### Oregon State 4-H Dog Program - Showmanship Group Scorecard

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<th>Class</th>
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### Part I: Appearance (40 points)

**Dog**
- Physical condition according to age: 5
- Overall appearance: Clean, well brushed: 5
- Feet and toenails properly trimmed: 5
- Ears clean and properly trimmed: 5
- Teeth cleaned and eyes clear: 5

**Handler**
- Properly dressed, groomed, no gum: 5
- Equipment: Proper leash and collar: 5
- Courteous & attentive to judge and others: 5

### Part II: Handling (55 points)

**Individual Judging**
- Individual exam and showing bite: 10
- Individual gaiting: 5
- Ring Patterns: 5

**Group Judging**
- Group gaiting: 5
- Line spacing and ring etiquette: 5
- Presentation in line-up: 5

**General Handling**
- Stacking: 10
- Overall presentation, timing and poise: 10

### Part III: Knowledge (5 points)

- Parts/Anatomy: 1
- Breed history and standard: 1
- Care and health: 1
- 4-H general knowledge: 2

**Total Score**: 100

**Notes:**

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## Judge’s Guidelines

### Part I: Dog Appearance

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<th>Overall appearance: clean, well-brushed, free of parasites</th>
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<td>Coat and skin appears to be in good condition as can be determined from appearance and handler comments. Dog has been thoroughly brushed, bathed, and free of mats and parasites. Judges are encouraged to ask questions about member’s participation in grooming.</td>
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### Part II: Handling

#### Individual Judging

| Individual exam and showing bite | Judge all components of the exam: profile, presentation of head, front, rear, timing, and control at all times. Members are to show the dog’s bite, teeth, or mouth at the judge’s request. Handler has knowledge of whether the dog is stacked on the table or on the ground. Dogs that are too large for the child to lift onto the table may be shown on the ground. If on the table, the dog is properly lifted. Handler keeps hands and head out of judge’s way, and repositions feet the judge moves as needed. In case of a shy dog, see bottom of sheet.* |
| Individual gaiting | Shows proper gait presentation and speed for front, rear, and side movement. |
| Ring patterns | Does pattern as requested. Lines up dog with judge when moving toward or away from them. Moves in a straight line. Does not block judge’s view more than is necessary. Uses courtesy turns appropriately. Presents dog at the end of the pattern. |

#### Group Judging

| Group gaiting | Does not crowd others. Gaits dog at proper speed for their breed. Judge should be on the inside of the circle. Handler will keep dog on their left side (the inside of the circle) with no hand changes. |
| Line spacing and ring etiquette | Does not crowd other handlers or disturb other dogs. Does not interfere with other handlers stacking space in line. Refrains from blocking the area where individual patterns are being judged. Does not give the dog harsh or excessively loud commands, or treat dog with undue severity. |
| Presentation in line-up | Handler attempts to “sell” their dog to the judge with an economy of movement, positioning their dog and themselves to their best advantage. Exhibitor shows proper front, head, profile, and rear presentation for breed. |

#### Stacking

| Stacking | Hand and/or free stacked as close to breed standard as conformation allows. Consistently stacks accurately, fixes feet that the dog moves, and makes best effort to keep dog stacked even if it is not cooperating. Positions feet and presents in a quiet, efficient, way that does not detract from the dog. |

#### Overall presentation, timing, poise

| Overall presentation, timing, poise | Demonstrates confidence in handling ability, ties all aspects of their time in the ring together neatly and seamlessly. Handler anticipates and is prepared for the judges movements. Handler knows when to relax and when to have dog stacked. Does not distract the judge while other dogs are being evaluated. |

### Part III: Knowledge

Ask appropriate questions for each category designated on the front according to age and experience level. Check with the superintendent with questions beforehand.

- This is a class judged on the handlers’ abilities - conformation is not to be considered.
- All exhibitors perform the same skills in every group of a class.
- Only as many dogs should be in the ring as space safely allows. Classes may be divided into smaller groups.
- BDJ (Between dog and judge) rule: Brief blocking movements are allowed in order to enhance a smooth, accurate, and efficient presentation of the dog. Courtesy turns are allowed for the purposes of lining up the dog, calming or controlling the dog, and working the dog into proper gaiting speed.
- *In the case of a dog that is too shy or reserved for examination, the handler may personally show the required parts (teeth, ears, feet). If the judge can not place their hands on the dog for the individual exam and to check for mats and cleanliness, the handler is to receive a deduction.
- A dog may be asked to leave the ring if it is uncontrollable, aggressive to the judge or other participants and their dogs, or is distracting or disrupting with menacing behavior.

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