DOG Showmanship

SDSU Extension

Name:_____ Class #: _____

Dog name:_____ Breed: _____

CRITERIA	DEDUCTIONS	Points Possible	Points Deducted
Appearance of Handler - Cleanliness and neatness of handler - Appropriateness of apparel	___ Not wearing required 4-H apparel ___ Wearing head gear (hats etc.) ___ Wrong showmanship lead	**10**	
Grooming of Dog - Brushing (mats, dead hair), nails, clean teeth	___ Teeth need cleaning ___ Nails need to be clipped ___ Mats, dead hair, not combed, dirty ___ Hair trimmed according to breed	**20**	
Exhibitor's Handling of Dog - Front Set Up - Judge's side first - Head high (no choking) - Feet should be placed directly beneath the shoulders, toes pointed straight forward (within limits of the breed)	___ Lead placed incorrectly on dog/held incorrectly ___ Head not held high ___ Feet not placed correctly for breed	**20**	
Exhibitor's Handling of Dog - Rear Set Up - Legs slightly wider apart than front - Adjust the leg that is most out of line first - Try not to let head drop while setting up hindquarters	___ Head not held high while setting up rear legs ___ Feet not placed correctly for breed	**20**	
Gaiting - Ability to follow directions in Judge's pattern - Dog always fully visible to Judge in gaiting pattern - Smoothness in turns - Gait proper for breed (when applicable) - Did not finish pattern correctly at end of the pattern - Did not free stack - Ability to exhibit dog's movements according to breed	___ Wrong pattern ___ Did not leave the judge in a straight line ___ Handler always between dog & judge ___ Lack of smoothness in turns or changing sides ___ Did not use the whole ring ___ Touched dog on return to judge	**30**	
Examination - Stands properly during entire examination; does not sit or move away before or during examination - Does not growl or snap - Did not follow judges directions to set dog up	___ A dog that growls or attempts to bite anyone (or another dog) in the ring, will be dismissed ___ Dog seems fearful ___ Dog did not stand properly during examination	**30**	
Exhibitor Knowledge - As demonstrated and ability to answer questions	___ 5 points deducted for each question missed (Total of 4 questions for novice; & 6 for open)	**50**	
Sportsmanlike behavior and conduct		**10**	
Ability to work within group		**10**	
TOTAL POINTS		**200**	
		Total Score:	

Comments:

NOVICE
Circle Appropriate Ribbon Placing

Purple	Blue	Red	White
(200-180)	(179-160)	(159-140)	(139 or less)

OPEN
Circle Appropriate Ribbon Placing

Purple	Blue	Red	White
(200-185)	(184-165)	(164-145)	(144 or less)