

**NEW YORK STATE 4-H DOG PROGRAM  
GROOMING AND HANDLING C**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW \_\_\_\_\_

BREED \_\_\_\_\_

	POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION		Max Points	Points Lost	Net Score
Appearance					
Dog's Condition and Appearance	<input type="checkbox"/> unbrushed, mats showing <input type="checkbox"/> ears dirty <input type="checkbox"/> nails too long <input type="checkbox"/> obviously overweight	<input type="checkbox"/> coat & skin unclean, parasites obvious <input type="checkbox"/> eyes not clear & clean <input type="checkbox"/> teeth not scaled and clean	<b>30</b>		
Equipment & Handler's Appearance/Attitude	<input type="checkbox"/> clothes too short or tight <input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate footwear <input type="checkbox"/> doesn't appear to be enjoying him/her self <input type="checkbox"/> excessive roughness <input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate collar/leash <input type="checkbox"/> does not follow judge's instructions	<input type="checkbox"/> clothes too casual <input type="checkbox"/> hair in eyes/face <input type="checkbox"/> rude to judge or other handler/s <input type="checkbox"/> distracted by activity outside the ring <input type="checkbox"/> does not have control of dog at all times <input type="checkbox"/> other	<b>15</b>		
Handling of Animal	Subtotal		<b>45</b>		
Set-Up of Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> not stacking correctly (tail, head, other) <input type="checkbox"/> handler in wrong position <input type="checkbox"/> handler not paying attention to judge and/or dog	<input type="checkbox"/> shows bite incorrectly <input type="checkbox"/> incorrect placement of feet <input type="checkbox"/> dog not under control over handling <input type="checkbox"/> excessive grooming <input type="checkbox"/> other	<b>20</b>		
Gaiting	<input type="checkbox"/> moving too fast <input type="checkbox"/> lead too tight <input type="checkbox"/> lead too loose <input type="checkbox"/> no courtesy turn <input type="checkbox"/> not moving in a straight line <input type="checkbox"/> over handling	<input type="checkbox"/> moving too slow <input type="checkbox"/> lack of natural smoothness <input type="checkbox"/> comes between judge and dog <input type="checkbox"/> handwork wrong or awkward	<b>25</b>		
Knowledge Questions	1. _____ _____	2. _____ _____	<b>10</b>		
	3. _____ _____	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>		

LESS PENALTY FOR HARSH DISCIPLINING, POOR SPORTSMANSHIP  
OTHER; EXPLAIN:

OVERALL COMMENTS:

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## Grooming & Handling Classes

### Appearance

#### Grooming of Animal

Eyes should be free of matter

Teeth should be free of tartar. If they are discolored, the exhibitor may be asked about the discoloration (may be due to tetracycline given to dog in past.)

Ears should be clean and free of dirt and excessive wax. If there is an ear infection present, there should be evidence of treatment/exhibitor explanation.

Nails should be of length appropriate to breed(s) of dog. Rough edges may have been filed.

Coat and skin should be clean, free from dirt, matter and mats. Hair is to be clipped or plucked according to the breed. Dog to be neat in appearance. Dog should not still be wet from bathing.

No hair dressing or chalk is to be used.

Body Condition of dog should be appropriate to dog's breed(s), age and use.

#### Equipment & Exhibitor Appearance

Collar/Lead should be appropriate.

Exhibitor Attire should be appropriate. Neat and clean. Hair pulled back/pinned out of face.

### Handling of Animal

Set-Up should be done smoothly and efficiently.

Bite should be shown to the judge by the exhibitor. The judge may also ask to see the "mouth" (in contrast to the "bite").

Attention refers to the exhibitor's awareness of the judge, alertness.

Gaiting should be done smoothly. Which hand changes where isn't as important as an overall smooth picture.

### Knowledge

Division A - Questions should be very basic, e.g., How old is your dog? What breed(s)?

Division B - Questions about subject matter, e.g., For what purpose(s) was your breed(s) developed? Grooming explanations.

Division C - Questions more in depth than Division B.

All Divisions - Exhibitors should know the parts of the dog.

### Score Breakdown

86-100 Blue

71-85 Red

0-70 White