

# DOG

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The County 4-H Dog Show will follow all State Fair Dog Show Terms or Conditions with the following exceptions:

## **OBEDIENCE**

1. The Dog project may be completed by Poster. Refer to the Animal Poster section and contact the Dog Project Leader for more details. See Poster Guideline section in this rule book for Poster Requirements.
2. **All 4-H dogs must be accompanied by the 4-H 671 certificate of vaccination, (original only; no photo copies) signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian indicating the dog has been vaccinated for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis and kennel cough. Vaccination shots will not be administered to dogs at the show. 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 receipt and the label for the vaccine on the vet form; in addition to putting the date of vaccination on the form. Vaccinations are due by April 1 of each year.**
3. A 4-H dog may not be exhibited if they are showing symptoms of any communicable disease or parasites (including ticks and fleas).
4. A dog displaying signs of aggression will not be allowed to show in the interest of safety to others associated with the show. Dogs that bite any official (including judges) will be disqualified from all further 4-H sponsored events and will be sent home from the show.
5. All members are responsible for the actions of their dogs.
6. Female dogs that are “in season” will not be allowed to train or compete in the dog show. These dogs should be left at home, so they do not distract other dogs and prevent the trainers and/or exhibitors from being able to demonstrate their true abilities.
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. The exception to the ownership rule will be waived on a case by case basis, with the decision being made by the dog project leader. A dog being shown under this exception is ineligible to show at the State Fair Dog Show.

**NOTICE:** Indiana State 4-H Imposes Vaccination Requirements for Dog Show Participants beyond the Requirements of the Indiana State Board of Health Minimum Requirements.

## **GENERAL RULES-OBEDIENCE**

4-H Dog Obedience Classes are only for 4-H members who intend to show their dog at the Clinton County 4-H Fair in the Dog Show.

1. Must attend meetings (Training Classes). Attendance at a minimum of 10 meetings is required for the safety of all handlers and dogs.
2. All youth enrolled in the project are encouraged but not required to join the Paw Prints Dog Club in order to further their citizenship and leadership skills.
3. Will use training collar, (nylon slip collar or choker chain) with a six-foot leash.
4. All dogs must have the Certificate of Vaccination, signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian indicating dog is current on all vaccinations.
5. Wolf hybrid dogs are not allowed in 4-H Obedience/Showmanship program. They do not respond to rabies vaccine.

## **DOG SHOW - OBEDIENCE**

### 1ST YEAR

**Section A:** For 4-H'ers with no previous formal dog training experience, with a dog which has received no obedience training prior to March 1 of the current year.

**Section B:** For 4-H'ers with previous dog training experience (4-H or otherwise) coming back with a new dog, or for 4-H'ers with no experience whose dog has had training which disqualifies them for 1A.

### 2ND YEAR

**Section A:** For 4-H'ers and dogs that have completed 1A and/or 1B.

**Section B:** For 4-H'ers and dogs which have spent a year in 2A, but are not ready for 3rd year work.

### 3RD YEAR

**Section A:** For 4-H'ers and dogs that have completed second year work (2A and/or 2B).

**Section B:** For 4-H'ers and dogs which have spent a year in 3A, but are not ready for 4th year work.

### 4TH YEAR

**Section A:** For 4-H'ers and dogs which have completed third year work.

**Section B:** For 4-H'ers and dogs which have spent a year in 4A, but are not ready for 5th year work.

### 5TH YEAR

**Section A:** For 4-H'ers and dogs which have completed fourth year work.

**Section B:** For 4-H'ers and dogs which have spent a year in 5A, but are not ready for 6th year work.

### 6TH YEAR

**Section A:** For 4-H'ers and dogs which have completed fifth year work.

**Section B:** For 4-H'ers and dogs which have spent a year in 6A, and repeat.

### VETERANS

For 4-H members whose dogs are at least seven years old or are physically challenged. The dog must have completed at least level 2B in previous years. A dog may not be shown in any other obedience class once they have competed in the Veterans Class.

## **SHOWMANSHIP**

1. **Junior** - For any 4-H member, Grades 3-5. They advance to intermediate class when they win Junior Showmanship, no matter what their grade.
2. **Intermediate** - For any 4-H member, Grades 6-8. They advance to senior class when they win Intermediate Showmanship, no matter what their grade.
3. **Senior** - Any 4-H member in Grades 9 and above or have previously won intermediate class.

## **DOG RALLY OBEDIENCE**

Rally obedience will be judged during the week of the fair. The classifications will follow the same format as Showmanship.

## **AGILITY**

The 4-H Agility Contest will be held in the Dog Agility Arena. 4-H Agility classes are only for 4-H members who intend to show their dog at the County 4-H Agility competition.

## **GENERAL RULES:**

1. Handler must attend at least 10 obedience training classes to be eligible for competition.
2. Dog must be manageable by handler on a flat buckle collar. No choke chains, head collars or pinch collars allowed in agility class.
3. Dog and Handler must complete 4-H obedience or another obedience training class before the agility competition
4. All dogs must have the 4-H 671 Certificate of Vaccination, signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian indicating dog is current on all vaccinations.
5. Wolf hybrid dogs are not allowed in 4-H agility program. They do not respond to rabies vaccine.

## **AGILITY DOG CLUB TRAINING LEVELS**

Each class will offer three (3) divisions based on the dog's height at the withers.

Toy – 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. (Except beginner A, which will jump 14” hurdles)

### **BEGINNER**

Class 1 - **Beginning A:** 4-H member has not previously participated in Beginning Agility. 4-Her's must use 6' leash (Not Repeatable)

Class 2 - **Beginning B:** 4-H member has participated in Agility before, either with the current dog, or a different dog. Exercises may be on or off leash. Dog should repeat Beginning B until they can safely negotiate the Teeter-Totter and Closed Tunnel.

### **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.

## **POSTER PROJECT**

The Dog project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair and can advance to State Fair.

Poster exhibits must have the standardized exhibit card in the lower right-hand corner with the 4-H member's name, project and club. Allow room on your poster for the exhibit card. The exhibit cards will be available at check-in time at the fair.

1. Posters must be 22” x 28” and DISPLAYED HORIZONTALLY ■ and not vertically ▮.
2. POSTER MUST BE SELF-SUPPORTING (remain standing when leaned at a slight angle). Use heavy cardboard or foam board. For foam board, contact the Extension Office.
3. All posters must be covered with clear plastic (NOT SARAN WRAP). Contact the Extension Office to purchase acetate poster sleeves.
4. All poster type projects must have a title or theme on the poster. Check your manual for specifications. Be sure the poster accurately meets the guidelines and objectives of the activities in the manual.
5. All items must be securely mounted on the poster or display board
6. When designing your poster, you should consider: lines, shapes, textures, colors and placement of items.