

DOG

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State Fair Entry: Pre-entries to State 4-H Office by July 1st

References: BU-8166	Wiggles & Wags (grades 3-5)	} Find these books for FREE at the Extension Office!
BU-8167	Canine Connection (grades 6-8)	
BU-8168	Leading the Pack (grades 9-12)	
4-H-1009-W	Showing in 4-H Dog Obedience: A Guide to the Indiana State Fair 4-H Dog Show	
4-H-390-W	Dog Record Sheet	
4-H-716-W	Indiana 4-H dog Showmanship Guide (FREE DOWNLOAD)	
4-H-852-W	Common Dog Disease and Health Problems (FREE DOWNLOAD)	
4-H-1020-W	Indiana 4-H Dog Agility Rules	

HEALTH:

1. All 4-H dogs must be accompanied by the **2021** 4-H 671, [Certificate of Vaccination](#), signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian indicating the dog has been vaccinated for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis and kennel cough. Dates must be included for each vaccine. Dogs 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.
2. No dog may be exhibited showing any symptoms of any communicable disease or parasites (including ticks and fleas).
3. A dog displaying signs of aggression will not be allowed to participate in the interest of safety to others associated with the project. Dogs that bite any official (including judges) will be disqualified from all further activities and will be sent home from the show.
4. 4-H members are responsible for the actions of their dogs.
5. Female dogs who are "in season" will not be allowed to participate in training classes or the show. 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.
6. Excessive and/or inhumane treatment of a 4-H dog by a handler and/or family members will be grounds for disqualification of the 4-H exhibitor.

ENROLLMENT:

1. All exhibitors must be enrolled in Clay County 4-H and in the Clay County 4-H Dog Project prior to May 15th in order to be eligible to compete in the county fair or state fair show. See the State Fair premium book (www.indianastatefair.com) for state fair dog show entry information.

OBEDIENCE:

1. A dog being shown in the dog obedience project must belong to the exhibitor or to a member of his/her immediate family or household. Ownership is waived on 4-H dogs raised for the service dog program.
2. A 4-H participant can show up to two dogs in obedience classes in a year.
3. The 4-H member may not move back to a lower class than the one they entered in

previous years, with the same dog.

4. **Dogs are to be brought to the fairgrounds only on the day they are to be shown.**
5. All 4-H exhibitors should go to the 4-H Dog registration table at least ½ hour before their section is scheduled to be judged to obtain armbands, and show their certificates of vaccination.
6. The leash may be of fabric or leather and in the novice classes, shall be sufficient length to provide adequate slack in the Heel Leash exercise. All dogs will wear a training collar.
7. Outside of the show ring, all 4-H dogs must be on a leash or in their crate.
8. Class 1A is only open to 4-H exhibitors and dogs who are both in their first year of the project.

SHOWMANSHIP:

1. A dog in showmanship must also be shown in obedience class.
2. Classes:
 - Junior Showmanship - for any 4-H exhibitor in grades 3-5 as of January 1 of current year.
 - Intermediate Showmanship - for any 4-H exhibitor in grades 6-8 as of January 1 of current year.
 - Senior Showmanship - for any 4-H exhibitor in grades 9-12 as of January 1 of current year.

AGILITY:

1. All dogs participating in Agility must be shown by the same exhibitor in obedience
2. Beginning A agility will be on lead.
3. Beginning B agility will be off lead.

ACTION DEMONSTRATION:

An action display is a way to show off your dog skills and abilities. You may give this demonstration during the show. The regular dog show judge will judge these.

GROOMING:

4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.

- a. At the County and State Fair, State Fair and 4-H officials reserve the right to request identification from any individual grooming any animal(s), violations to the policy may result in the disqualification of an animal entry.
- b. **Beginning in 2019 applicants must also complete the online Animal Ethics modules located here <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx> every two years.** These 4 modules are intended to reiterate the importance of providing a foundation for 4-H families to start a conversation about livestock ethics and an understanding of why rules are in place. Ensure 4-H parents and adult mentors realize they are representatives of a larger livestock industry and give them tools to communicate effectively with the general public on behalf of that community. Last but certainly not least, to ensure animals in the Indiana 4-H Program are treated with the utmost care. At the conclusion of 4 modules please enter your

name and county of primary residence.

❖ **Steps for registering for the Indiana 4-H Grooming Assistance Program**

1. Read through grooming assistance program requirement overview document
2. Complete the 4 online Animal Ethics modules entitled: **Purpose of 4-H Livestock Programs, Ethical Decision Making, Public Perceptions, Putting into Practice** located here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx> once every 2 years (starting April 2019)
3. Annually submit the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program Application and a copy driver's license to Courtney

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