

DOG RULES

DOG CLUB LEADERS: Tracy and Terri Williamson

Advisory Committee: Mike Arvay, Vanessa Arvay, Stacey Donato, Heidi Moon, and dog project leaders.

4-H Helpers: Club Officers

Curriculum – 4-H Dog Resource Handbook (1 per family)

4-H DOG PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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1. Dogs being entered in the 4-H Dog Project **MUST** have a current Certification of Vaccination Form (Form 4H 671) completed by their veterinarian and turned in to the dog project leader before participating in dog club training, events or activities.
2. Dogs being entered into the 4-H Dog Project must be owned by the exhibitor or a member of his/her immediate family and/or household by March 1st. Dogs must be at least 16 weeks of age prior to March 1st of the current year to be entered into the Dog Project. 4-H project dogs are expected to be in the personal possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns them from the animal enrollment deadline until the conclusion of the County and/or State Fair.
3. If a 4-H member is interested in participating in the dog project, but does not own a dog, contact the Cass County dog project leader, before March 1st, for the possibility of fostering a dog in conjunction with A Cause for Paws animal rescue. The dog would be required to be in the personal possession and regular care of the 4-H member registered for the dog project, from the animal enrollment deadline until the conclusion of the County and/or State Fair. Allow time to be matched with a suitable dog for the member's situation, in order to have the dog in place before March 1st.
4. All dogs must wear a well fitted slip, buckle, or martingale collar, and have a leash that is 6 ft. long made of leather or cloth to be exhibited in any 4-H Dog Show or Match. While head halters and prong collars are useful training tools, they are not permitted in the show ring. (No tags are allowed on the collar while the dog is being shown or during training.)
5. Excessive and/or inhumane treatment of a 4-H dog by an exhibitor and/or family member will be grounds for immediate disqualification from the show, and training session in which the incident occurs. Other disciplinary actions may be taken in accordance to 4-H rules and regulations governing livestock projects.
6. In order to compete at the Cass County 4-H dog show, and subsequently at the Indiana State Fair dog show, 4-H members must turn in to the dog project leader a completed Certificate of Vaccination Form (Form 4H 671), a copy of the Rabies Immunization Certificate provided by your veterinarian, and complete written confirmation of entry information (provided by dog project leader) by June 1st of the show year. After the June 1st deadline, the member may complete the project by returning the Dog Record (4-H-390-W) by the project completion deadline, but may not participate in the county or state dog shows.
7. Completion of the dog project is attained by completing and returning to the dog project leader the Dog Record (4-H-390-W). The deadline for returning this form to the dog project leader is the day of the Cass County 4-H Dog Show. The Dog Record (4-H-390-W) will be accepted as early as the June business meeting.
8. **DRESS CODE FOR EXHIBITING AND SELLING 4-H LIVESTOCK:** 4-H'ers should dress appropriately for the 4-H livestock shows and 4-H livestock auction. Appropriate dress includes being neat and clean, no midriff showing, no shoulders showing, and no sandals. Commercial advertisement of names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing, is prohibited. No low cut shirts or short shorts, no tank tops, no cleavage showing and no cracks showing. Violations could be subject to animal/4-H'er dismissal from class.

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9. It is recommended that members attend at least 9 training sessions and 4 business meetings to be considered ready to exhibit their dog in the County Fair Dog Show.
10. A dog may be used by only one 4-H member to complete the dog project in any given 4-H membership year. Dogs may be shown by only one 4-H member.
11. A member may show more than one dog so long as they are entered into separate classes. A 4-H member may enter only one dog in the State Fair.
12. A dog shown by a member for another dog club member **will be given only a green participation ribbon regardless of the dog's placing.**
13. All dogs must be crated or on leash unless showing or otherwise instructed.
14. Only dogs currently entered in the Cass County Dog Project may be in attendance at the County Show or any dog club training or event. All dogs visiting a training session or business meeting or any dog club event must have prior permission from the leader and present current vaccination history before the visit.
15. Female dogs in season will be shown last at the County Dog Show. It is requested that in season females be kept downwind of the exhibiting area until it is their time to show so not to disrupt other exhibitors. **IN SEASON FEMALES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT THE STATE FAIR.**
16. Any member wishing to compete for TOP DOG must take a written test given at the June Business Meeting. Taking the test prior to the meeting in June is permitted. It will not be permitted to take the test after the June Business Meeting.
17. All 4-H members are required to clean up after their dogs. Pooper scoopers are available, waste should be deposited in the proper containers. Any 4-H member found not cleaning up after their dog may be disqualified from the County Show.
18. Anything not covered here will be deferred to the Indiana State Dog Project rules and regulations. **Any special problems or infractions will be handled by the Advisory Committee/Leaders under the guidelines of the 4-H rules and regulations.**
19. For rules and regulations regarding Obedience and Showmanship please visit: www.akc.org

The following classes will be available for judging at the Cass County 4-H Dog Show.

There are no awards presented for exhibition only classes.

OBEDIENCE:

1. Class 1A (Score Sheet # 4-H 498)

For 4-H'ers with no previous formal dog training experiences with a dog which has received no obedience training prior to January 1 of current year. (repeatable for exhibition only)

2. Class 1B (Score Sheet # 4-H 580)

For 4-H'ers with previous dog training experience, (including showing in 1A) or for 4-H'ers with no experience whose dogs have had training which disqualifies them for 1A. (repeatable for exhibition only)

3. Class 2A (Score Sheet # 4-H 499)

For 4-H'ers and dogs which have completed 1A or 1B. (repeatable for exhibition only)

4. Class 2B (Score Sheet # 4-H 712)

For 4-H'ers and dogs which have completed 2A. (may repeat until ready for 3A)



5. Class 3A (Score Sheet # 4-H 500 A)

For 4-H'ers and dogs which have mastered Class 2 work. (repeatable for exhibition only)

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6. Class 3B (Score Sheet # 4-H 500 B)

For 4-H'ers and dogs which have been in 3A, but are not ready for Class 4 work. (may repeat)

7. Class 4A (Score Sheet # 4-H 501 A)

For 4-H'ers and dogs which have mastered Class 3 work. (repeatable for exhibition only)

8. Class 4B (Score Sheet # 4-H 501 B)

For 4-H'ers and dogs which have been in 4A, but are not ready for Class 5 work. (may repeat)

9. Class 5A (Score Sheet # 4-H 502 A)

For 4-H'ers and dogs which have mastered Class 4 work. (repeatable for exhibition only)

10. Class 5B (Score Sheet # 4-H 502 B)

For 4-H'ers and dogs which have been in 5A, but are not ready for Class 6 work. (may repeat)

11. Class 6A (Score Sheet #4-H 581 A)

For 4-H'ers and dogs which have mastered Class 5 work. (repeatable for exhibition only)

12. Class 6B (Score Sheet # 4-H 581 B)

For 4-H'ers and dogs which have been in 6-A. (may repeat)

1. Veterans - (Score sheet # 4-H 870)

For 4-H members whose dogs are at least seven (7) years-old or are physically challenged. The dog must have completed at least class 2-B in previous years. Dogs that are physically challenged must be accompanied by a letter from a veterinarian stating that the dog is unable to perform jumping and/or retrieving exercises. A dog may not be shown in any other obedience class at the county level or State Fair, once they have competed in the Veteran's Class.

SHOWMANSHIP: Any Dog showing in Showmanship must also show in Obedience.

Once you have won your class, the following year you will be in one class level higher until you reach Senior Showmanship.

1) Junior showmanship

For any 4-H member who is in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grades on January 1 of the current year.

2) Intermediate showmanship

For any 4-H member in the 6th, 7th or 8th grades on January 1 of the current year.

3) Senior showmanship

For any 4-H member in the 9th grade or above on January 1 of the current year.

Proper attire:

Girls-dress, skirt and blouse, culottes, or dress pants.

Boys-dress pants, dress shirts; (coat and tie are optional.)

Inappropriate attire:

Smooth soled boots, high heels, backless slip-on shoes, loose fitting shoes or other unsafe footwear. Any clothing considered too revealing by a Showmanship judge.

See 4-H 716-W (Indiana 4-H Dog Showmanship Guide) available through your County Extension Office

for further detail and clarity on attire, patterns, tips and judges guidelines.

A dog fouling in the ring will be placed lower in the class.

SHOWMANSHIP CRITERIA

- All Go Round/Entrance handler
- Examination of dog
- Appearance and attitude of handler
- Individual Gait
- All Go Round/Exit
- Line Up and Stack

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AGILITY: Dogs entering in Agility must also be shown in Obedience.

The 4-H Dog Agility Program is based on guidelines from the United Kennel Club. Some modifications to the UKC rules have been made to provide a program suitable for 4-H handlers of all ages.

1. Any dog entering into agility must be at least one year of age prior to March 1st of current year and have one full year of obedience training.
2. Agility section/classes will be entered as Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced and Excellence. Awards will be granted by that classification, regardless of dog size. Dogs will be measured at the first Agility training session in order to determine height requirements.
3. All dogs being shown in Agility must be shown in a flat buckle or quick release snap type collar. No tags are permitted on the collar.
4. Each class will offer four (4) divisions based on the dog's height at the withers.
 - * Toy Division – dogs up to and including 10” will jump 4” hurdles
 - * Division 1 - dogs 14" and under and will jump 8" hurdles.
 - * Division 2 - dogs over 14" through 20" will jump 14" hurdles.
 - * Division 3 - dogs over 20" will jump 20" hurdles.
 - * Veterans - veteran dogs (same criteria as for obedience) will jump heights 1 division below their actual height; except for Division 1 dogs which will jump regular height.

The Pause Table will be at the hurdle height for each division.

5. All agility work will be done on a flat, buckle collar.
 - * Beginning level A must use a six (6)-foot lead.
 - * All other levels will be off lead.
 - * Collar tags will not be allowed.
6. Scoring will be based on UKC agility rules starting with 200 points and subtracting performance faults based on a set course time. Time faults for course times exceeding the set time will be deducted by the amount in seconds over the set time. Division 1 dogs and giant breeds (refer to UKC list) will have five (5) seconds added to the set course time.
7. Agility regulations not covered by these terms and conditions will be based on the regulations of the United Kennel Club Inc., www.ukcdogs.com
8. If a dog fouls in the ring during the walk through there will be a 10 point deduction in the agility score. If a dog fouls in the ring during the scored run, it will be disqualified immediately.
10. It is highly recommended that agility participants wear tennis shoes for competition.
11. Handlers who need the aid of supporting devices (crutches, wheelchair, etc.) may request extra time for completion of the course. The amount of time allowed will be determined by the judge.
12. The Dog Project Leader may determine a dog to be unfit for agility for reasons of health and safety of the dog.



Agility Classes

The program offers four (4) levels of competition - Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced and Excellence.

The level of competition will be determined by the handler and their county leader based on the dog's ability and training.

Beginning

Class 1 - Beginning A

4-H member or dog has not previously participated in Beginning Agility. 4-Her's must use 6' leash (Not Repeatable)

Class 2 - Beginning B

4-H member or dog has participated in Agility before, either with the current dog/handler, or a different dog/handler. Exercises must be off leash. Dog should repeat Beginning B until they can perform intermediate level work.

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Intermediate (must be off leash)

Class 3 - Intermediate A

4-H member has not previously participated in Intermediate Agility. (Not Repeatable)

Class 4 - Intermediate B

4-H member has participated in Intermediate Agility before, either with the current dog, or a different dog. This Intermediate B class should be repeated until the dog can perform advanced level work.

Advanced

Class 5 – Advanced A

Member has not previously participated in Advanced Agility (not repeatable).

Class 6 – Advanced B

Member has participated in Advanced Agility before, either with the current dog or a different dog. (This class may be repeated.)

