

NOVICE TIPS FOR SHOWING

***IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL STUDENTS TO OBTAIN AN OBEDIENCE
RULE BOOK FROM AKC OR UKC BEFORE SHOWING***

1. Do not enter the ring before the judge tells you to, he might just call your number.
2. Your dog must be on lead when entering and leaving the ring.
3. If you start the figure 8 to the left, the second 8 must be started to the left.
4. Corrections to your dog are never permitted in the ring.
5. Warm up exercises are permitted outside the ring and outside the building but you must have a lead on.
6. On the recall, your hands must be at your sides hanging naturally, and you should not move your body.
7. Hands must hang naturally or your left hand may be carried at your waist.
8. If you wish to pick up and carry your dog, do so only outside the ring.
9. On the stand exercise you should stand upright, in heel position before telling the dog to stay. Novice exhibitors should go 3 strides before turning to face your dog. (6 feet)
10. In novice you may lead your dog by the collar between exercises if necessary. If the dog is loose try to keep them in heel position.
11. If your dog gets 4 or more feet behind you when heeling call them to heel again.
12. Dress with respect for the judge; jeans are ok as long as they are clean and not holey. Shoes should be tie type.
13. Make sure your dog goes potty before showing, having an accident in the ring is an automatic failure.
14. During sits and downs, do not stare at your dog, if your dog gets up wait for the judge to tell you to get your dog.
15. Arrive at least ½ hour before your show time. In Novice, most judges will do 10 to 14 dogs an hour.
16. Watch the judge's pattern when the dogs before you show. If you are first in the ring, the judge will show you the pattern.
17. If your dog fails an exercise do not be embarrassed, it happens to the best trainers. Other exhibitors are just saying, that's too bad.
18. Before entering a show be sure your dog will work on a loose leash and off lead.
19. Do not pull up on the leash to make the Dog sit when showing.

20. When heeling, do not wait for your dog, just keep going. Do not look back at dog.
21. Do not switch hands with the lead during the on leash exercises.
22. If your dog goes straight to finish, and the judge says finish, give your finish command.
23. Keep track of when sits and downs are, it is not up to the steward to have to find you.
24. Dog Treats, bait bags, or fanny packs are not permitted in the show ring.
25. Collars permitted are the choke or buckle type.

**MOST OF ALL HAVE FUN AND KEEP ON TRUCKING.
IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED TRY, TRY AGAIN!**