

DOG

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED and ITALICIZED!* Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS because they have changed from last year.**

The Hendricks County 4-H dog project and mission is to provide workshops and training sessions to teach members about care and training of their dog. Obedience is our main focus and a priority above any of the other disciplines offered in the project. Showmanship is highly recommended because of its added benefits to the obedience program. Agility and Drill team disciplines are options within the project when available.

<i>Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Dog</i>			
<i>Division/Level</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Completion Activities Needed*</i>	<i>Maximum State Fair Entries</i>
<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN St Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Grades 6-8</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>

****“Activities” are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Dog Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit requirements are listed below.***

We follow the guidelines/rules of the Indiana 4-H Dog Obedience manual, the Indiana 4-H Showmanship Guide #4-H- 716-W, the Indiana 4-H Agility Manual #4-H-1020-W, the Indiana State Fair 4-H Dog Show Department 411 and the General Terms and Conditions in the front of the State/County Handbook/Premium list along with our County additions listed below. Obedience Regulations not covered by these terms and conditions will be based on regulations of the American Kennel Club in Obedience and Agility Regulations not covered by these terms and conditions will be based on regulations of the American Kennel Club in Agility.

Health and Safety Terms and Conditions:

1. All 4-H'ers must have on file with the Hendricks County 4-H Dog Club the 4-H 671 ***Certificate of Indiana 4-H Requirements for Training and Exhibition of Dog (vaccination form)*** (original only; no photocopies or faxes) SIGNED BY A LICENSED, ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN indicating the dog has been vaccinated for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis and kennel cough before they can attend training classes with their dog. Dates must be included for each vaccine. All information must be completed on the vaccination certificate or the animal will be sent home. Animals that are vaccinated at home must provide an original receipt for the vaccine and attach the original receipt and the original label for the vaccine on the vet form; in addition to putting the date of the vaccination on the form. Rabies vaccinations must be given by a licensed veterinarian.
2. A vaccination shot form and Rabies certificate for the current year must be completed and turned in by July 1st or the animal will not be allowed to show in the county fair for that year.

*** Returning Members: It is your responsibility to make sure we have a current vet form and rabies certificate on files with shots that are up-to-date. When dog's shots are due for the current year, a 4-H 671 form for the current year and a rabies certificate is required (no later than July 1st).**

3. A 4-H dog may not come to class if they are showing symptoms of any communicable disease or parasites (including ticks and fleas).
4. Hendricks County has adopted the Indiana 4-H Aggressive Dog Policy. See the end of this section for full description of Policy.
5. 4-H members are responsible for the actions of their dogs. 4-H members must be able to control their dog brought to a class or show.
6. Female dogs that are "in season" will NOT be allowed to attend classes or show at the 4-H fair. These dogs should be left at home, so they do not distract other dogs and prevent the exhibitors from being able to demonstrate their true abilities. The 4-H Member is strongly encouraged to attend the training class and get the lesson for those weeks.
7. Excessive and/or inhumane treatment of a 4-H dog by a handler and/or family member will be grounds for

disqualification of the 4-H exhibitor.

8. Aisle ways and exits must be kept clear and open for emergency needs. Dogs are not allowed in the bleachers.
9. Hendricks County 4-H Dog Club Training Classes/meetings are NOT permitted off of the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds.

4-H Training and Dog Show TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. If any 4-H'er chooses not to follow the terms and conditions set forth by Hendricks County 4-H and Purdue 4-H Policies: he/she will forfeit all awards and be immediately dismissed from the dog show. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H policies, entry & exhibit requirements, State Health Requirement and Livestock General Rules.
2. All exhibitors should be enrolled in the Hendricks County 4-H Dog Obedience Project prior to participating in the 4-H Dog Show or activities related to the project. All 4-H Dog members must complete at least seven (7) activities to exhibit a dog or poster. It is highly recommended for all 4-H Dog members who plan to exhibit at the fair to attend as many practices as possible. Practices help you and your dog reach their full potential in the show ring. In addition, it allows your dog the opportunity to acclimate to its surroundings and the other dogs in the program.
3. All 4-H dog exhibitors who have pre-registered by July 1st must first report to check-in on the day of the fair. Exhibitors will receive armbands at check-in. Armbands must be worn on the left arm at all times during the show.
4. Outside of the show ring/training area, all 4-H dogs must be on leash controlled by their handler or in their crate. 4-H Dogs should remain in the general area in which they are showing or where they are crated.
5. DEADLINE – 4-H dog exhibits showing at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair MUST be pre-registered by the 4-H exhibitor no later than July 1st. Entry forms are available at training sessions and at the 4-H Extension office during the month of June.
 - a. Shot records and all paperwork INCLUDING COUNTY FAIR REGISTRATION FORMS must be finalized and on file no later than July 1st.
 - b. Must complete a project record sheet and turn it in with your Dog Project Activity Book to your Township Leader.
 - c. **Must complete seven (7) activities* in the Dog Project Activity Book** and turn into your Township **or Dog Club** Leader by their deadline date. After your activity book has been checked, you will then have the privilege of exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair.
6. In addition to the Dog Show Entry Forms, 4-H members must also identify which animal(s) and classes they intend to exhibit in during the Hendricks County 4-H Fair on the FairEntry Online system by designated date.
7. The 4-H Dog Leader's signature on 4-H 671 (certificate of vaccination) is to verify the level of obedience work, showmanship, agility and that the 4-H member completed the project level. The 4-H member may not move back to a lower class than the one they entered in previous years, with the same dog. Dogs must be born prior to January 1st of the year shown.
8. Showing and training more than one dog must be approved by the 4-H Dog Club Leader and 4-H Youth Development Educator each year and must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Must have progressed and completed the 1A, 1B and 2A Level in Dog Obedience. Progressed and completed requires to have shown a dog at the County Fair in the required classes of obedience for 3 years.
 - b. Must (annually) submit a written request to show more than one dog.
 - c. Explain in writing what dogs are going to be shown, what disciplines and classes they are going to be shown in and how the 4-H'er plans to juggle their time during classes to train each dog. During training classes (due to class sizes) only one dog may be training in each discipline per night. The opportunity to show more than one dog in the Hendricks County 4-H Dog Club is reviewed each year and the opportunity may be eliminated in any given year.
 - d. All members who show more than one dog must not enter them in the same class. They can win in each of the classes entered, but will not be allowed to win Grand & Reserve Grand in the same discipline.
9. EQUIPMENT: 4-H dogs must wear an approved well fitted slip (for obedience), buckle (for agility), or martingale (for Showmanship) collar made of leather, fabric or chain in order to participate in classes and exhibit at the 4-H fair. The leash may be made of fabric (not recommended) or leather (recommended) and must be 6' in length. The leash should be very skinny (3/8" – 1/2") so the child can gather it up in one hand. Collar tags will not be allowed in the 4-H Dog show. 4-H dogs being raised for the service dog programs are exempt from the collar tags. Head halters are useful trainings tools, and are acceptable in the 4-H training program. Prong or pinch collars may only be used IF recommended by the training staff. However, the head halter and pinch/prong collar are not acceptable show equipment.
10. A dog being shown in the dog project must belong to the exhibitor or to a member of the immediate family or

household. Ownership is waived on 4-H dogs raised for the service dog program.

11. The 4-H showmanship, agility, and or 4-H drill team dog must have been shown in an obedience class by the 4-H exhibitor at the Fair it is exhibiting in. *(Showing in obedience requires completing each section of the obedience score sheet without being disqualified.) Dogs that have been disqualified in their Obedience class are not eligible for exhibition in showmanship, agility or drill team competition. Dogs trained through 4-H for the “service dog” program are not allowed to be shown in 4-H showmanship, agility, and/or 4-H drill team competition.
12. Special problems or infractions not covered by these terms and conditions will be acted upon by the Hendricks County 4-H Dog Leader and the Extension Educator.
13. All 4-H members are required to clean up after their dog. BRING CLEAN UP BAGS TO CLASS EACH WEEK. Put the used bag in the dumpster or outside trash container. Failure to clean up after your dog may result in disqualification from the dog show or dismissal from classes.
14. Dogs must remain in the training/designated show area at all times during training nights and during the fair.
15. Decisions of the judges are final. Video cameras may be used for personal use but will not be used to dispute a judge’s decision or score.
16. Grievances must follow the procedure outlined in the terms and conditions of the Hendricks County Fair 4-H Handbook.
17. All participants will be afforded reasonable access and opportunity to participate. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the Hendricks County Extension Office.
18. APPROPRIATE ATTIRE: Training classes at Hendricks County 4-H dog club now require the same dress code as Obedience at the fair. Appropriate attire is required in all dog show classes. Exposing cleavage, bare midriff, buttocks, or undergarments is inappropriate and will be penalized. Torn, tattered, dirty clothing, excessively baggy or tight clothing, overalls, hats, head cover, and sunglasses are all inappropriate clothing. No short shorts or short skirts are allowed. Smooth soled boots, high heels, backless slip-ons, loose fitting shoes, floppy sandals or other unsafe footwear are not appropriate attire. Closed toed Athletic shoes are highly recommended in all disciplines to avoid penalties. Refer to Drill Team and Showmanship Terms and Conditions for attire regulations specific to those events. Clothing with commercial advertisements or insignia (except the 4-H clover) is prohibited, except for 4-H dog being raised for the handicapped.
19. No bait allowed in the show ring or staging area except for showmanship. Having bait in those areas will be a rule violation and be scored accordingly. Treats may be used during training in all disciplines.
20. Sections OB and AG have Veteran designations for older dogs. Refer to the terms and conditions for each class to see qualifications for the veterans’ designations. This designation is separate for Agility and Obedience, and is for the remaining 4-H show career of the dog.
21. For safety reasons, cell phone use or texting is not allowed during training sessions or during meetings.
22. All 4-H members who complete the Hendricks County 4-H Dog Project may show at the Indiana State Fair. State Fair participation in the 4-H dog show is optional but encouraged.
23. Ribbons and score sheets may be picked up the day of the fair. You may leave a self-addressed stamped envelope if you are unable to stay that day. At the conclusion of the County fair any materials/awards/ribbons/score sheets/t-shirts etc. will be disposed of.

JUDGING PROCEDURES:

Please refer to the 4-H Dog Website (www.four-h.purdue.edu/dog) for current score sheets.

Whenever possible, all obedience classes will be judged through a progression of rings, with the same judge passing inspection on a particular exercise for all participants. For example, the same judge will evaluate “heel-on-leash” for all of the dogs in the same class, while another judge will evaluate “stand for examination.” On rare occasions, substitute judges may be called upon to supplement show needs.

NOTE: to reduce scent conflict, the order of the dog show for Classes 4 through 6 will be in reverse order (i.e. 6-5-4 classes). Classes will start at the scheduled time, facilities permitting. Judges will not wait on any exhibitor. If a 4-H member is not present when their arm band number is scheduled to go into the ring, their number will be placed at the bottom of the list. Tie scores in obedience classes will be broken as follows: a) scores will be compared for each area of the obedience competition, beginning with the first exercise on the score sheet and proceeding down the sheet through the successive exercises; b) if the scores are tied in each exercise, the first exercise on the score sheet will be repeated in its entirety, in order to determine a winner. When comparing score sheets to break a tie, the first error on the score sheet will receive the lower award. A dog fouling in the ring will receive an automatic ten (10) point dock in score. The high jump will be set at the same height as the 4-H dog measures at the withers rounded to the nearest multiple of two (2) inches.

Minimum height is four (4) inches and the maximum height is 36 inches. (All dogs less than 7.5 inches must jump the four (4) inch minimum.) The broad jump distance will be twice the high jump height. Note: This rule is effective

as of this document's revision date. Always be sure to check the current AKC obedience regulations. Obedience regulations not covered by these terms and conditions will be based on the regulations of the American Kennel Club, Inc. In the event of a tie for Grand Champion and /or Reserve Grand Champion Awards in all of the disciplines: the 4-H'er in the more advanced class will receive the higher award. Scores should be considered first, then class level not times unless they are in the same class level.

OBEDIENCE:

Class Description

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 **October 1**. (repeatable for exhibition only)
2. **Class 1B** (Score Sheet # 4-H 580)
For 4-H'ers with previous dog training experience with a new, untrained dog; or for 4-Hers with no experience whose dog has had training; or for 4-Hers and dogs with previous training experience, including showing in 1A, or for 4-Hers 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 1-A or 1-B. (repeatable for exhibition only)
4. **Class 2B** (Score Sheet # 4-H 712). For 4-H'ers and dogs which have completed 2-A. 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)
6. **Class 3B** (Score Sheet # 4-H 500 B)
For 4-H'ers and dogs which have been in 3-A, 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 4-A, 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 5-A, 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)
13. **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 who 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 Indiana State Fair 4-H Dog Show, once they have competed in the Veteran's Class.

Section SD - Service Dog:

1. Exhibitors are to bring a copy of identification from their Service Dog group that shows the date the exhibitor was designated as the Service Dog raiser for their current State Fair entry.
2. Dogs trained through 4-H for a Service Dog program are not allowed to be shown in 4-H showmanship, agility and/or 4-H drill team competition. **Personal service dogs that are owner-handled may be shown in a Service Dog class in order to satisfy their obedience class requirement.**
3. 4-H dogs being raised for a Service Dog program may wear their identification collar tags and/or insignia.

Class Description:

1. Class Service Dog A (Score Sheet # 4-H 753). For 4-Hers with no previous service dog training experience.
2. Class Service Dog B (Score Sheet # 4-H 753). For 4-H'ers with previous service dog training experience (4-H or otherwise).

Showmanship:

Dogs showing in showmanship at the Fair are required to have shown in obedience at the current Fair, and must be at least 6 months old on day of show. Dogs that have been disqualified in Obedience may not exhibit in Showmanship. Call-backs may occur for the judge to decide final placings. If a child places first in their showmanship level at the state fair he or she must move up to the next level of showmanship in the following year at the county fair.

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

AGILITY:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The 4-H Dog Agility Program is based on guidelines from the American Kennel Club. Modifications have been made to the AKC rules to provide a program suitable for 4-H handlers. The complete agility rules and obstacle specifications are detailed in the Indiana 4-H Dog Agility Rules. Agility regulations not covered by these rules and the terms and conditions below will be based on the regulations of The American Kennel Club, 8051 Arco Corporation Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617-3390; www.akc.org.

1. **Dogs showing in agility are required to have shown in obedience at the current Fair and must be at least 15-months-old on the day of show. Agility is recommended for 1B dogs or higher.** Both the 4-H member and dog must have shown in Obedience for one year before being eligible for agility. Dogs that have been disqualified in Obedience may not compete in Agility. In situations where the dog completes Agility before they complete Obedience; the Agility Score sheet will be pulled for that exhibitor.
2. Agility section/classes will be entered as Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced and Excellence. Awards will be granted by that classification, regardless of dog size. The show committee will place dogs in the appropriate size division based on the height reported on the entry form. Dogs may be measured at the show to verify accuracy of the reported height.
3. Each class will offer five (5) divisions based on the dog's height at the withers. Dogs 7 years and over (Veterans) may jump one jump height lower than their actual height. Make sure you indicate on your entry form if your dog needs to be scheduled as a Veteran.
 - 4-inch Division - dogs up to and including 11" at the withers will have 4" jump heights
 - 8-inch Division - dogs over 11" and up to and including 14" at the withers will have 8" jump heights.
 - 12-inch Division - dogs over 14" and up to and including 18" at the withers will have 12" jump heights.
 - 16-inch Division - dogs over 18" and up to and including 22" at the withers will have 16" jump heights.
 - 20-inch Division – dogs over 22" at the withers will have 20" jump heights.

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

Height at Withers	Beg. A & B, Int, Adv., Exc	Veterans Division
4" Div. Up to and including 11"	4" Jumps, 8" Table	None
8" Div. Over 11" up to and including 14"	8" Jumps, 8" Table	4" Jumps, 8" Table
12" Div. Over 14" up to and including 18"	12" Jumps, 12" Table	8" Jumps, 8" Table
16" Div. Over 18" up to and including 22"	16" Jumps, 16" Table	12" Jumps, 12" Table
20" Div. Over 22"	20" Jumps, 20" Table	16" Jumps, 16" Table

4. All agility work will be done on a flat buckle or quick-release collar.
 - a. Beginning level A must use a six (6)-foot lead.
 - b. All other levels will be off lead at the Fair.
 - c. Collar tags will not be allowed.

5. Once all paws have touched contact equipment, the dog must either complete the obstacle or move to the next one. No additional attempts will be allowed.
6. Scores will start with 200 points. Points will be deducted for performance and time faults.
7. 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 excused immediately.
8. Appropriately fitted athletic shoes must be worn for agility.
9. Handlers who need the aid of supporting devices (crutches, wheelchair, etc.) may request extra time for completion of the course. This request must be made to the show manager before classes begin that day; and the amount of time allowed will be determined by the judge.
10. In Agility, dogs with qualifying scores will place ahead of dogs with non-qualifying scores. In Agility, dogs must successfully complete each obstacle on the course to receive a qualifying score.

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. Both the 4-H member and dog must have shown in Obedience for one year before being eligible for agility. **Agility is recommended for 1B or higher.**

Beginning

Class 1 - Beginning A: Neither 4-H member nor dog have previously participated in Agility. 4-Her's must use 6' leash. Leash faults will be incurred if the exhibitor uses the leash to either place the dog on, or remove it from the obstacle. This includes, but not limited to pulling the dog into, onto or off an obstacle. (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.

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 (must be off leash)

Class 5 - Advanced A 4-H member has not previously participated in Advanced Agility. (Not Repeatable)

Class 6 - Advanced B 4-H member has participated in Advanced Agility before, either with the current dog, or a different dog. This class may be repeated.

Excellence (must be off leash)

Class 7 – Excellent – 4-H Member will exhibit more advanced handling skills over the same obstacles as those in the Advanced Classes.

	On Leash Beginning A	Off Leash Beginning B	Off Leash Intermediate	Off Leash Advanced	Off Leash Excellent
Required Obstacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-Frame (1) • Pause Table (1) • Open Tunnel (3) • One Bar Jump 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-Frame (1) • Pause Table (1) • Open Tunnel (3) • One Bar Jump 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-Frame (1) • Pause Table (1) • Open Tunnel (3) • Seesaw • Tire Jump • 3 Weave Poles (1) • One spread jump is required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-Frame (1) • Pause Table (1) • Open Tunnel (2) • Seesaw • Tire Jump • Dog Walk (1) • Broad Jump (1) • Bar Jump • 6 Weave Poles (1) • Panel Jump 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-Frame (1) • Pause Table (1) • Open Tunnel (2) • Seesaw • Tire Jump • Dog Walk (1) • Bar Jump • 9 or 12 Weave Poles (1) • Panel Jump
Allowed Obstacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Walk • Bar Jump • Panel Jump 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Walk • Bar Jump • Tire Jump • Panel Jump 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Walk • Bar Jump • Broad Jump (1) • Triple Bar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Bar Jump • Triple Bar Jump (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Bar Jump • Triple Bar Jump • Broad Jump

			Jump (1) • Panel Jump		
Obs. Qt. Scoring	10-12	10-12	11-13	14-16	16-18
	200 Points Max	200 Points Max	200 Points Max	200 Points Max	200 Points Max

() = indicates the maximum number of times that the obstacle can be used in the class. If not listed otherwise, the quantity is not limited.

****Guidelines subject to change is Indiana State Fair releases new information after handbook is printed. Trainings and shows will be conducted per most up to date State Fair Guidelines.***

4-H DOG POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT - (State Fair entries in each level)

To promote educational displays by 4-H members who enjoy developing a poster exhibit, the following option is offered. Any dog project member may exhibit a poster. A dog poster should be designed to teach those who view it, about the selected topic. 4-H'ers are encouraged to seek assistance from their 4-H Dog program leaders, the County Extension Office staff, the Internet, and the Public Library. Posters must be 22" x 28" highlighting an educational topic about dogs, displayed horizontally with a stiff backing, and a clear protective covering.

Remember: All posters, notebooks, and display boards **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. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

CLASSES:

- Junior (Grades 3 thru 5 on January 1st of current year)
- Intermediate (Grades 6 thru 8 on January 1st of current year)
- Senior (Grades 9 thru 12 on January 1st of current year)

Exhibit Requirements: Use a 22" x 28" poster board with a stiff backing and a clear protective covering. Posters should be displayed horizontally. A poster label secured from your leader should be attached to the lower right-hand corner of the poster exhibit. Posters will be judged based on quality and content as determined by the judge.

DRILL TEAM:

Drill team is a state competition and will follow state rules. A successful Drill team requires a positive attitude and a time commitment. Frequent absences or lack of team spirit may incur dismissal from the team. A Drill Team may compete in a Limited or an Unlimited Division. Hendricks County may have one or two teams. Placement of the handler and dog is at the discretion of the coaches. Placement on either team is an honor and privilege. Drill Team Members must participate in 4-H Dog Obedience training classes. Drill Team members must fill out an application and a commitment form.

Hoosier Award: As of 2020, the Hoosier Award will no longer be given.

Indiana 4-H Aggressive Dog Policy

The safety and well-being of 4-H members and volunteers is a primary concern with all Indiana 4-H Program opportunities. Families should err on the side of caution in selecting a dog for the 4-H member to exhibit. A dog that has a known history of aggression or biting is not appropriate for involvement in the 4-H Program. On occasion, the 4-H member may have difficulty managing their dog within the 4-H Program. The following guidance has been provided for the Indiana 4-H Dog Program as the owner/exhibitor of the dog bears responsibility for the dog's actions. In the subsequent policy, the term "4-H Dog Personnel" will include County 4-H Volunteers, County Extension Educators, State 4-H Staff and appropriate County and State Fair Directors.

A dog that bites a human or another dog at any 4-H Dog Event must be immediately removed from that event by the 4-H member and will subsequently be excused from the 4-H Program. The member should be directed by 4-H Dog Personnel on-site to remove the dog if the member does not do so willingly. If a determination is made by the 4-H Dog Personnel that a dog bit in self-defense, it may be allowed to remain at the 4-H Dog Event. Dogs that display other signs of aggression, including but not limited to barking and standing ground, growling, lunging and snapping will be given one verbal warning. They will be removed from the event after the second violation at the same event. To be removed from a 4-H Dog Event, there must be two violations at the same event.

Any dog that is removed from a 4-H Dog Event due to aggressive behavior will be placed on probation for 2 weeks. Written notification of the probation will be given to the 4-H member. The 2-week period will start upon written notification to the 4-H member. While on probation, the 4-H Dog Personnel and the 4-H member and parents will work together to determine the best course of action for the dog. This may include (but is not limited to) working individually with the dog and 4-H member, asking the 4-H member to use a different dog or having the 4-H member attend events without their dog. At the end of the designated probation period, 4-H Dog Personnel will make a determination regarding the dog's return to 4-H Dog Events.

Dogs that are removed from a 4-H Dog Event twice will be immediately excused from the 4-H program and will not be allowed to re-enter. Excusing a dog from the 4-H Program is rare but could be necessary for the safety of 4-H members, volunteers and other participating dogs. Should a dog be excused from the program, it must be remembered that the action is against the dog and not the 4-H member. 4-H Dog Personnel should look at many solutions and encourage the 4-H member to attend classes without their dog while training it at home or potentially bringing another dog to 4-H events. 4-H members will always be welcome in every other part of the dog project.

In the event that a dog is removed from a 4-H Dog Event or excused from the 4-H Program, 4-H Dog Personnel should report such to the State 4-H Office so that the information is available to all county 4-H dog programs and the Indiana State Fair.