

Dog Skillathon 2022 Study Guide

*Exhibitors will participate in a livestock skillathon for the species they plan to exhibit at the fair. This study guide includes all topics an exhibitor **might** be tested on. Youth will only be tested on a portion of these items. Example questions are given to help study but may not be the same questions asked.*

Be sure to bring your completed project book and show up in proper show dress code as stated in the Jr. Fair rule book for your species.

STATION 1 – Project Book & Interview and Dress Code

Present your completed project book to the judge. The judge will review your record and award points for completion. You will also be asked a series of questions based on the project you are taking. All questions are based on the Dog Resource Handbook.

Examples of the types of questions you may be asked can be found online at <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/dog/dog-resources>. Individuals must dress in the appropriate dress code as listed in the Jr. Fair Rule Book for your species market or showmanship exhibition.

STATION 2 - Grooming

Participants will be asked questions related to the grooming of their animals and the tools use, such as brushes, combs, nail clippers, etc. To prepare, review Chapter 4 of the Dog Resource Handbook.

STATION 3 – Skillathon Kit Knowledge – Types of Toplines and Legs

In this station, participants be asked to identify the different types of topline and legs in dogs, such as camel back, knuckled over feet, etc. Review pages 26-28 of your Dog Resource Handbook to prepare.

STATION 4 – Skills Knowledge – Showmanship Best Practices

You will be asked questions about how to prepare your dog for showmanship. Review Chapter 11 of your Dog Resource Handbook to prepare.

STATION 5 – Dog Health

You will be asked questions related to the health management of your dog, such as identifying common diseases. Information on this station can be found in Chapter 16 of your Dog Resource Handbook

TIE BREAKER: Skeletal System

This station is optional and will only be used to break a tie. You will be asked to identify parts of the skeletal system. A diagram of this system can be found on page 132 of your Dog Resource Handbook.