

DOGS

ALL DOG 4-H MEMBERS: Turn in the Dog Record Sheet (4-H-390-W) for this project.

*The Pulaski County Dog Club, also known as Pulaski County Paw Prints, is an active 4-H Club which meets each month. Paw Prints organizes each year at their **February** meeting. During this meeting, the following officers are elected – (From our Senior Members) President, Vice President, (From our Intermediate and Senior Members) Secretary, Treasurer, and Health & Safety.*

SPECIAL NOTE: Effective January 1, 2008 – The 4-H Council adopted positive reinforcement training methods for the dog project. Negative reinforcement training methods (i.e. ear pinching, dog bopping, or acts causing discomfort towards dogs to reinforce training methods) will not be tolerated during training sessions, matches, or shows. Individuals witnessed performing negative reinforcements will be asked to leave event. Competition and completion status of the dog project will be at the discretion of the dog leadership and the Extension Educator.

GENERAL RULES:

1. A dog being shown in the dog obedience project must belong to the exhibitor or to a member of the immediate family **or household**. The dog must have been so owned on or before March 1st of the year of the show. This does not pertain to 1 year novice training for the Blind Dog Project under a recognized school program.
2. **As of 2013, Dogs no longer need to reside in the 4-H member's home, but they must be owned by an immediate family member.**
3. A dog must be born prior to January 1st of the show year to compete at the county show, unless prior arrangements have been made regarding the puppy class.
4. For the first year class, any boy, girl, or dog who has had obedience training prior to January 1st must notify training leaders prior to training sessions.
5. The parent and 4-H member should attend meetings. A great deal of information is discussed at training sessions as well as the regular monthly club meetings. We encourage parents to become active within the club.
6. Project books are required to complete the project and are due by judging day.
7. Appropriate dress is required for matches, shows, and training sessions. Shorts should be appropriate length, no midriff or cleavage is to be shown. Tennis shoes are required for all practices and shows. (No flip-flops or crocs allowed.) Showmanship attire should follow the state issued showmanship guidelines.
8. Each member is responsible for their own dog. The 4-H member **MUST** clean up any mess made by their dog. **DO NOT** feed your dog within four (4) hours of training. When you arrive at the training session, take your dog for an exercise walk before joining the work area.
9. Female dogs in season should come to training class. Leaders need to be aware of the dog prior to removing the dog from the car. During the County 4-H Show, the County Leader **MUST** be made aware of female dogs in season. These dogs will show last and will not be allowed near the ring until the end of the show. **NOTE:** **Female dogs in season can NOT show at other matches throughout the year or at the STATE FAIR.** We encourage you to spay or neuter your dogs if they are not meant for breeding.
10. Members must make every attempt to attend training sessions to be eligible to compete at the county show. **To show in Agility, a dog must attend at least 2 practices for safety reasons.** Members must complete the 4-H Dog Project to be eligible for State Fair competition. Any county completed member may attend State Fair competition with proper paperwork.
11. Training sessions will last approximately one hour, based on how the training class is going. Some classes may need extra time. Extra time will be required once showmanship and agility are added to training classes.
12. 4-H members with two dogs will have the opportunity to stay and work with the second dog with another class.

13. Parents are encouraged to observe all training classes.
14. A dog previously trained and shown in 4-H by one member and is now being shown by another member must compete in the last class completed by the dog.
15. Siblings may show the same dog in the same division for obedience and agility but must be in different age divisions for showmanship. (County Only)
16. A 4-H member may repeat the following classes with the same 4-H dog exhibition only: 1A, 1B, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A.
17. If a member is incapable of showing his/her dog because of a broken leg, illness, etc., another 4-H member may show the dog, but will only receive a green ribbon regardless of the dog's placing.
18. Dogs may only be shown in one division. Dogs can be moved to a higher division, but never to a lower division.
19. Dogs are not permitted into **ANY** of the livestock buildings or tents during the fair. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE GROUNDS.
20. Declaration of a class being shown will be June 1st of every year and will be documented on the vet sheets at that time.

DOG HEALTH REGULATIONS:

Indiana law requires rabies vaccinations to be administered by a licensed veterinarian. If home vaccination is done for the other 4-H mandatory inoculations, you must have the receipt of purchase and the label from the vial(s) attached to the Certificate of Completion of Indiana 4-H Requirements for Exhibition of Dog. (4-H-671-W) Leptospirosis and Bordetella must be given annually. When using 3 year vaccines all paperwork must be accumulated and maintained by the 4-Her for the 3 year period.

1. By the first training class, each member must bring the required *Certificate of Completion of Indiana 4-H Requirements for Exhibition of Dog (4-H-671-W)* that is signed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian which indicates the vaccinations that each animal was given.
2. Dogs must be parasite free (including fleas and ticks).
3. No dog may be exhibited showing any signs of aggression or symptoms of a communicable disease.
4. All dogs **MUST** be vaccinated for:
 - a. Rabies – 1 year or 3 year
 - b. DHPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus) - 1 year or 3 year
 - c. Leptospirosis – annual
 - d. Bordetella (Kennel Cough) – annual
5. The Pulaski County 4-H Dog Club (Pulaski Paw Prints) and the Board of Animal Health recommends, but not does not require that:
 - a. Exhibitors test their dogs that are six (6) months of age and older for heart worms. It is recommended that dogs testing positive for heart worms should not be shown. Exhibitors should implement a preventative program for heart worms for all their dogs.
 - b. Dogs have a negative fecal exam for parasites not more than thirty (30) days prior to exhibition.

MINI 4-H PROJECT: Mini 4-H Exhibitors – All previous rules apply. See Mini 4-H Manual for all project requirements.