

INDIANA 4-H DOG SHOWMANSHIP COMMENT SHEET

Name _____ Exhibitor # _____

County _____ Class _____ Breed Exhibited As _____ Placing _____

**All Go
Round/
Entrance**

Dog not on Mat _____ Crowding _____ Dog Uncontrolled _____
 Dangling Leash _____ Improper Eye Contact _____ Lacks Smoothness _____
 Dog on Wrong Side _____ Improper Speed/Gait _____ Other _____
 Fails to Show Dog _____

Comments:

**Line Up
&
Stack**

Dog not on Mat _____ Crowding _____ Dog Uncontrolled _____
 Dangling Leash _____ Fails to Show _____ Incorrect Presentation _____
 Dog on Wrong Side _____ Handler Inattentive:
 To Dog _____ To Judge _____ Blocks Judges View _____
 Inefficient Set-up _____ Dog Inattentive _____ Other _____
 Fails to Show Dog _____

Comments:

**Individual
Stack
&
Exam
Of Dog**

Dog not Groomed _____ Excessive Tartar _____ Head Uncontrolled _____
 Shyness or Aggression _____ Eye Matter _____ Dirty Ears _____ Improper Weight _____
 Incorrect Show of Bite _____ Untrimmed Nails _____ Incorrect Equipment _____
 Feet not Repositioned _____ Coat not Repositioned _____ Other _____
 Incorrect Presentation _____ Inefficient Set-up _____
 Fails to Show Dog _____

Comments:

**Individual
Gait**

Dog not on Mat _____ Wrong Pattern _____ Dog Uncontrolled _____
 Dangling Leash _____ Improper Eye Contact _____ Leash in Wrong Hand _____
 Dog on Wrong Side _____ Poor Stand After Gait _____ Stopped too Close to Judge _____
 Turns not Smooth _____ Improper Speed/Gait _____ Other _____
 Fails to Show Dog _____ Incorrect Use of Bait _____

Comments:

**Appearance
& Attitude
of Handler**

Improper Hair _____ Inappropriate Talking _____ Lacks Showmanship Finesse _____
 Improper Shoes _____ Handler not Courteous _____ Lack of Knowledge of
 Improper Clothing _____ Lacks Team Appearance _____ Ring Procedure _____
 Poor Posture _____ Unsportsmanlike _____ Other _____
 Neglects to Achieve
 Economy of Motion _____

Comments:

**All Go
Round/
Exit**

Dog not on Mat _____ Crowding _____ Dog Uncontrolled _____
 Dangling Leash _____ Improper Eye Contact _____ Lacks Smoothness _____
 Dog on Wrong Side _____ Improper Speed/Gait _____ Other _____
 Fails to Show Dog _____

Comments:

Penalties

Checks in this section indicate a major placement reduction: Rules Violation _____
 Disciplining _____ Fouling Ring _____ Double Handling _____ Leaving Ring _____

NOTE: This comment sheet is to be used in improving your proficiency at showmanship handling. The quantity of marks **does not** relate to the severity of deviation of the "perfect showman, but is a guide to a flawless performance.