



Dog Department – Divisions 1 and 2

MEET & GREET EVENT

Procedures and Guidelines

5/14/2025/lsc

Day & Date of Event:	Wednesday, August 13, 2025
Time Frame for Public Greeting:	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Place:	BCYF Dog & Cat Building #34
Agenda for Wednesday:	<p>5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Exhibitor will set up and decorate his or her assigned booth.</p> <p>6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Public visits and voting for the Best Dressed Booth begins.</p> <p>7:10 p.m. – Ballots collected.</p> <p>7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Ballots are tallied and award is presented.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Tear down of the Booths and clean up.</p>

BCYF Premium – None

Meet and Greet Rules

BCYF General Rules – BCYF General Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures, Dog Department Registration, General Rules, and Canine Regulations apply.

Booth Registration – Exhibitor will register on a first come first serve basis for a 10' x 10' booth on Sunday when verifying his or her dog at the Entry Building, or on Tuesday at the Registration Desk in the Dog & Cat Building when dog events begin.

Sharing a Booth – Exhibitors may team up and share a booth but must split the contest prize.

Booth Identification – Each booth must have one (1) completed sign (size 8"x11") per dog hanging where the public can see it in the booth. **You may choose to make your own sign or pick up a blank form on entry day** when verifying dog classes, or on Tuesday at the Dog Registration Desk. The sign must state the following ...

Thank you for visiting BOOTH # _____
My dog's name is _____
and he/she is a (breed) _____

How many dogs is the exhibitor allowed?

1. **For adults** - No more than two (2) dogs per booth per adult.
2. **For exhibitor exhibiting in Beginner classes** – He or she may only have one (1) dog in the booth.
3. **For exhibitor exhibiting in Advanced classes** – He or she may have two (2) dogs in the booth.



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Best Decorated Booth Contest –

1. A contest will be held for the Best Decorated Booth **FOR EXHIBITOR ONLY** with a prize being given to the winner.
2. Exhibitor may choose to participate in the Meet & Greet but he or she does not have to participate in the Best Decorated Booth Contest.
3. 4-H leaders and parents are welcome to participate in the Meet & Greet Event, even decorate his or her booth, but **MAY NOT** participate in the Best Decorated Booth Contest.
4. Winner for the Best Decorated Booth Contest will be decided by the public through silent voting on a ballot and by placing his or her ballot in the ballot boxes provided.
5. Ballots will be collected at 7:10 p.m.
6. Winner will be announced following official vote count at 7:30 p.m.

Decorating Your Booth -

1. Exhibitor will be given one (1) hour to decorate his or her booth.
2. **Decorations should be easy to set up and tear down.**
3. Crates and leashes are a must in assigned booth for the dog's safety.
4. Chair to sit upon is a must in the booth for the exhibitor's safety.
5. Exhibitor are encouraged to get creative in decorating and showcasing his or her winnings of the week.
6. **The dog committee reserves the right to remove any entry due to inappropriate content or material. Decorations exhibiting vulgarity, violence, obscenities, or having cannabis (marijuana) or any related products (hemp, CBD oil, or paraphernalia) may not be used in any decorations.**

Exhibitor's Etiquette -

YOU ARE AMBASSADORS!! - While you are having fun in your booth meeting the public, please remember this thought ... **YOU ARE AMBASSADORS for not only your 4-H Club, but 4-H as a whole, the breed of canine you have teamed up with, and the Berrien County Youth Fair Dog Department.**

Therefore, good manners, smiles and respectful voices are the ambassador tools you will need when you communicate with the public during the Meet & Greet Event.

Canine's Etiquette -

While in your booth, the canine may be relaxing in his or her crate while greeting the public. Should your canine be out of the crate greeting the public, he or she will remain on a leash and the end of the leash will be in a human hand controlling the canine the canine's behavior. Any misbehaving canine will be removed from the booth to a safe area away from the public.