

In addition to sending the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Program Application to your State 4-H Office by the appropriate due date, also submit the following items by September 5, 2009 to:

**Carol Ann LeBlanc
784 Mather Street
Suffield, CT 06078
leblancc@cox.net**

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- **The animal Verification Form**
- **Proof of Rabies Vaccination (copy is sufficient)**
- **Proof of the following Vaccinations:**
 - **Distemper**
 - **Parvo**
 - **Also accepted: titers within one year of show date**
- **Photo Showing Dog and Delegate in same photo**

2009 New England 4-H Program—The Big E 4-H Dog Activity Entry Application

aginfo@thebige.com Please call (800)639-2908 or (413)205-5011

This entry is made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations governing this program. DETACH THIS APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT TO YOUR EXTENSION AGENT. ONE APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DOG ENTERING.

PRINT ALL INFORMATION. COMPLETE EVERY LINE

Please circle one: **PRIMARY DOG** **ALTERNATE DOG** or **STEWARD**

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____

MAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE() _____

TOWN/City _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ GENDER _____

BIRTHDATE MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____ IS THIS YOUR LAST YEAR? Yes _____ No _____

CHECK ONE: EXHIBITOR _____ 4-H STEWARD _____

NUMBER OF YEARS WITH ANY AND ALL DOG SHOWMANSHIP EXPERIENCE (include this year) _____

IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENTER THE CORRECT OBEDIENCE CLASS. Check one of the following:
(Note: Division I designates ages 12-14; Division II designates ages 15-19. Ages are determined as of January 1)

SHOWMANSHIP

Division I Novice _____
Division I Intermediate _____
Division I Advanced _____
Division I Open _____
Division II Novice _____
Division II Intermediate _____

Division II Advanced _____
Division II Open _____

OBEDIENCE

Service Dog Sub Novice A _____
Service Dog Sub Novice B _____
Sub Novice A _____
Sub Novice B _____
Sub Novice C _____
Novice A _____
Novice B _____
Graduate Novice A _____
Graduate Novice B _____
Open A _____
Open B _____
Utility A _____
Utility B _____

AGILITY

Pre-Novice _____
Beg. Novice _____
Novice _____
Open _____
Excellent _____

- Would you like to participate in a quiz bowl team not affiliated with a particular state? YES / NO
- Do you require a reader to assist you with the Dog Knowledge Quiz? YES / NO
- Are you planning to participate in Meet the Breed? YES/NO

I have read the rules and agree to participate in all activities and to be present at assemblies of the 4-H Dog Activity. Entrants will be responsible for their dogs including any damage occurring to the animal or by the animal while on the grounds. No exhibitor will be allowed to participate in the program without a project dog with the exception of 4-H stewards. The signatures below signify that I and my parent/guardian have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules in this document. These signatures also certify the facts contained in the above to be true and the applicant meets the eligibility qualifications of the rules.

Signature of 4-H Member

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of 4-H Leader

Signature of County or State 4-H Office Representative

All signatures MUST be completed before entry will be accepted. Entries are DUE August 20 at the STATE 4-H OFFICE. You may obtain additional entry applications from your state or county 4-H office, leader or at www.thebige.com/agriculture. State office must send applications to the Big E postmarked by August 25. **This deadline will be enforced.**

Please note any accommodation the 4-H member requires to participate in this 4-H program

4-H Dog Project Verification Form

USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH DOG ENTERED

This form is made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations governing the Eastern States 4-H Dog Program. Submit this form with your entry application as proof of your dog project.

CIRCLE ONE: PRIMARY DOG ALTERNATE DOG

MY DOG IS LEASED: YES NO

Name of 4-H Member _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone () _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Member's email address _____

Member's Birthdate: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____ Gender: Male ____ Female ____

Call Name of Dog _____ Sex of Dog: _____

Breed of Dog _____ Color of Dog: _____

Description of Dog (include any identifying marks): _____

Showmanship Class: _____
(See classes on Application Form)

Obedience Class: _____

I have read and understand the rules governing this program and certify that this 4-H member has managed and trained this animal since June 1 of this current year. I give my permission for the above named dog to participate in all New England 4-H Dog Activities at The Big E including Agility. I hereby certify as parent or guardian of this child that I will render no assistance to the child or animal while the entrant and dog are participating in this project at the New England 4-H Dog Program at The Big E. I understand that if I violate this directive, the 4-H member may be disqualified.

4-H MEMBER SIGNATURE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

4-H LEADER SIGNATURE

OWNER SIGNATURE

Please indicate if the 4-H member has need of any special accommodations in order to participate in this program.

ENTRIES ARE DUE AUGUST 20 AT THE STATE OFFICE. YOU MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICATIONS FROM YOUR STATE CLUB LEADER. STATE OFFICE MUST SEND APPLICATIONS TO EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 25.

4-H Dog Project Lease Form

CIRCLE ONE:

PRIMARY DOG

ALTERNATE DOG

If the dog you are showing at the Eastern States 4-H Dog Program is leased to you, the following form must be completed. A separate lease form must be attached to the application for each dog being leased and entered in the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Program. The signatures of the dog's owner, the 4-H member leasing the animal, and the parent or guardian if member is under age 18, must be included.

I, _____, have agreed to lease my dog

(Owner's Name)

_____ to _____ on _____

(Dog's name)

(4-H member's name)

(date)

as his/her 4-H project for the 2009 4-H program year. I understand that the dog must remain on the Eastern States Exposition grounds for the duration of the 4-H Dog Activity program. I agree not to force the exhibitor to break any of the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Activity rules, and will not handle, groom or in any other way care for the dog during the duration of the activity.

_____ Date: _____

(Owner's Signature)

Owner's Address _____

(include street, Town, State, & Zip Code)

Owner's Phone number _____

(include area code)

4-H Member's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date: _____

OBJECTIVES FOR THE NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAMS

The 4-H program at The Big E is a cooperative effort with the Eastern States Exposition and the Cooperative Extension Systems of the New England States working together toward common objectives. These objectives are:

1. To motivate and recognize the achievements of 4-H members and their volunteer leaders.
2. To give the general public attending The Big E a better understanding of 4-H educational efforts including the organization, program, and accomplishments.
3. To provide educational experiences for 4-H members that are not available in the individual states.
4. To make 4-H programs and activities visible to the general public across the grounds of The Big E.
5. To expand the image of 4-H as a total diverse youth development program.
6. To ensure quality educational activities both for the 4-H participant and the general public.
7. To identify 4-H as an integral part of the Cooperative Extension System and the land grant universities of New England.
8. To involve youth as equal partners in full decision-making roles at all levels of program decision-making.

Rules for the 2009 New England 4-H Dog Activity

- 1) **Eligibility** The show is open to regularly enrolled 4-H members from New England, 12 years of age or older on January 1, but has not reached 19 years of age on or before January 1 of the current year of the show.
- 2) **Attendance and Participation** Registration will be from 3-5 P.M. Friday, October 2, 2009. Members and dogs must be on the grounds at 5 P.M. on Friday. Members and dogs will be released beginning at 5 P.M. (or at the end of the show), Sunday, October 4, 2009. Members' parents and 4-H leaders are advised that the responsibility for and supervision of the members extends from 5 P.M. Friday, October 2, until the end of the show (approximately 5 P.M.) on Sunday, October 4, 2009. Dogs must be out of the barn at the end of the show and the barn left in a neat and tidy condition. All 4-H Dog Activity members are required to attend all scheduled activities. Members are expected to remain with all activities until the activity is complete, not just their portion. Members are required to participate in the following activities: **FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP AND OBEDIENCE** (with the same dog), **DOG KNOWLEDGE, and QUIZ BOWL**. No exhibitor will be allowed to participate without a dog, with the exception of selected 4-H Stewards. Demonstrations will take place in Mallary Arena, come prepared to take part in this activity.
- 3) **State Representation** If 4-H club membership is held in more than one state, and the same project is taken in both states, the 4-H member must compete and represent the state in which they reside. If the project is only taken in one state, the 4-H member should represent that state.
- 4) **Housing & Meals** The Big E will provide housing and meals for 4-H Dog members and authorized chaperones at the 4-H Headquarters (Horace Moses Building). The ratio of male or female chaperones to members is 1 adult to 5-10 4-H members. Delegates and chaperones must sleep in the 4-H Dormitory.
- 5) **Exhibitor Health Condition** Members must obtain from state or county leaders a health form to be filled out and signed by parents or guardians. This procedure gives permission for doctors to administer medical treatment, if necessary to do so. Drinking of alcoholic beverages or smoking by delegates and chaperones is prohibited.
- 6) **Show Uniform** Recommended uniform will be as follows: a clean white dress shirt or blouse or white 4-H T-shirt (may have 4-H clover emblem on left breast), and green pants, culottes, skirt or jumper of appropriate length (no higher than half the knee cap). No bare midriffs are allowed. Any shade of green will be allowed. Members will be disqualified if they are wearing clothing advertising a kennel or breed. For safety reasons, delegates must wear non-skid, closed toe footwear at all times during the weekend. Delegates may not appear barefoot; flip flops, sandals or clogs are not allowed. No jeans or shorts are allowed. Points MAY be deducted if recommended uniform is not worn.
- 7) **Entries** Each State is responsible for selection procedures used in that particular state. This information can be obtained from county or state 4-H offices. A verification form and/or a verification form with a lease agreement must accompany the application. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A VERIFICATION FORM WITH A PICTURE OF THE HANDLER AND DOG. A separate entry form packet and verification form is required for each dog application. An entry form packet consists of application and verification form. No photocopies or stamped signatures will be accepted. Members must have owned or leased, as well as managed and trained their dog since June 1 of the current year to be eligible to show at Eastern States Exposition. To enter Service dogs, the dogs must be under a bona fide program where they will be utilized as Service dogs for the blind. Hearing ear dogs must be shown in regular obedience classes. 4-H Dog Activity members, who have managed and trained a Service dog as a second dog, may choose to show their Service dog as a principal project or as an additional dog in Service Dog Obedience ONLY. If entered as an additional dog in obedience only, points will not count toward Overall High Point Score. Signatures on the entry certify to this rule. Service Dog Brood Bitches will be shown in regular obedience classes.-Alternates – If you have managed and trained another dog which could be exhibited if the primary dog comes in heat or is injured, this dog may be shown provided that an entry is completed and sent in at the same time as the first entry. The entry for the alternate dog shall be marked "ALTERNATE" at the top. The alternate dog can be exhibited only if a veterinarian certifies for health reasons that the primary dog cannot be shown. Service Dogs may also be entered as an alternate dog. An alternate dog can be used to complete the Pairs class.
- 8) **Animal Health Regulations** Please refer to the Massachusetts Animal Health Regulations included in this packet and include a copy of the rabies certificate and current vaccination record from the Veterinarian. No lame dogs will be allowed to be shown. If an animal appears to be lame or have some other type of injury, a judge will have authority to excuse that animal from the ring; however, if any committee member also saw this situation, the Superintendent of the show has the authority to also decide if an animal should be excused. The superintendent has final authority. Animal vaccinations that are required for this show are proof of current rabies vaccination and current distemper and parvo vaccinations. Titers within one year of the show date will be accepted for parvo and distemper.
- 9) **Care of Dogs** Dogs will be housed in the MALLARY ARENA. 4-H members MUST BRING DOGS IN CRATES SUITABLE FOR HOUSING OVERNIGHT. Crates must be large enough for a dog to stand up and be able to turn around. Members should crate train their dogs prior to attending The Big E and should quiet their own dogs. Dogs must be able to handle the anxiety of being separated from the handler all night. No choke collars may be left on the dogs in the crates. Padlocks are not required for securing crates; it is recommended each exhibitor brings a double ended snap or D-ring to secure their crate at night. The management and 4-H dog committee assume no responsibility for loss or damage to dogs, or injury to persons, or loss of personal items. The 4-H members are

responsible for bringing their own feed supply, feed containers and water. DOGS ARE NOT TO BE TIED AND LEFT UNATTENDED IN OPEN EXERCISE PENS AT ANY TIME. Dogs should be kept on leashes when walking or exercising, and must remain in the show area at all times. You must exercise your dog in the designated area and clean up after it. Exhibitors only shall handle their dogs. No one but EXHIBITORS shall be permitted to work on dogs entered in the 4-H show. Violators will be disqualified. Only registered 4-H Dog Program delegates and/or 4-H Dog Committee members are allowed in the dog kennels. Dogs that foul the ring will be allowed to complete the class and be scored, but it will be NP (Non-Placement Score). Dogs that run around the ring "uncontrollable" will receive a zero (0) for that exercise and will do the Sit and Down Exercises on leash. Dog and handler will receive NP (Non-Placement Score).

- 10) Unloading & Passes** Exhibitors should enter Gate 1 and then Gate 10; report to the "Greeters" before unloading. The Greeters will issue instructions to drivers dropping delegates and dogs off. Delegates should check in and show their first aid kit for inspection. Ten minutes will be allowed to unload or to load. Parents may assist with unloading and loading vehicle, and may assist with moving items into Mallary arena. They may **not** assist with set up. After unloading, vehicle must leave the area behind Mallary via gate 10 and go to the parking area. Vehicle occupants **must** get their hands stamped at the exit gate in order to re-enter the grounds. Any vehicle left parked and unattended behind Mallary Arena will be towed. Passes will be issued via the state office on the basis of one pass for the delegate, one pass for ~~the~~ driver and one 2-day window hanger for the vehicle; an additional driver pass will be allotted to pick up the member at release time. The quota for passes shall not exceed the number of persons actually participating in the show. At show closing, locate the official release slip in your packet. Delegate and vehicle may then exit Gate 10 and then exit the fairgrounds through Gate 1. Departure times must be adhered to. **The parents of 4-H Dog Delegates may purchase Exhibitor Tickets at a reduced rate at the Agricultural Office located in Mallary Complex.**
- 11) Awards** will be made on a Dual Merit Award System at the discretion of the judge. Awards will only be distributed to those in attendance at Closing Ceremonies.
- 12)** Any of the above rules may be changed as deemed necessary by the New England 4-H Dog Activity Committee. This committee will determine the interpretation of all the 4-H Dog Activity rules.
- 13) Loss Or Damage** All exhibits will be under the direction of Eastern States Exposition Management, who will exercise every reasonable care in the protection of exhibits. In no case will Eastern States Exposition or management be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any animal; or loss, injury or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify Eastern States Exposition against legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.
- 14) Primary and Alternate Dog Use** Both the primary and alternate dogs can be brought to the 4-H Dog Activity. An alternate dog may be used for Agility or Rally. If an alternate dog is brought to the ESE 4-H Dog Activity in place of the Primary Dog, a Veterinarian's letter is required indicating why the primary dog could not attend.
- 15) Dog Exercise Area** Dogs should not be walked on the ESE grounds or throughout Mallary Complex. Dogs can be exercised outdoors in the parking area closest to the kennels in the area marked and provided by Eastern States Exposition.

The Cooperative Extension System 4-H Youth Development program prohibits discrimination in education, employment, and in the provision of services on account of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, disabled veteran status, physical or mental disability, mental retardation, [and] other specifically covered mental disabilities, [and criminal records that are not job related].

4-H Dog Activity & Classes

Dogs that foul the ring will be allowed to complete the class and be scored, but it will be NP (Non-Placement Score). Dogs that run around the ring "uncontrollable" will receive a zero (0) for that exercise and will do the Sit and Down Exercises on leash. Dog and handler will receive NP (Non-Placement Score).

Fitting & Showing

Division 1: ages 12-14; Division 2: ages 15-19

- i. Novice: For first and second year exhibitor in any shows.
- ii. Intermediate: For exhibitors who have shown for 3 to 4 years in any shows.
- iii. Advanced: For exhibitors who have shown for 5 or more years in any show
- iv. Open: For exhibitors who show consistently in non 4-H point shows, such as AKC, UKS, etc. and/or who handle dogs for other people. For both Division 1 & Division 2 and anyone who would like to enter. Any 4-H member who feels he/she would like the challenge of the open class may enter.
- v. Danish ribbons will be awarded as follows: 100-90 points – blue; 89.5-80 points – red; 79.5-70 points – white; 69.5 points and less yellow.
- vi. Placement Rosettes will be awarded as follows: 1st –Blue; 2nd- Red; 3rd- White; 4th- Yellow. Champion Showperson Class – All highest scorer award winners in showing classes will compete for Champion Showperson. The second high scorer from the Champion Showperson's class will be invited to compete for the Reserve Championship. All classes with the exception of Steward classes will be included.

Obedience: will consist of the following classes - Service Dog Sub Novice A, Service Dog Sub Novice B, Sub Novice A, Sub Novice B, Sub Novice C, Novice A, Novice B, Graduate Novice A, Graduate Novice B, Open A, Open B, Utility A, and Utility B. ALL DOGS WILL BE SHOWN IN THE CLASS THAT IT HAS BEEN TRAINED FOR. Danish ribbons will be awarded as follows for obedience classes: Blue: 200-170 points; Red: 169.5-130 points; White: 129.5-100 points; Yellow: below 100 points. Ribbon placings: 1 –Blue; 2 –Red; 3 –White; 4-Yellow

Highest Scoring Dog in Non-Regular Classes: This will include: on-lead obedience, showmanship, dog knowledge and poster contest scores. Eligible classes are Sub Novice A, Sub Novice B, Sub Novice C, and Service Dog Classes receive a trophy. Reserve receives a rosette. (Trophy can be won only once using the same dog at The Big E).

Highest scoring dog in Regular Classes: This will include: off leash obedience classes, showmanship, dog knowledge and poster contest scores. Eligible classes are: Novice A, Novice B, Graduate Novice A, Graduate Novice B, Open A, Open B, Utility A or Utility B, receives a trophy. Reserve receives a rosette.

Highest scoring dog in Obedience classes, one for Regular Classes and one for Non-Regular classes will also be awarded. These awards are for obedience scores only and do not include scores from showmanship, dog knowledge or poster contest.

Highest Overall will be awarded to dog & handler with highest combined scores for the following categories: Fitting & Showing, Obedience, Dog Knowledge, and Poster entry scores in Regular classes only. Dogs soiling in the obedience ring will receive a zero for that exercise.

Guidelines for Service Dog Classes will be in accordance with the Service Dog Schools. Dogs must belong to a bonifide service dog program.

Obedience Classes will use the AKC Obedience Regulations as guidelines.

All classes are determined by the training level of the dog. If you have a question, speak with your leader or contact the show superintendent.

i)Point Classes- Sub Novice A B and C(Not eligible for High Overall)

Exercises & Points for all Sub Novice A and B classes are as follows:

- Heel on leash – 45 points
- Figure Eight – 25 points
- Stand for Examination – 30 points
- Recall – 40 Points
- Long Sit – 30 Points
- Long Down – 30 Points
- Maximum total score – 200 points

1. Service Dog Sub Novice A – for exhibitors who have not previously trained a Service Dog. The dogs in this class must not have trained beyond the sub novice level and are not eligible for overall high point trophy. Dogs will be on lead and scored on the basis of 200 points.

2. Service Dog Sub Novice B – for exhibitors who have previously trained a Service Dog. The dogs in this class must not have trained beyond the sub novice class and are not eligible for overall high point trophy. Dogs will be on lead and scored on the basis of 200 points. Class to be determined upon needs of specific service dog or organization.

3. Sub Novice A - for first year, inexperienced exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog. The dogs in this class must not have had training beyond the sub novice level and are not eligible for overall high point trophy. Dogs will be on lead and scored on the basis of 200 points. Dog and handler may exhibit in this class for only one (1) year.

4. Sub Novice B – Exhibitors who have previously trained a dog in sub novice or more advanced levels of training, or have shown this dog in Sub-Novice B in previous years. Dogs in this class must not have a qualifying score in Novice and are not eligible for overall high point trophy. Dogs will be on lead and scored on the basis of 200 points.

5. Sub Novice C For those who have been in Sub Novice B for several years. UKC rules will be used as guidelines. Must have been shown in sub novice at least 2 years; no training beyond sub novice level. For Complete Rules go to <http://www.ukcdogs.com/ObedienceRules.htm>.

ii) Point Classes – Regular (Eligible for High Overall)

1. Novice A – for exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog at novice or more advanced levels of training. The dogs in this class may have completed the Novice level of training, but must not have had training beyond this level. All of the exercises except the heel on leash and the figure 8 will be done off lead. Scored on the basis of 200 points. Dogs must not have completed their C.D. or the equivalent. May exhibit in this class for only one (1) year.

2. Novice B – for exhibitors who have previously trained a dog at Novice or more advanced levels of training, or have shown this dog at Novice B level in previous years. All of the exercises except the heel on leash and the figure 8 will be done off lead. Dogs that have finished their C.D or the equivalent, or dogs not having received a qualifying score in Graduate Novice may be shown in this class. Scored on the basis of 200 points.

3. Graduate Novice A – for dogs that have not received a qualifying score in Open. Dogs may have received a C.D. or the equivalent. Judging shall be as in the Novice classes except the Figure 8 is off leash. Drop on recall. The Long Sit and Down shall be three and five minutes with handlers out of sight. Scoring on the basis of 200 points.

4. Graduate Novice B – for dogs that have not received a qualifying score in Open. Dogs may have received a C.D. or the equivalent. Exercises will be Open Heel Free, Moving Stand and Novice Examination, Moving Drop on Recall, Dumbbell Recall, Recall over Broad Jump and Long Down for three minutes. Scoring on the basis of 200 points.

5. Open A – for dogs that have not earned a C.D.X. or the equivalent. The class will be judged according to the AKC Open Class. Scored on the basis of 200 points.

6. Open B – For dogs that have earned a CDX, or the equivalent . Dogs will be judged according to the AKC Open B Class. Order of exercises to be posted the day of the show. Scored on the basis of 200 points.

7. Utility A –For dogs that have not earned a UD, or the equivalent, Dogs will be judged according to the AKC Utility A Class. Scored on the basis of 200 points.

8. Utility B –For dogs that have earned a UD, or the equivalent. Dogs will be judged according to the AKC Utility B Class. Order of exercises to be posted the day of the show. Scored on the basis of 200 points.

9. Dog Knowledge - The Dog General Knowledge quiz is based on the following sources:

-The AKC Complete Dog Book, 20th Edition; www.akc.org; American Red Cross Book Dog First Aid, Safety Series, Volume 2 - distributed through American Red Cross; AKC Agility Rules & Regulations; AKC's Complete Dog Book for Kids; Petedge(or www.petedge.com Used for visual clues); AKC Dog Care & Training Book, Animal Poison control websites: 1) aspca.org (Animal poison control Center) 2) mspca.org (Angell Animal Medical Centers), 3) hsus.org (the Humane Society). Questions may also come from the ESE 4-H Dog Activity General Rules and Regulations.

Dog Knowledge Test questions will be as follows: Non-sporting Group, American Red Cross Book Dog First Aid, Safety Series, Volume 2 – Chapter 6(Emergency First Aid, A-M), Rally, Basic Dog Care & General Knowledge;

Danish ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue: 100-80 points; Red: 79.5-60 points; White: 59.5 – 40 points; Yellow: under 40 points. Rosettes for placings 1 through 4 in both Division I and Division II.

10. Overall High Point Score –Highest Overall will be awarded to dog & handler with highest combined scores for the following categories: Fitting & Showing, Obedience, Dog Knowledge, and Poster entry scores in Regular classes only. Dogs soiling in the obedience ring will lose points for that particular exercise. Second highest scorer will receive a rosette.

iii) NON-POINT CLASSES – Will take place as time allows; Exhibitors may be entered the day of the show

1. Costume Class - Come prepared with a costume for you and your dog. This class may be entered the day of the event. The Judge or Judges may create the categories for this class.

2. Golden Lead Class - An opportunity for exhibitors to demonstrate their ability to control their dog on a loose lead. Each exhibitor is given a lead and asked to execute an obedience routine.

4. Agility – Will run as a clinic in the afternoon. On Saturday evening, agility competition will take place. Dogs will be placed in appropriate class for this event after the clinic on Saturday afternoon. **Any dog shown on leash in obedience must be shown on leash in agility.** Agility scores are **not** eligible for High Overall score. Dogs will be measured according to the AKC rules to determine jump heights in Novice, Open and Excellent. There will be five (5) classes, Pre-Novice Agility, Beginner Novice Agility, Novice Agility, Open Agility and Excellent Agility.

- a) **Pre-Novice Agility:** On leash, 10 obstacles, lowered contacts, no weave poles, no sea-saw.
- b) **Beginner Novice Agility:** Off lead, 14 obstacles, all contacts lowered, no weave poles.
- c) **Novice Agility:** Off lead, 16 obstacles with all contacts at competition height, no weave poles.
- d) **Open Agility:** Off lead, 18 obstacles with 6 weave poles, all contacts at competition height.
- e) **Excellent Agility:** 22 obstacles, all contacts at competition height, and 12 weave poles.

QUIZ BOWL

A pre-selected team of four (4) players will represent each state. States with less than four delegates will be combined to form a regional team. Questions will be based on the Dog Knowledge educational materials as listed under Dog Activities and Classes. All teams must submit names by Noon on Saturday to the secretary at the scoring table.

An Interstate Quiz Bowl contest will be held on Saturday immediately following Champion Showman Class in Mallary Ring 1. All participants must attend this activity. The following guidelines will apply to the Quiz Bowl activity:

1. Each state will be represented by at least one team. Those states with more than 10 people may form a team with others or a second state team. Combined state teams will be formed to include states with small delegations.
2. Team members will be pre-selected by their states.
3. States with less than four (4) participants at The Big E will be combined to form a regional team whenever possible. The show committee will designate the regional teams.
4. The contest will consist of four rounds, each round to be made up of 20 toss up questions.
5. Each correctly answered question will be worth one point. Incorrect answers will result in a loss of one point. Any coaching or help from the audience will result in a five (5) point penalty for each occurrence to the team receiving the help.
6. One representative from each state team will participate in each round.
7. Points scored by each participant will be credited to the participant's state score. At the end of four (4) rounds, the state with the highest score will be declared the winner.
8. If a tie exists at the end of the four (4) rounds, the two four-person teams involved in the tie will face off in a special tie breaking round. The tie breaking round will be an additional 5 toss up questions. If a tie still exists after the 5 overtime questions, the first team to achieve a point advantage will be declared the winner.
9. Only the team coach and the player involved in the round may challenge a question. The challenge must be made immediately and prior to the next question. The official judge shall have the final say in all matters regarding the contest or questions. Each state will designate an adult to be team coach.
10. The moderator will read the question. As soon as a player buzzes in, the moderator will stop reading and the question must be answered at that point.
11. If any part of the answer is wrong, the whole answer is wrong. First answer given is the answer to be considered.
12. The sources of questions for the quiz bowl will be the same as those listed for the Dog Knowledge exam.
13. A question can be repeated a second time if requested, but can be answered only once, whether the answer is correct or incorrect.

The New England 4-H Dog Program Poster Contest

PURPOSE: To promote information and/or interest in the 4-H Dog Care and Training project and in the dog industry.

GOAL: To involve 4-H members of all ages in the New England 4-H Dog Program at The Big E.

SUBJECT: Any aspect of the 4-H Dog Care and Training Project

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all 4-H members 5 through 18 years of age, as of January 1 of the current year, who are enrolled in the 4-H Dog Care and Training project. Divisions are as follows:

Division 1 – 4-H ages 12-14, participating at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Division 2 – 4-H ages 15-18, participating at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Division 3 – 4-H ages 5-8, **not** exhibiting dogs at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Division 4 – 4-H ages 9-11, **not** exhibiting dogs at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Division 5 – 4-H ages 12-14, **not** exhibiting dogs at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Division 6 – 4-H ages 15-18, **not** exhibiting dogs at ESE 4-H Dog Program

Help is permitted with spelling in Division 3.

REGISTRATION: If being mailed, posters must be sent or delivered to Mallary Arena at The Big E **on or before** October 2, 2009. **All others** must be presented for judging by 9:00 PM on the Friday of the ESE 4-H New England Dog Program. The 4-H Dog Show Committee or The Big E cannot be held responsible for the return of any poster.

POSTER REQUIREMENTS:

- Poster must be 14"x22", no more or less.
- Poster may be horizontal or vertical, but NOT THREE-DIMENSIONAL.
- Poster may not contain copyrighted material, i.e. Snoopy, Garfield, etc
- Medium of your choice may be used, such as crayon, marker, etc.
- Information listed below must be on the back of each poster submitted or item will not be judged.

JUDGING: Posters will be judged on the following criteria for a total of 100 points::

- Information and Idea -
Theme –25, Simplicity –15, Subject Dog – 10
- Art and Design -
Attractive –10, Eye catching –10, Neatness –10, Use of Color –10
- Miscellaneous -
Correct information on animal or subject –5, 4-H Clover present on poster –5

AWARDS: All participants will receive ribbons based on the Danish System. Rosettes will be awarded to all division winners. ESE participants will earn points which will count toward their overall score For a blue ribbon, 10 points will be added, red award will earn 7 points, and white award will earn 5 points.

PLACE THIS INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF YOUR POSTER

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CLUB NAME _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

DIVISIO ENTERED _____ AGE (as of 1/01) _____

Norman J. LeBlanc Memorial Photo Contest

THEME: Exercise Finished

ELIGIBILITY: Any participant presently exhibiting at The Big E 4-H Dog Activity may submit up to two (2) photo entries. Participants may enter in one of the following divisions:

- Division I Ages 12-14
- Division II Ages 15-19

Age is determined as of January 1 of the present calendar year.

REGISTRATION:

- Photos must be submitted on Friday, October 2, 2009 upon check in or by 9PM of that day. Photos **must** be in a sheet protector with **no** mats or frames.

RULES:

- The size of the photo must be 5"x7"
- Photo must be enclosed in a sheet protector
- Photo may be either a horizontal or vertical layout
- Photo must include at least one dog, but not necessarily the participant's dog.
- Photo must be taken by person entering the contest
- The dog or dogs in photo must pertain to this year's theme
- Photo must be titled
- Photos that are framed, mounted or matted will be disqualified
- 4-H'ers name and armband number must be written on the back of each photo submitted
- No more than two photos may be submitted

JUDGING: The following criteria will be used when scoring photos in the contest for a total of 25 points:

- Effective use of background
- Good color balance
- Subject placement
- Overall appearance
- Title as it relates to theme

Scoring in each category will be awarded as follows: 5 points for excellent; 3 points for very good; 2 points for good; 1 point for good try.

One Danish ribbon will be awarded to each participant on accumulated points as follows:

Blue: 25-18; Red: 17-12; White: 11 and below

Highest score will receive a trophy.

The committee will make every effort to exhibit all photos. It is the responsibility of the participant to retrieve photos before dismissal on Sunday. Adults may enter photos for display purposes only, but must follow the above stated rules. Adult photos will not be judged or receive any awards.

SECURELY PLACE THIS INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF YOUR PHOTO

NAME _____

STATE _____

DIVISION ENTERED _____ AGE (as of January 1st) _____

The New England 4-H Dog Activity Steward Program

1. Each state is requested to send two (2) 4-H stewards to the New England 4-H Dog Activity at The Big E. Stewards will attend without a dog. States may also enter alternate stewards, who would be called if all states have not filled their quota of two (2) by the entry deadline. Send alternate entries, in priority order, with the entries of regular show participants and stewards. A maximum of twelve (12) stewards is allowed.
2. 4-H stewards must be between 12 and 18 years old as of January 1 of the current calendar year, **AND MUST ADHERE TO THE 4-H SHOW UNIFORM AS SPECIFIED** in the 4-H Dog Activity rules and regulations.
3. Stewards will eat and sleep in the 4-H Dormitory.
4. 4-H member stewards will be present for all activities of the 4-H Dog Activity, must take the Dog Knowledge exam, and bring an Educational Display. They may enter a poster and a photo as well. Stewards may compete on a quiz bowl team if selected. Stewards must stay for the duration of the entire 4-H Dog Activity program.
5. 4-H MEMBER STEWARDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING AN EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY TO THE BIG E. **NEW THIS YEAR!** The display will be made on a 3-Fold educational poster available at many office supply stores. The display should be educational in nature and focus on some aspect of canine science, the 4-H dog care and training project, or a combination of both. The 4-H Clover must be displayed on the exhibit. Name and state of the exhibitor will be added to the display after judging has been completed. The display may be made and compiled prior to coming to the 4-H Dog Program at Eastern States Exhibition. No tables or other objects may be placed in front of the display.
6. Stewards will be asked to assist in the obedience and/or showmanship ring, to be a ribbon runner, gatekeeper, or to perform other similar duties at the discretion of the show committee.
7. An award will be given to the 4-H steward who accumulates the most points during the show. Points will be awarded for the educational display, first aid kit, the Dog Knowledge exam, event participation, dog showmanship (if applicable), and for posters submitted. Up to 100 points are available each day.
8. Interested 4-H members apply to be stewards using the regular application form provided in the New England 4-H Dog Activity information packets and choosing to circle STEWARD.
9. Stewards should bring the following items with them: folding chair, clipboard, pen and pencil, green and white recommended show uniform, as described in the Rules section of this packet. Other items which are optional, but encouraged, are the Dog First Aid kit, Poster for contest, and Photo for contest.
10. The High Overall Steward score is based on the following: Fitting and Showing, Educational exhibit, General Knowledge Test, Poster for contest, Photo for contest, First Aid Kit, and participation throughout the weekend.

Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Program Kenneling

Kenneling is the term that refers to the management of the area in which the dogs reside during Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog program. This document will provide participants with a guide to kenneling, that is, what to bring with them for adequate canine care while at Eastern States Exposition. This guide is not all-inclusive and does not claim to be the single source for kennel management; however, while at Eastern States Exposition, the participants must follow this guide. The Kennel is set up for two people (possibly three when numbers of participants are excessive).

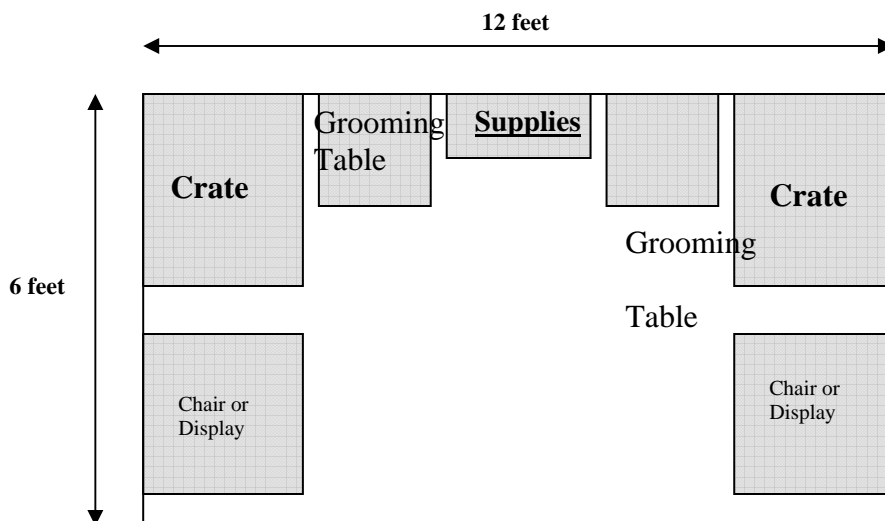
Kennel areas may be decorated using fire-safe materials; however, burlap and corn stalks are not allowed in the kennel areas. Kennel decorating should focus on the 4-H Dog Activity, in areas such as the 4-H Dog Project, your particular dog breed, dogs in general or 4-H promotion. The front gate should not be covered with Fabric. Kennel decorations, signs or other items not considered to be in good taste by the dog activity committee will be removed or taken down. Stall cards must be visible at all times.

Scoring of the Kennel areas will be based on the Danish System using a 300 point grading score. Scoring begins at the Friday registration and set up time. Throughout the weekend, each kennel area will be judged and scored on a daily basis. This allows each kennel participant a way in which to improve their scores. The awards are as stated and decision of the judge(s) is final; there will be no appeal. **Kennels must be left intact until after the awards presentation.**

Equipment:

Required Items:	Optional Items:
6" Lead	Display Items
Duplicate copy of animal health records (for each dog participating)	Chair or Stool
Flat or buckle collar for agility	Grooming Table
Floor Covering (Tarp or liner) Approx. size: 6'x6'	Tack box
Choke collar for obedience	Hand towel(s)
Showmanship Lead	Other items: (fill in yourself)
Grooming Equipment	
Chew bone, toy for dog	
Crate	
Blanket or cover for crate	
Food Dish	
Water Dish	
1 Gallon Water Container with water to keep at kennel area (may want to bring from home)	
Dog food (enough for weekend and two extra meals)	
First Aid Kit (must be at least 1 per family)	
Feces removal system (scoop or baggies)	

Sample Canine Kennel Setup



ITEMS REQUIRED TO BOARD YOUR ANIMAL

6' Lead: A 6-foot lead provides the handler and animal enough walking distance and is used in the obedience ring.

Duplicate Copy of animal health records (for each dog): In case of loss or damage to the first set, it is a good preventative measure to have a second set with you. Be sure to have the rabies certificate with an original veterinarian signature; no stamps or copies will be accepted at this event!

Flat or buckle collar: This collar is less likely to choke the animal should it get caught on something, especially during agility.

Floor Covering: Used to put on the floor of the kennel area for an attractive look and to keep the area cleaner.

Choke collar: Used for obedience event.

Showmanship lead: Used for Showmanship event. Acquire one for the particular breed you are showing, as there are many different types and sizes.

Grooming Equipment: Enough tools and supplies for your particular breed of dog. Items may include brush, comb, nail clippers, nail files, scissors, etc.

Chew bone or toy: Something for your pet to relax with and have a little fun under these stressful conditions.

Crate: The crate should be large enough to allow your animal to comfortably lie down and/or sit.

Blanket or Cover: The cover should provide insulation from extreme weather conditions and privacy for your animal. The blanket is to provide warmth or cover the crate also.

Food dish: Unbreakable plastic or stainless steel only.

Water dish: Unbreakable plastic or stainless steel. Dishes attached to the crate or water bottles cannot be left full or in crate when animal is unattended.

1 Gallon Water container: Potable for both human and animal consumption.

Dog Food: Whatever is currently fed to your canine, but insure there are two extra meals for the time at Eastern States Exposition.

Feces Removal System: Your choice – scoops and/or biodegradable plastic bags are suggested.

First Aid Kit: See attached list for First Aid Kit items. This list is also included in the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Program Application. First Aid kits will be judged as a separate item and will not count toward high overall scores. It is suggested that plastic tool box or fishing tackle box may be used to hold first aid kit items. Families may share a first aid kit. Please denote at time of check-in and indicate on your kennel card the exhibitor's number with whom you are sharing a kit. (See first aid kit page)

New England 4-H Dog Activity 2009 First Aid Kit Name / Number:

Latex Gloves (at least 2)	
Guaze Sponges Assorted sizes (4-5)	
2" wide roll gauze	
Roll Bandage (gauze wrap, Ace bandage, Vet wrap)	
Splint material (appropriate for breed of dog)	
Medical Adhesive tape	
Non- Adherent sterile pads	
Scissors	
Grooming clippers OR safety razor	
Nylon leash	
Towel and Clean cloth	
Compact thermal blanket	
Muzzle	
Rectal thermometer	
Water base sterile lubercant	
3% hydrogen peroxide	
Isopropyl Alcohol	
Topical antibiotic ointment (Neosporin, Bacitracin etc)	
Dose syringe	
Sterile eye lubercant	
Saline wash	
Diphenhydremine (Benadryl) 1-2mg/lb every 8 hours	
Glucose Paste or corn syrup (Karo)	
Styptic Powder or pencil	
Expired store card (to scrape bee stingers)	
Emergency Phone numbers (including dog name& description/photo)	
Penlight	
Total points @ 2 points X	
BONUS ITEMS 2pt each	
Cotton Balls	
Tweezers or hemastats	
Band-aids	
Pepto Bismol	
Hydrocortizone cream	
Ascriptin (buffered aspirin) 5mg/lb every 12 hours	
Immodium 1mg/15lbs every 12/24 hours	
Baggies (2-3)	
Q-Tips	
Ice Pack/heat pack (optional)	
Grand Total	

New England 4-H Dog Activity Kennel Scoresheet

Exhibitor's numbers:

	Fri PM	Sat AM	Sat Noon	Sat PM	Sun Am	Sun Noon
Organized Storage of Equipment & Supplies (25pts)						
Comments:						
Evidence of Proper Animal Care (20)						
Comments:						
Kennel Area Neat & Clean (20)						
Comments:						
Creature Comforts -play toys, mat, blankets etc. (5)						
Comments:						
Safety - choke collars off, appliances unplugged when not in use, First Aid Kits visable (10)						
Comments:						

Total for Day

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Personal Display (10)

Comments:

Promotion of 4-H (15)

Comments:

First Aid Kits (75pts)

Member 1 Member 2 Member 3

Kit Average

Grand Total

2009 NEW ENGLAND 4-H DOG ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Friday, October 2

- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Arrival, Registration. Dog to be taken to Mallary Arena entering Gate 1 and Gate 10. Youth and chaperones will be housed in 4-H Dormitory in Moses Building.
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm Dinner at Moses 4-H Dining Hall
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Orientation and Dog Knowledge Test at Mallary
- 8:00 pm- 9:30 pm Evening Activities - Mallary Arena 1
- 9:30 pm Finish preparing dogs for the night. Meet at kennel area; be ready to go to dorm.

Saturday, October 3

- 6:30 pm - 8:00 am Breakfast at Moses 4-H Dining Hall
- 8:00 am Opening Ceremonies – Mallary Arena 1
- 9:00am - 12:00noon Fitting and Showmanship Event – Mallary Arena 1
- 11:30am - 1:15 pm Lunch at Moses 4-H Dining Hall
- 1:15pm – 4:30 pm Fitting and Showmanship Event (continued)
Quiz Bowl – Mallary Arena 1- Immediately following Showmanship Event
Agility Fun Match – Mallary Arena 1- Immediately following Quiz Bowl
- 5:00pm - 7:00 pm Dinner at Moses 4-H Dining Hall
- 7:00 pm Agility – Mallary Arena 1
- 9:30 pm Finish preparing dogs for the night. Meet at kennel area; be ready to go to dorm.

Sunday, October 4

- 6:30pm - 8:00am Breakfast at Moses 4-H Dining Hall
- 8:30am-12:30 pm Obedience Event – Mallary Arena 1
- 11:30am – 1:15 pm Lunch at Moses 4-H Dining Hall
- 1:30pm – 3:00 pm Obedience Event (continued) – Mallary Arena 1
Fun Classes, time permitting
- 3:30 pm Awards and Closing Ceremonies – Mallary Arena 1
- 5:00 pm Release Time

Schedule is subject to change

MEAL TIMES

- 6:30 pm - 8:00 am Breakfast
- 11:30am – 1:15 pm Lunch
- 5:00pm - 7:00 pm Dinner

4-H CAMPER POLICY:

1. Camper spaces are reserved for those serving in an official capacity with their state 4-H program at The Big E. Each state will provide to ESE the names and responsibilities of each person they are requesting receive a camper space reservation. This one list from each state will be provided to the Agriculture office by August 15 of each year. If not postmarked or received by August 15, ESE reserves the right to use these spaces for other purposes. The following methods of communication are acceptable:

- a. US Mail ESE Ag Office 1305 Memorial Ave W.Spfld, MA 01089
- b. Email aginfo@thebige.com

Please Note: Lists will not be accepted via the telephone!

2. Camper spaces in the Mallery Agriculture Complex area and the area designated for the 4H Horse Committee are assessed a \$10 per camper per night fee.
3. Spaces reserved for the 4H Horse Committee in the Horse Show Camper Lot will be allocated by the 4-H Horse Committee Chair.
4. No cars, trucks or other non-camper vehicles are allowed to be used as overnight accommodations on the grounds of The Big E. Any vehicles used in this manner will be towed.
5. More information is available regarding the availability of camper parking spaces for parents and non-official personnel in our public parking lot. For specific information regarding public parking camping and pricing, please email us at aginfo@thebige.com.
 - a. Members, chaperones, parents or club leaders not serving in an official capacity are encouraged to contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908 regarding camper space availability in Lot 9. **RESERVATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**
 - b. Eastern States Exposition does not encourage the use of tents due to their possible placement near moving vehicles in our public parking lot. Persons wishing to use canvas-sided/pop-up/tent campers must tell the Parking Attendant upon entering the parking area so they may be directed to the designated areas. For specific information, please contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908.
 - c. No tents are allowed in the Mallery Agriculture Complex parking area.
 - d. Any persons using canvas-sided/pop-up/tent-type campers will be required to sign a waiver accepting all responsibility for any theft, safety and/or personal liability.
 - e. Management reserves the right to refuse access, and is not responsible for accidents or personal loss, injury or damages to any property.
 - f. Space is reserved upon receipt of payment and signed Camper Reservation Form. (your check must accompany the registration form) By signing the Camper Reservation Form the individual agrees to assume all risks. (SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED)

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SEE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS)

- Fairgrounds in general
In the case of a major emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones are to report to the front lawn of their respective state buildings along the Avenue of States and remain there until released by the 4-H Dormitory Supervisor.
- Mallery Complex and New England Center
In case of emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones participating in activities in the Mallery Complex or New England Center should follow the instruction of Eastern States Exposition personnel or staff given through announcements and stay in a group with their volunteer leaders.

▶ **Emergency contact telephone numbers**

- **800-639-2908 or 413-737-2443 and ask for Agriculture Office**
- **413-205-5011 Agriculture Department Secretary**
- **413-205-5185 Moses Dormitory Office**
- **413-205-5250 First Aid**
- **413-205-5152 Lost People**
- **413-205-5253 and 5254 Big E Security—24 Hour**

Evacuation Plan for Animals on Exhibition at the Eastern States Exposition

If an event should occur on the Exposition Grounds that would require the evacuation or removal of animals being exhibited or shown under the control of the Agricultural Department of the Eastern States Exposition, the following guidelines should be implemented to assist in the timely and orderly evacuation of these animals.

1. The Director of Agriculture and Education of the Exposition will notify the Security Department that a situation exists that would require the evacuation of some or all of the animals on the Exposition grounds.
2. Upon notification from the Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education, a Seasonal Police supervisor will be dispatched to the Agricultural Department office located in the Mallary Complex, or other location as directed, to act as a liaison between the Seasonal Police and the Agriculture Department Director.
3. This supervisor at the direction of the Agricultural Department will establish a central location where the Agricultural Department exhibitors will standby to be transported or escorted off grounds to off grounds parking so vehicles to be used to transport the animals off grounds may be rapidly returned to the Exposition grounds to be loaded out.
4. If the animals need to be removed immediately from the buildings they are to be housed in the Coliseum. The Security Department will provide officers to secure the route to this location and assist in isolating the Coliseum once the animals are moved. Removal of animals from the building will proceed under the Direction of the West Springfield Fire Department.
5. The Security Department shall provide all available vehicles to transport drivers or escort vehicles to retrieve trailers from off ground locations.
6. A Seasonal Police supervisor shall accompany the vehicles to the off grounds location to assist in assembling a convoy of vehicles to be escorted back to the Exposition grounds for loading.
7. Should the disposal of animal remains be necessary the Director of Agriculture, will work with R G Webster Enterprises and the MDAR(Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources) to assure that this is done in a timely manner.
8. All operations shall continue until directed by the Director of Agriculture to suspend the operation.

Quarantine Plan for Animals on Exhibition at the Eastern States Exposition.

Should the MDAR (Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources) determine that a mass quarantine needs to take place at the Exposition?

The Director of Agriculture will follow all directives issued by MDAR, and acting with the assistance of the Seasonal Security secures the quarantine area and proceed to set up care of all quarantined animals.

