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**CASS COUNTY 4-H
TAILWAGGERS
DOG CLUB**





The Cass County Tailwaggers 4-H Dog Club is made up of 4-H members who enroll in the 4-H dog project.

What does the dog club do?

The dog club members bring their dogs to obedience training sessions, offered twice weekly, starting in March. Some members also choose to learn showmanship. After the first year of obedience training, they can train their dogs on the agility equipment. The members are encouraged to participate in the Cass County Fair 4-H Dog Show. Several of our members will participate in the Indiana State Fair 4-H Dog Show, competing in obedience, showmanship and agility.

Other activities include:

Our business meetings, workshops, helping at county recycling days, marching in parades with their dogs (and sometimes with invisible dogs!), nursing home visits, helping at the county fair by hosting the at 4-H Community Center, demonstrations at the Mini 4-H Day Camp and at the county fair, traveling to area fun shows and clinics and our year end party. We are a busy club!

Can I be in the dog club?

If you are in 1st or 2nd grade, you can be a part of the dog club as a Mini 4-H member. Minis can come to training sessions to watch, and help if needed at training and at the county show. They can participate in club activities without their dog.

If you are in 3rd – 12th grade and your family has a dog in your home under your regular care as of March 1st of the project year, or are interested in fostering a dog through A Cause for Paws until the conclusion of the fair, you can enroll in the dog project and join the dog club. Contact the Cass County Purdue Cooperative Extension Office or Tracy & Terri Williamson (574-889-2121) for project guidelines, specific dog vaccination rules and minimum dog age requirements.

The Indiana 4-H Dog Project encourages youth to develop good character, discipline, and a feeling of self-worth while learning about canine care, responsibility, and the sport of showing dogs. It is an opportunity to train and show your dog, but it is more about the special friendship built between the dog and the youth through the daily care, training and activity time spent together. The dog project involves an investment of time and effort, but you will develop a bond with your dog that will last forever.

