

Lake County 4-H Dog Project

DO's and DON'Ts

Welcome to another year of 4-H Dog Training. Good luck and have fun with your dog!

Do's

Make sure you put the dog's choke collar on correctly. Check the internet for proper usage.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7IUaCROT9E>

Please bring LOTS of yummy SOFT treats for your dog. Cut into small pieces the size of peas. Dogs like all kinds of cheese, especially Swiss. Try hot dogs, chicken, meatballs (you can buy frozen, already cooked, in a bag, at Aldi's and Walmart.) Dogs also like Cheerios and elbow macaroni, cooked al dente. Bring several different kinds in separate dishes so you can switch if your dog becomes distracted.

Teach your dog to tug a soft toy or a ball on a string. During class, you can give your dog a break and play tug with him.

Watch your dog at all times. Make sure he is not a "rude" dog. Don't let him get in another dog's space. Some dogs may not mind, but other dogs may snap at your dog.

The most important thing you can teach your dog is to watch you. Use a clicker and cookies or a tug toy and have fun catching your dog looking at you!

Don'ts

Don't let your dog get in another dog's space. Be aware of your surroundings and move to another spot if your dog is interested in another dog, or if another dog gets too close to your dog.

Don't let your dog pull you. Turn and go in the opposite direction if your dog is pulling you. Or, you can stop and "be a tree" without moving until your dog looks at you, then you can say, "Yes" and move forward until he pulls you again.

Don't repeat commands. Make sure your dog is watching you before you give a command, and then enforce it if the dog needs help.

Don't deliver reinforcements (food) from your right hand, in front of your body. This encourages the dog to get in front of you and he could trip you. When heeling, deliver the food from your LEFT hand, the hand NEXT to the dog.