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Congratulations on your achievement of advancing to the State 4-H Dog Show September 26 and 27! Your registration has been received for the above listed classes. Below you will find information that will be helpful to you.

Show Site: 4-H Building at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds
(If you need directions go to the State Fair website:
www.mnstatefair.org)

Parking: You may park anywhere on the streets near the 4-H Building.

Inside the building, dogs are not allowed in the bathrooms.

Please stay out of restricted areas marked "**DO NOT ENTER**".

Please remember to respect the building and grounds. Please clean up after your dog at all times and in all places, including your motel or camp site. This is part of responsible dog ownership. There will be a designated exercise area outside the front of the building. Be sure to have clean-up supplies (baggies and paper towels) with you at all times.

Clean-Up: When you make a deposit in the exercise area, be sure to put your name in for the Super Duper Pooper Scooper drawings. The drawings will be held several times per day on both Saturday and Sunday. At the end of the show on Saturday and Sunday, everyone who has deposited his or her name will be eligible for the Grand Super Duper Pooper Scooper prize. One grand prize will be drawn at the end of the day on Saturday and one grand prize will be drawn at the end of the day on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win the grand prize. Remember, the park is not an exercise area.

Crating Areas: There will be plenty of room for crates. Crates need to be placed in designated crating areas. Dogs cannot be left unattended in the crating area.

Grooming: No grooming is allowed inside the building.

Seating: Limited chair seating will be provided. Please, feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. **Be sure to sit behind the taped area around the rings.**

Food Stand: There will be a food stand available at the show site coordinated by 4-H staff and volunteers. If you choose to leave the show site to get something to eat, please be aware of when your classes are. If you are not at the show when your class is called, you will forfeit your participation.

T-Shirts and Sweatshirts: State 4-H Dog Show T-shirts and sweatshirts will be for sale in the entryway of 4-H Building on both Saturday and Sunday.

Professional Photographer: There will be a professional photographer on site both Saturday and Sunday. The photographer is independent from the dog show and you will need to make all arrangements with him or her yourself.

Agility Games: There will be agility games offered at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday only. The games offered are Gamblers, Pairs Relay, and Snooker. The games are open only to 4-H'ers and their dogs that are registered for the Agility portion of the State 4-H Dog Show. There is a registration fee of \$3.00 per game. See the attached Show Registration form for more information.

Risk and Responsibility of Owner: The owner of a dog entered in a 4-H dog show does so at his/her own risk and agrees to abide by the 4-H rules and regulations. The owner has sole responsibility for the dog if the dog damages anyone or anything.

Dog Aggression and Bites: The judge and/or show committee may excuse any dog attempting to attack any dog or person in the ring or on the show grounds. The attacking dog may be disqualified and no ribbon awarded. If your dog bites someone and breaks the person's skin, your dog will need to be immediately removed from the show grounds. Local authorities (public health and law enforcement) will be notified and proper procedure will be followed.

Show Schedule:

- ⇒ Registration times are listed on the enclosed sheet. First, go to the registration table in the 4-H building to pick up your show packet. There will be **only one armband number per exhibitor – so keep track of it.** Then go to your designated ring to check-in with the ring stewards.
- ⇒ Enclosed you will find a copy of the show schedule.
- ⇒ You only need to be at the show during your scheduled classes. You are not required to be onsite the entire weekend.

Award Ceremonies: At the completion of every class, all awards (blue, red, and white ribbons as well as Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes and Award of Excellence ribbons) will be presented. There is a waiting period while the results are verified in the office before the awards are given. Obedience and Showmanship participants will exit their ring and proceed to the bleachers where awards will be presented on stage. Agility awards will also be presented in the 4-H building on the stage. **The class champion in all classes of Showmanship, Obedience, and Agility will need to go to the designated area in the 4-H building to pick up his/her plaque and have his/her photo taken.**

Conflict Between Classes/Rings: We will do our best to keep the show running smoothly and efficiently. However, this can only be done with your courteous help. If you have a conflict between rings, communicate with the ring

stewards. If indeed there might be a conflict, try to arrange to be at the beginning of one class and at the end of another class. Flexibility will be the key here!

Questions and Concerns: If you have questions or concerns before the show, call Marlene Keller, State 4-H Dog Show Coordinator, at (763) 757-6618. If for some reason you are unable to reach her, leave a message and she will return your call. Marlene's e-mail address is marlene_keller@yahoo.com. For emergencies on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, Marlene Keller can be reached at this cell phone number (763) 210-8603.