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Media Advisory

Who will be top dog?: Arapahoe County Fair opens with Dog Show

From Basset Hounds to Saint Bernards, come and watch young 4-H Club pet owners and their pooches strut their stuff for top honors at the Arapahoe County Fair Dog Show, Saturday July 17. The dog show kicks off this year's annual County Fair, which hosts several 4-H completion events from July 17 through August 1, including a Fashion Revue, horse show, rabbit show, home economics competition, and livestock show and barbecue. Admission to the 4-H completion events is free.

"We're thrilled to provide an opportunity for local children to showcase their talents to the public, and receive prizes and recognition for their work," said Dale Edwards, Director of the Colorado University Cooperative Extension for Arapahoe County. "4-H Clubs are a valuable way for youth age 8 to 18 to learn new skills, and we think the public will be surprised at the standards that these youngsters set for themselves and achieve."

Show exhibitors are bona fide 4-H members in Arapahoe County, at least 8 years of age and not older than 19 as of January 1, 2004. There are several photography / video opportunities for the media during July. For more information, contact Katrina Seymour at 303-636-1945:

When: Saturday July 17, 9 a.m.

Where: Arapahoe County Multipurpose building, 5814 S. Datura, Littleton

What: **Arapahoe County Dog Show.** 4-H members and their four-legged friends compete for obedience and showmanship awards. Various dog breeds will be put through their paces running, jumping, heeling and retrieving, and may include Basset Hounds, Bernese Mountain dogs, Bull Mastiffs, Bloodhounds, Cardigan Welsh Corgis Clumber Spaniels, Daschunds, French Bulldogs, Great Danes, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain dogs, Irish Wolfhounds, Labradors, Mastiffs, Newfoundlands, Saint Bernards, Skye Terriers. Admission is free.

When: Wednesday July 21, 7 p.m.
Where: Castlewood Grange Hall, 7275 S. Lima, Englewood
What: **Arapahoe County Fashion Revue.** Watch budding 4-H Club designers parade their creations for fashion awards in various categories, including clothing construction, creative sewing, ‘Decorate your Duds’, leather craft, and wearable Heritage Arts. Admission is free.

When: Friday July 23 and Saturday July 24, 9 a.m.
Where: Quint Valley Fairgrounds, Byers
What: **Arapahoe County Horse Show.** 4-H horse-owners will saddle up to be tested on their equine knowledge, skills and showmanship in the English Horse Show and Gymkhana on Friday, and the Halter and Western Show on Saturday. Friday’s show will also feature cattle events, including steer daubing, breakaway calf roping, and working cow horse skills. Admission is free.

When: Wednesday July 28, 2 p.m.
Where: Arapahoe County Multipurpose building, 5814 S. Datura, Littleton
What: **Arapahoe County Home Economics and General Show.** 4-H members have prepared a smorgasbord of exhibit items for this show, including clothing, and clothing construction exhibits, quilting, spinning, weaving, knitting, and macramé; food and nutrition exhibits, pies, preservation, cake decorating, model craft, astronomy and geology. Admission is free.

When: Thursday July 29, noon
Where: Arapahoe County Multipurpose building, 5814 S. Datura, Littleton
What: **Arapahoe County Rabbit Show.** Hop to it—4-H members are putting various breeds of their furry friends on display to win prizes for rabbit showmanship, including Californian, Dutch, New Zealand, Satin, French-Lop, Mini-Lop and Rex purebreds, and other buck and doe crossbreeds. Admission is free.

When: From 6 p.m. on Friday July 30, through Sunday August 1
Where: Jockey Club grounds, Deer Trail
What: **Arapahoe County Livestock Show and BBQ.** The Grand Finale weekend. Friday includes a swine show and dairy goat milk-out. Saturday’s event features market beef, poultry, sheep, goats and swine on show, as 4-H members compete for Grand Champion prizes sponsored by local banks and grocery stores. On Sunday, the youth will be responsible for auctioning their livestock at an afternoon sale, following a mid-morning barbecue. \$6 admission fee for the barbecue.

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