

Lesson 1: Gaiting and Stacking

- When the judge gives you the signal, enter the ring and move your dog at its natural gait around ring counter-clockwise once then stop to line up and stack dogs
- First person in the line always asks the rest of the line “Are you ready?” before starting
- Dogs will be in order of fastest to slowest gaits
- Stack- set your dog up so the judge gets a side view of the dog. Start with the front legs, then the hind legs, hold the head high to make the dog look alert with the show lead or holding head with your right hand- hand should be hidden from the judge. Some breeds need their tail held up.
- You are always allowed to stack your dog in 4-H; Dogs do not have to free stack
- You stand when stacking big dogs; You kneel when stacking small dogs.