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TO: 2018 Missouri State Fair 4-H/FFA Dog Show Exhibitors

**RE: 4-H Dog Show, Monday, August 14, 2018; 9:00 a.m. in the Mathewson Exhibition Center,
Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO**

On behalf of Brian and Amy Hoerrmann, co-superintendents of the show, we welcome you. Please read on.

1. A copy of the Missouri 4-H Dog Show Guidelines is enclosed.
2. No pets are allowed on the fairgrounds. Exceptions: 1) Service animals for persons with disabilities; 2) Police dogs on duty; 3) Trained animals in scheduled performances; and 4) Pets entered in scheduled competitions. (See page 10 of the State Fair Book found on the state fair website at mostatefair.com.)
3. **Important – New Information! Come in Gate 4 at the State Fairgrounds (north side) and show this letter.** No passes are being mailed this year! **You will be given a 1-hour unloading pass.** Come to the Mathewson Exhibition Center and unload. **Within 1 hour, someone will have to move your vehicle to the Blue Lot located just west of Gate 4, which is the one you came in, and walk back in. Any vehicle left over 1 hour will be towed at the owner's expense.** There will be no parking passes this year to stay in the parking lot on the east side of the Mathewson Exhibition Center.
4. The complete 4-H Dog Show information is listed on page 128 of the State Fair catalog and has been lifted to include with this mailing. There was a vendor form that was to be filled out when you entered. If you did not fill this out, you won't be receiving any premium money.
6. This year's live dog bowl event will be held at NOON during a quick break from all other rings.
7. The complete animal health requirements information is listed on pages 14-16 of the State Fair catalog. You are required to have a health certificate from a veterinarian. **(This needs to show proof of vaccination. But not just shot records!)** You must show it when you check-in or "no show"!

DOG CLASSES

1. Junior Showmanship, 8-10 years, Novice*
2. Junior Showmanship, 11 years & over, Novice*
3. Junior Showmanship, 9-12 years, Open**
4. Junior Showmanship, 13-14 years, Open**
5. Junior Showmanship, 15 years & over, Open**

*NOVICE: 4-H or FFA members competing in the Missouri State Fair Dog Show for the first year.

**OPEN: 4-H or FFA members who have competed one or more years in the Missouri State Fair Dog Show.

PLAQUES: Best Junior Handler - Novice
Best Junior Handler – Open

6. Beginner Novice (1st Year Dog), 8-10 years
7. Beginner Novice (1st Year Dog), 11-13 years
8. Beginner Novice (1st Year Dog), 14 years & over
9. Pre-Novice (2nd Year Dog), 8-12 years
10. Pre-Novice (2nd Year Dog), 13 and over
11. Novice members 13 & under
12. Novice members 14 & over
13. Graduate Novice
14. Open
15. Rally Novice, 8-12 years
16. Rally Novice, 13 years and over
17. Rally Advanced
18. Rally Excellent
19. Junior Dog Bowl Participant 8-12
20. Senior Dog Bowl Participant 13 & Over
(Ages subject to change with numbers of entries)

PLAQUES - High Point Dog in Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, High Point Obedience, and High Point Rally.

MEDALS – Top Team in each Junior and Senior Dog Bowl

Due to the increasing numbers in rally, we will be starting it first thing at 9:00 a.m. We will also be running showmanship and one ring only of obedience at that time. We are the only activity going on in the Mathewson Exhibition Center on the 14th. The State Fair Administration has asked us to take all day in order to entertain the crowd. The vendors are not happy, if there is no crowd to buy their merchandise. If anyone knows of a demonstration or some other activity to continue to entertain the crowd, please contact us. Amy's cell phone number is 660-734-1897, and Brian's' cell phone number is 660-734-4875.

In conclusion, we hope each of you will have an excellent learning experience at the 2016 Missouri State Fair 4-H/FFA Dog Show. Your showmanship and obedience training will no doubt shine for you in the show ring and will be pleasant for the viewers in the stands as well. Remember to be a good sport, win or lose.

Especially for the new State Fair 4-H/FFA Dog Show participant, we highly suggest that all dogs be brought in portable kennels. The Mathewson Exhibition Center is located on the Northwest part of the Fairgrounds. Registration should start at 8:00 a.m. and will be located at the announcer's table in the middle of the Exhibition Center's floor area. The show will feature a flag ceremony and the Grand March at the beginning of the show for all exhibitors. Please be ready by 8:45 a.m. if you would like to participate.

Again, we welcome each of you to the Missouri State Fair 4-H/FFA Dog Show. Have Fun and Good Luck!

Enclosure: 2018 Missouri State Fair 4-H/FFA Dog Show Rules and Regulations

cc: Brian & Amy Hoerrmann
Mark Wolfe
4-H Dog Show Judges