

# DOG

## *Manual Required (3 Activities)*

1. Exhibitors in the 4-H Dog project may choose one or all of the following options to complete: 1) train a dog through the 4-H dog obedience classes and show that dog in the 4-H Dog Show, 2) exhibit a dog poster with information pertinent to the dog project, or 3) present an action demonstration at the dog poster judging. Options #2 and #3 are due in the 4-H Building on judging day (see schedule).
2. Refer to the current year's 4-H Dog Project outline for specific details about the Dog Show, project requirements and policies.
3. Project manuals are determined by the member's grade level in the current 4-H year: Level 1 (grades 3-5), Level 2 (grades 6-8), and Level 3 (grades 9-12). Project manuals can be obtained through the Extension Office. The completed dog project manual must be turned in on or before July 1 to the Extension Office.
4. Obedience training levels are determined by the level of experience: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, Veterans (see the 4-H Dog Project outline for specific details).
5. Showmanship levels are determined by the member's grade level in the current 4-H year: Junior (grades 3-5), Intermediate (grades 6-8), Senior (grades 9-12) and Master (current years' winners from Junior, Intermediate and Senior).
6. Rally levels are determined by the level of experience: Novice, Advanced, and Excellent. The rules are adapted from AKC Rally rules.
7. The Top Dog Award will be presented to the 4-H member with the highest number of total points who has participated in all activities: Manual (100 points possible), Poster (100 points possible), Dog Show/Obedience (200 points possible), Dog Show/Showmanship (200 points possible), Dog Show/Rally (100 points possible). Total maximum points=700. No premiums paid for this award.
8. Poster exhibits must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

## **Dog Show- Obedience and Showmanship**

1. Entry forms and manuals must be turned in to the Extension Office by July 1.
2. 4-H members may show in any or all of the following: Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, and Costume. 4-H members must participate in the dog obedience classes to participate in the Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, or Costume classes.
3. Dogs must be owned or leased by March 1st and must be six months old by the first obedience class. There is no maximum age.

4. A current Dog Vaccination form is due to the superintendent by the first dog obedience class. After the first class, dogs without a vaccination form will not participate until the form is received.
5. A 4-H dog may not be exhibited or trained if showing symptoms of any communicable disease.
6. Dogs with previous obedience training will be placed in a level of obedience training at the discretion of the trainers.
7. Female dogs in season may not participate in training session or at the fair during the heat period.
8. Wolf-Hybrid dogs cannot be shown in the 4-H Dog Program.
9. Any 4-H member wishing to participate in the 4-H Dog Show at the State Fair should contact the superintendent for exhibit information.
10. Proper attire is required and determined by the temperature on the day of the Dog Show (no blue jeans, t-shirts, or high heels/open toe shoes). Girls: shirt/blouse, cropped pants/knee length shorts. Boys: shirt, khaki pants/knee length shorts. (See 4-H Dress Code.)
11. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be given in each level.

### **Costume Contest**

1. 4-H members may choose their own costume theme and will participate as one class.
2. Judging is based on creativity of dog and 4-H member together with safety and comfort of animal taken into consideration.
3. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded. No premiums are paid.