



DOG SHOW DO's & DON'Ts for SPECTATORS with DOGS



We welcome you to watch the many exciting events at the Rose City Classic, but please observe dog show rules of etiquette so you and your dog do not distract the competing dogs.

- Do enjoy yourself! Try to spend time in all parts of the building. If this is your first dog show, keep in mind that there are four types of competition:
 - **Agility** – Obstacle course for dogs- dogs judged on speed and accuracy – E Hall
 - **Obedience** – Contest of dog's trainability and focus. Dogs perform heeling, retrieving, jumping, recalls, stays, etc. – E Hall
 - **Rally** – Fun new sport that combines aspects of Agility and Obedience – E Hall
 - **Conformation** – Purebred dogs judged on how they compare to breed standard – D Hall
- You can pick up a schedule of the rings and times at the Superintendent's booth in D Hall
- Don't be afraid to ask questions but take care not to cause distractions for dogs in the ring
- Keep your dog on a short leash and be aware of what your dog is doing at all times. If you have a retractable lead, keep it locked at a short length.
- If your dog is overly excited and is barking, jumping, etc., then the atmosphere is probably too stimulating for him/her, and you should take your dog home for his best interest and the best interest of other dogs at the event.
- Be mindful of your dog when in congested areas and try to avoid congestion if possible. Please be particularly careful in those areas where the competition dogs are waiting/warming up. Also, please avoid standing near the entrances to rings.
- We welcome you to watch the competitions, but please keep your dog away from the ring barriers to avoid distracting the competing dogs.
- Always ask permission from owners before petting a strange dog and instruct your children to ask permission before petting a dog.
- Do not allow your dog to run up to or visit with other dogs. Competitors are trying to keep their dogs focused on them.
- If your dog has an accident, please clean it up. If your dog relieves itself outside the show building, please pick up and deposit waste in a trash can.
- Be sure to visit the main AKC booth in the Conformation area where you can buy souvenirs or get more information on dog shows, dog breeds, dog breeders, dog politics, etc.