Grand Champion Agility TR**  
Mutterly Love Trophy (do14r)
  - **Reserve Grand Champion Agility TR**  
In Honor of Mackinaw Charles (Newfoundland Dog)  
Trophy (do15r) Rosettes to 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

**TR DOG COSTUME (COS) EVENT Dept. 22 – Div. 1**

No premiums - Rosettes for 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> in each class

**TR COS Event Classes Offered:**

842. COS TR Juniors (age 5 - 9)  
 843. COS TR Intermediates (age 10 - 13)  
 844. COS TR Seniors (age 14 - 20)

- **Best Costume:** Rosette

**RALLY (RA) EVENT (Inclusive) Dept. 22 – Div. 1****RA Premiums:**

846. - 852. A-2.50 B-1.50 C-1.00  
 853. - 854. A-3.00 B-2.25 C-1.50  
 855. - 856. A-3.75 B-3.00 C-2.25  
 857. - 859. A-4.50 B-3.75 C-3.00

**RA Event Classes Offered:**

846. RA Young Beginners (age 5 - 8)  
 847. RA Beginners (age 9 years and up, and/or 1<sup>st</sup> time Exhibitor.)  
 848. RA Advanced Beginners
- **Champion Beginner Rally**
  - **Res. Champion Beginner Rally** (3 - 6 rosettes)
851. RA Intermediate A Class  
 852. RA Intermediate B Class  
 853. RA Novice A  
 854. RA Novice B  
 855. RA Advanced A  
 856. RA Advanced B  
 857. RA Excellent A  
 858. RA Excellent B  
 859. RA Master
- **Grand Champion Rally**  
Bernie Peterson Memorial Trophy (do10r)
  - **Reserve Grand Champion Rally**  
Ken Russell Memorial Trophy (do11r)  
Rosettes awarded to 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> place.

**SCENT WORK CLASSES (Inclusive) Dept. 22 – Div. 1**

SW premiums: A - \$3.75 B - \$3.00 C - \$2.25

862. **SW Novice A Divisions:** Container  
(1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> place rosettes)  
 863. **SW Novice A Divisions:** Buried  
(1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> place rosettes)

**864. SW Novice A Divisions: Container Advanced  
(1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> place rosettes)**

- **Champion Scent Work**
- **Reserve Champion Scent Work**  
Rosettes awarded to 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> place.
- **Title Rosette:** Exhibitors that have qualified 3 times in each class/element.  
Sponsored by Vicki Williams, Mutterly Love

**NTR OBEDIENCE EVENT Dept. 22 – Div. 2**

**Premiums:** 875. - 879. A-3.00 B-2.25 C-1.50

**NTR OB Event Classes Offered:**

875. OB NTR Sub Novice  
 876. OB NTR Novice  
 877. OB NTR Advanced Novice  
 878. OB NTR Graduate Novice  
 879. OB NTR Graduate
- **Grand Champion NTR Obedience**  
Twin Cities Awards & Trophy's Trophy (do06c)
  - **Reserve Grand Champion NTR Obedience**  
Berrien Veterinarian Services/Denise's Grooming  
Service Trophy (do07c) Rosettes to 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> place in  
champion class

**NTR COSTUME EVENT Dept. 22 – Div. 2**

No premiums - Rosettes for 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> in each class

**NTR Costume Event Class:**

882. NTR Dog Costume (age 5 - 12)  
 883. NTR Dog Costume (age 13 - 19)  
 884. NTR Dog Costume (age 20 - 26)
- **Best Costume:** Rosette

**NTR AGILITY EVENT Dept. 22 – Div. 2**

**TR AG Rule:** Whatever NTR OB class the Exhibitor enters, is the same NTR AG class the Exhibitor enters.

**Premiums:** 886 - 890 A-3.00 B-2.25 C-1.50

**NTR AG Classes Offered:**

886. AG NTR Sub Novice  
 887. AG NTR Novice  
 888. AG NTR Advance Novice  
 889. AG NTR Graduate Novice  
 890. AG NTR Graduate
- **Grand Champion NTR Agility**  
Berrien Kennel Club Trophy (do08r)
  - **Reserve Grand Champion NTR Agility**  
Berrien Kennel Club Trophy (do09r)  
Rosettes to 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> place in champion class