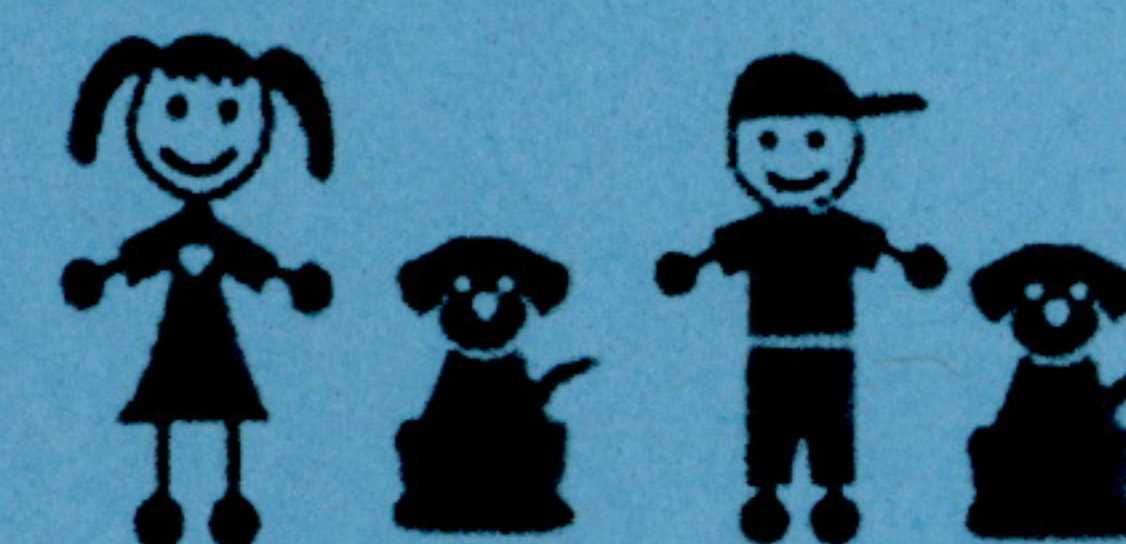


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PRE-JR. & JR. SHOWMANSHIP RULES



*First Showmanship Class Held;
September 4, 1978 in Port Allen, LA*

PRE-JR. SHOWMANSHIP

The Pre-Jr. class may have both girls and boys showing together as one class or in case of a large number of entries, it may be split into two classes; one for girls and one for boys.

- ❖ Girls/Boys 7 years or younger may enter.
- ❖ NALC registered dogs of any shape, size, neutered or spayed may team with a child, but MUST be at least 8 weeks or older.
- ❖ No blind, deaf, or "in heat" dogs may enter.
- ❖ An adult MUST accompany the child.
- ❖ A properly fitted slip collar (slip collar being single length with two rings, one ring at each end) and a short, soft leash is best.
- ❖ In the family's show packet, there will be an armband number.
- ❖ The armband should be worn on the child's upper left arm.

Ring Etiquette

When the child's class is called, go to the designated area to be checked-in for pre-class line-up.

- ❖ Enter the ring only when instructed to do so. The child and his/her dog, along with the adult, will follow the ring steward or judge's directions.
- ❖ Lead the dog on the child's left side. The adult will stay on the child's right side.

The child, the Catahoula and the adult will be asked to circle the ring 2 or 3 times then stop and have the Catahoula stand for inspection. The judge may talk to the child, asking the child's name and the name of his/her dog while examining the dog. The child may then be asked to take the dog across the ring and come back to the judge. The adult must walk along. After examining each dog, the judge may ask everyone to circle the ring one more time, at which time all entries will be declared FIRST PLACE WINNERS and each will receive a small trophy or ribbon. All entries will then be photographed as 1st place winners in the designated area.

Disqualification

A judge may remove any unruly dog for the safety of the other participants.

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JR. SHOWMANSHIP

These classes are held in order for a young handler to learn while competing with his/her own age group.

Classes

Girls

8 to 12 years old

13 to 16 years old

Boys

8 to 12 years old

13 to 16 years old

Entries

NALC registered Catahoulas 3 months or older of any shape, size, neutered or spayed may be shown in these classes. Blind or deaf dogs may not be shown. "In heat" females may be shown. They must wear a well fitted dog diaper.

- ❖ Pre-registration is best.
- ❖ Pick up your show packet at the sign-in table.
- ❖ Entering the day of show is possible; although the fee is higher.
- ❖ Wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

In the show packet there will be an armband number. Check the back side of the number to see if all of the information is correct. If it is not, return the armband to the check-in table for correction. The armband should be worn on the child's upper left arm.

Equipment

- ❖ A properly fitted slip collar. (slip collar being single length with two rings, one ring at each end)
- ❖ A soft leash, a comfortable length to handle.
- ❖ A small brush or cloth may be used to groom the Catahoula in the pre-class line-up.
- ❖ Grooming equipment is **NEVER** used inside a show ring.

Ring Etiquette

- ❖ When your class is called, go to the designated area to be checked-in for pre-class line-up.
- ❖ Adult help may stay with the entry until he/she enters the ring. No adults will be allowed in the ring unless advised by the judge.
- ❖ Enter the ring only when instructed to do so while leading the dog on your left side. (Dogs will be on the inside of the ring.) Travel counter-clockwise with your right side near the ring.
- ❖ Be courteous to the other class participants.
- ❖ Keep some space between the dog and the handler in front of and behind you.

Participation

After everyone is in the ring, the ring steward will leave. The judge may ask the entries to circle the ring 2 or 3 times and then to stop. Next, the judge will ask each entry to walk or trot his/her dog across the ring and back. The judge will then ask that you again move the dogs around the ring for his/her observation. Afterwards, the judge will examine each dog. Follow the judge's instructions.

- ❖ This is NOT a conformation class and the judge is NOT looking for the perfect Catahoula.
- ❖ The judge is looking for a TEAM.
- ❖ If you have practiced together at home, it will show up in the ring.
- ❖ A Catahoula that handles and responds well will make showing him/her a lot of fun.
- ❖ Make sure your dog is well groomed.
- ❖ Presentation is the key to this competition. You may move your dog to make its stance look better to the judge.
- ❖ Maintain eye contact with the judge as much as possible.
- ❖ SMILE and look enthusiastic. This will let the judge know that you enjoy showing off your Catahoula.
- ❖ Most of all, enjoy the competition, be a good sport, and have FUN.

Awards

- ❖ First time entries receive a plaque with a place tag. All others will receive a winner or participation tag which should be added to their showmanship plaque.
- ❖ ALL entries will have their pictures taken. Please go to the designated area.

Champion Classes

First place winners in both of the girls' classes will re-enter the ring and compete for Jr. Showmanship Champion Girl and Reserve Champion Girl.

First place winners in both of the boys' classes will re-enter the ring and compete for Jr. Showmanship Champion Boy and Reserve Champion Boy.

All Champions will then receive another winner's tag and be photographed again. Please return to the designated area.

Disqualification

A judge has the right to disqualify any dog and/or handler for a lack of control or for a dog's unruliness. A judge may also disqualify a handler for unsportsmanlike conduct.

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On February 24, 2001, NALC's first *Teen Jr. Showmanship Judge*, Valerie Matvejs judged the NALC-FL showmanship event in Chiefland, FL. Her *Adult Advisor* was John Giles, FL.

To Be A Showmanship Judge:

To qualify: A teen must be 16 to 19 years old.

- ❖ *Must have shown in 6 NALC sanctioned Jr. Showmanship events (Pre-Jr. classes will not count).*
- ❖ *Must have won one first place win tag.*
- ❖ *Must have won either a Champion Girl/Boy or Reserve Champion Girl/Boy tag.*
- ❖ *Must have been a ring steward and/or helper for a Pre-Jr. Showmanship event.*

- *The first time judging will be with an Adult Advisor.*
- *The second time judging will be on your own in the ring – with Advisor nearby.*
- *After qualifying and judging 2 shows, an **NALC Judge's Certificate** will be awarded.*
- *When judging, an appreciation plaque will be awarded.*
- *Proper dress and manners will be required.*

To judge a Jr. Showmanship event: The above qualifications must be submitted to the NALC office – in writing – 30 days prior to a show. Please NOTE: Do not send letters to the show's secretary. In the event there is more than one qualified Jr. Teen judge, NALC reserves the right to assign judging duties.

Remember: You are NALC's future!