

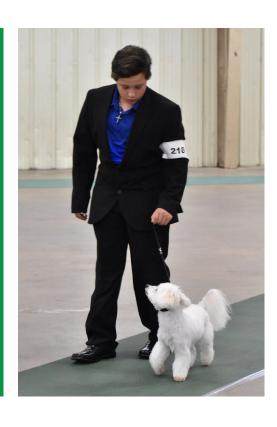
## **State Dog Show**

The Texas 4-H Dog Show specifically focuses on dog-related activities and competitions involving 4-H members and their dogs. Participants may compete in various categories, such as obedience, showmanship, rally, and more, depending on the specific rules and events organized by the Texas 4-H program.

The Texas 4-H Dog Show is a competitive event where 4-H youth take their dogs to be evaluated and judged according to standards set by the AKC.

## Knowledge and skills gained through participation

- Public Speaking and Presentation Learn to talk to judges, peers and other public figures,.
- Goal Setting: Participants set goals for themselves and their dogs, such as achieving specific training milestones or earning awards in different categories. This encourages goal-setting and planning skills.
- Sportsmanship Competing in dog shows provides an opportunity to learn about good sportsmanship.
  Participants learn how to handle both victories and defeats graciously and respectfully.
- Life Skills Beyond the specifics of dog care and training, participants develop life skills such as patience, discipline, perseverance, and empathy through their experiences with their canine companions



## **MORE ABOUT STATE 4-H DOG SHOW**

Who:

- The Texas 4-H Dog Show is open to youth who are 8 years old and in the 3rd grade (as of September 1st)
- Clover Kids (K- 2nd graders) may participate in the dog care and training project, but are not allowed to compete.

Where:

 The show is held annually in July and rotates to different counties

When:

• Occurs on the 2nd weekend in July - Thursday - Saturday

## Registration information:

- Registration for the state show is open in April and May
- All dogs must be validated through the 4-H Online System to be eligible to participate in the dog show
- Dogs not validated, may be eligible for the Foster/Family project option
- There is a also a dog photography contest available to enter

Did you know?

4-H is a club for kids and teens to develop life skills and make friends. Youth can join 4-H in all 254 counties. Everybody ages 8-18 and in 3rd-12th grades can join 4-H. Kids in Kindergarten to 2nd grades can join as Clover Kids. There are 43 different project areas in five project categories: Agriculture & Livestock, Family & Community Health, Leadership & Citizenship, Natural Resources, and STEM.

Want to get started?

First...Contact your County Extension Agent!

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