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# 2023 South Dakota State 4-H Dog Shows *Contestant Packet*



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Welcome to the 2023 South Dakota 4-H project year! This past winter, South Dakota 4-H experienced an unanticipated leadership transition affecting the dog project area. This transition afforded an opportunity to address some long-standing dog show participation barriers (e.g., timing, distance) that have limited participation compared to what we see in other project areas. Along the way, numerous local 4-H dog clubs/groups stepped up to provide support and leadership! As a result of these collaborative efforts, we are pleased to offer a new, multi-site state championship model this year. This new model maintains the opportunity for beyond-the-county youth accomplishment while improving schedule flexibility and travel distance concerns. We hope this new approach will encourage many more youth to join us at a state 4-H dog championship this year! Event details inside.



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## Championship Locations



**New for 2023! Youth will have three site options.**

### Eastern Championships

- August 19, 2023
- Lincoln County 4-H Office
  - 27711 SD-17, Lennox, SD 57036

#### **Directions**

From exit 68 on I-29, proceed west 4.5 miles to SD-17, then proceed south 1.1 miles to Lincoln County 4-H.

### Central Championships

- August 26, 2023
- Davison County 4-H Complex
  - 3200 W. Havens Ave., Mitchell, SD 57031

#### **Directions**

From exit 330 on I-90, proceed north 0.7 miles to the stoplight at Havens Avenue, then proceed west 1.6 miles to Davison County 4-H.

### Western Championships

- September 23, 2023
- RyeDoodle Boarding & Training
  - 4223 Peaceful Pines Rd, Rapid City, SD 57702

#### **Directions**

From exit 52 on I-90, proceed east 0.8 miles to RyeDoodle Boarding & Training. Please park efficiently.



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*Summary of Major Changes for 2023*

## **Changes**

- Bordetella added as a recommended vaccine for 2023. It will move to required status in 2024.
  - Note: Because Bordetella is only recommended for this year, it will not be listed on the 4-H Dog Project ID Affidavit & Vaccine Verification form until 2024.
- Exhibitors will now wear arm band ID rather than back tags. These will be provided.
- Skillathon Station 2 (Breed ID) has been modified from Working Dog to Sporting Dog.
- Skillathon Station 5 (Famous Canines) has been replaced with Equipment ID & Usage.
- To promote increased access to the SD4-H state dog championships (especially among west river youth who have had poor access in the past), there will now be three show opportunities spread throughout the state rather than one centralized show only. This new multi-site option is possible thanks to the engaged support of several local SD 4-H dog clubs/programs! Youth may participate in as many shows as they choose and will signal their competitive show choice when enrolling in FairEntry. That is, if youth wish to participate in more than one show location, they will indicate which location is for competition (i.e., placement eligible) and which location(s) are for exhibition only (i.e., non-placed). Separate, top placements will be available at each site. Overall premier exhibitors will be awarded at the conclusion of the season.
- Within the disciplines, Obedience, Rally, and Showmanship saw most of the substantive changes. Changes were primarily related to nomenclature and simplification. See the Project Guide for more information.



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## *Exhibitor Information*



### **Exhibitor Information**

This packet is provided to help in your preparation for the event. All class and contest rules for the State 4-H Dog Show can be found in the South Dakota 4-H section on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu). If you have any questions, contact your county 4-H office or the South Dakota State 4-H Office at 605-688-4167. Good luck!

- There are no housing facilities for dogs during the State 4-H Dog Show.
- Clubs and families are encouraged to bring portable kennels for the day's events.
- On the day of the show, youth must keep all dogs on a leash.
- Participants should come prepared to clean up after their dogs.
- Female dogs in estrus cannot be shown – no exceptions.
- The State 4-H Dog Show is open to any breed of dog (purebred and mixed). However, no wolf-hybrids may be shown.
- Official SD 4-H t-shirts will be provided at check-in for exhibitors. For additional attire requirements, please see the Showmanship attire section in the Dog Project Guide.

### **Dog Health Regulations**

All dogs participating in the State 4-H Dog Show must be in good health and have a current South Dakota 4-H Dog Project ID Affidavit and Vaccination Verification Form during check in.

- A properly completed South Dakota 4-H Dog Project ID Affidavit & Vaccination Verification Form certifying that the animal has received current vaccinations for rabies and distemper, parainfluenza, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvovirus and bordetella (recommended).
- Each animal must have individual identification which may be the rabies tag number issued by the veterinarian or a description of the animal listed on the health certificate. The official tag the veterinarian issues when the dog is vaccinated for rabies is recognized as official identification. NOTE: Rabies tags do not replace South Dakota 4-H Dog Project ID Affidavit and Vaccination Verification Form.
- Any questions regarding the health of an animal will be based on the animal's condition as it is presented on show day. This determination is at the discretion of official show representative.
- Please bring water and food to meet your dog's needs on show day.

### **Dog Show Results**

All results will be posted on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu) following the State 4-H Dog Show. Posted results are final.



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## *4-H Exhibitor Entry Directions*



### **4-H Exhibitor Directions:**

- Important: All State 4-H Dog Show entries are due in Fair Entry by August 8, 2023.
- Youth may enter as many classes as they wish; however, they can only register for events they have competed in at the county level. Wolf hybrids are not allowed to show at the South Dakota State 4-H Dog Show.
- Utilize the South Dakota 4-H Dog Entry Worksheet as a tool to gather all the requested information needed for registration in Fair Entry.
  - Write the lot number and dog name for each class you would like to enter.
  - List the dog height (in inches) by the dog's name in the Animal Name box if applicable.
- All entries must be entered using Fair Entry.
- Any participant who is competing in a class where a retrieve may be asked for is required to bring their own retrieve item. This can be any dog safe item but cannot contain treats, food, etc. If competing in a class that may have a directed retrieve bring 3 retrievable items (e.g., dumbbell, sent article, glove).





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## *Dog Show Schedule*



### **Show Schedule:**

9:00 a.m.	Registration begins
9:30 a.m.	Ring-Side Check-In for Showmanship begins
10:00 a.m.	Showmanship begins followed by Ring-Side Check-In for all other classes
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Dog Skill-a-Thon
12:30 p.m.	Obedience, Rally, and Agility begin

Participants should check in at ring side 30 minutes before the beginning of each class.

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