



March 15, 2024

Dear 4-H Dog Member,

This letter is being sent to you because you signed up for the 4-H Dog Project. Below you will find all the information you need to be prepared to work with and show your dog.

**Derik Tipton** will be serving as the 4-H Dog Leader

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**4-H Dog Terms and Conditions:** Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H dog requirements in our terms and conditions for further rules and policies. The Clay County Terms and Conditions can be found on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/3dxu5w56>.

**4-H Dog Vaccination Requirements:** If you plan to bring your dog to the fair or practices, the following Dog Vaccination policy is required. Enclosed is a 4-H Dog Vaccination Form. Before your dog is allowed to participate in 4-H activities, you must provide a copy of your 4-H Dog Vaccination Form to the leader. If your dog participated in the program last year and your shots are still current on that form, you may use that form until you can get the 2024 Vaccination Form updated and completed.

**Practice Supplies:** Members will need to bring a choker chain and 6 ft. dog lead to practice. It would also be wise to bring a dish to water your dog during practice if needed. Members should meet at the fairgrounds show ring for practices. In addition, dogs in season are not allowed at practices.

**Clay County 4-H Fair Show Date:** The 4-H Fair Dog Obedience Show, including showmanship, is scheduled for July 1st, 2024 and the Agility show is scheduled July 2nd, 2024. Both shows begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds Show ring.

**State Fair Entries:** 4-H'ers who plan to show their dog at the Indiana State Fair can view the project and entry requirements via their website at [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com). Please refer to their website for updates and deadlines as well. Currently, the project information has not been updated for 2024, but will be available soon. When the entry information becomes available, more information will be sent out.

The dates of the 2024 Indiana State Fair are August 2 - 18. You can find the livestock schedule here: <https://bit.ly/36o6vcf>

**4-H Dog Project Poster:** If you plan to exhibit a 4-H Dog Poster at the fair, you need to select the Dog Poster project (animal education) on your 4honline profile when you enroll at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Project requirements can be found on the Clay County Extension Office website at <https://tinyurl.com/3pdfd8n6>.



If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office or your dog leader. Good Luck this year with your animals. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041.

Sincerely,

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## CLAY COUNTY 4-H DOG

\*Updated for 2024

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### HEALTH:

- a) All 4-H dogs must be accompanied by the 2024 [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.
- b) No dog may be exhibited showing any symptoms of any communicable disease or parasites (including ticks and fleas).
- c) 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.
- d) 4-H members are responsible for the actions of their dogs.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.

### ENROLLMENT:

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

### OBEDIENCE:

- a) 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.
- b) A 4-H participant can show up to two dogs in obedience classes in a year.
- c) The 4-H member may not move back to a lower class than the one they entered in previous years, with the same dog.
- d) **Dogs are to be brought to the fairgrounds only on the day they are to be shown & demo day.**
- e) 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.
- f) The leash may be of fabric or leather and in the novice classes, shall be a length of 6 feet to provide adequate slack in the Heel Leash exercise. Acceptable collars include: slip collars, buckle collars or martingale collars.
- g) Outside of the show ring, all 4-H dogs must be on a leash or in their crate.
- h) Obedience Classes (placement of dogs in classes will be at the leader's discretion):
  - 1) **Class 1A:** Not repeatable. For 4-H'ers with no previous formal dog training experiences with a dog that has received no obedience training prior to October 1. Exercises are: Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Sit for Exam on Leash, Recall on Leash-no Finish, Sit Stay on Leash-30 seconds.
  - 2) **Class 1B:** Repeatable for exhibition only. For 4-H'ers with previous dog training experience with a new untrained dog; or for 4-H'ers with no experience whose dog has had training; or for 4-H'ers and dogs with previous training experience, including showing in 1A; or for 4-H'ers with no experience whose dogs have had training that disqualifies them for 1A. Exercises are: Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Stand for Exam on Leash, Recall on Leash, Down Stay (Walk Around Ring), Sit Stay (Get Your Leash).
  - 3) **Class 2A:** Not repeatable with the same dog except for exhibition only. Exercises are: Heel on Leash,



Figure 8 on Leash, Stand for Exam off Leash, Heel Free, Recall off Leash, Sit Stay (Get Your Leash), 1-Minute Sit Stay on Leash, 1-Minute Down Stay on Leash.

- 4) **Class 2B:** May repeat until ready to move up. Exercises are: Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Stand for Exam off Leash, Heel Free, Drop on Recall, Sit Stay (Get Your Leash), 1-Minute Sit Stay on Leash, 1-Minute Down Stay on Leash.
- 5) **Class 3A:** Not repeatable with the same dog except for exhibition only. Exercises are: Heel Free, Figure 8 off Leash, Stand for Exam off Leash, Dumbbell Recall, Drop on Recall, Stand Stay (Get Your Leash).
- 6) **Class 3B:** May repeat until ready to move up. Exercises are: Heel Free, Figure 8 off Leash, Stand for Exam off Leash, Retrieve on Flat, Drop on Recall, Stand Stay (Get Your Leash). Class
- 7) **Class 4A:** Not repeatable with the same dog except for exhibition only. Exercises are: Heel Free, Figure 8 off Leash, Retrieve on Flat, Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump, Recall Over Broad Jump, Command Discrimination (Stand-Sit-Down).
- 8) **Class 4B:** May repeat until ready to move up. Exercises are: Heel Free, Figure 8 off Leash, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump, Command Discrimination (Stand-Down-Sit).
- 9) **Class 5A:** Not repeatable with the same dog except for exhibition only. Exercises are: Hand Signals (+ voice), Directed Retrieve (2 gloves), Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump, Moving Stand and Exam.
- 10) **Class 5B:** May repeat until ready to move up. Exercises are: Hand Signals, Directed Retrieve, Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump, Moving Stand and Exam.
- 11) **Class 6A:** Not repeatable with the same dog except for exhibition only. Exercises are: Hand Signals, Scent Discrimination 1 retrieve), Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Exam, Go Out, Directed Jumping (1 jump).
- 12) **Class 6B:** May repeat. Exercises are: Hand Signals, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve, Directed Jumping, Moving Stand and Exam.
- 13) **Veterans Repeatable:** 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 2B 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. Exercises are: Heel Free, Figure 8 off Leash, Stand for Exam off Leash, Recall off Leash, Stand Stay (Get Your Leash)

## **SHOWMANSHIP:**

- a) A dog in showmanship must also be shown in obedience class.
- b) Showmanship Classes:
  - **Junior:**  
This class is for any 4-H exhibitor who is in the third, fourth, or fifth grade on January 1 of the current year. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship winner at the state fair, he/she is only eligible to compete in Intermediate or Senior Showmanship in future years.
  - **Intermediate:**  
This class is for any 4-H member in the sixth, seventh, or eighth grade on January 1 of the current year or for showmanship winners in the previous class. Once an exhibitor is the Intermediate Showmanship winner at the state fair, he/she must compete in Senior Showmanship in future years.
  - **Senior:**  
This class is for any 4-H member in the ninth grade or above on January 1 of the current year or for showmanship winners in the previous class.



## AGILITY:

- a) All dogs participating in Agility must be shown by the same exhibitor in obedience
- b) Beginning A agility will be on lead.
- c) Beginning B agility will be off lead.
- d) Agility Classes (**placement of dogs in classes will be at the leader's discretion**) - A dog may be entered in only one agility class. Awards are granted by agility class regardless of dog size.
  - 1) **Class Beginning A:** is for teams in which neither the 4-H member nor dog have previously participated in agility. The course is run on leash. The team must use a 6-foot leash. This class is not repeatable.
  - 2) **Class Beginning B:** is for teams in which either the 4-H member or dog has previously participated in agility. The 4-H member may have participated with another dog, or the dog may have participated with another 4-H member. The course is run off leash. The dog should repeat Beginning B until it can perform Intermediate-level work.
  - 3) **Class Intermediate A:** is for 4-H members who have not participated in Intermediate agility in a previous year. The course is run off leash. This class is not repeatable.
  - 4) **Class Intermediate B:** is for 4-H members who have participated in Intermediate agility with the current or a different dog in a previous year. The course is run off leash. The dog should repeat Intermediate B until it can perform Advanced-level work.
  - 5) **Class Advanced A:** is for 4-H members who have not participated in Advanced agility in a previous year. The course is run off leash. This class is not repeatable.
  - 6) **Class Advanced B:** is for 4-H members who have participated in Advanced agility with the current or a different dog in a previous year. The course is run off leash. The dog should repeat Advanced B until it can perform Excellent-level work.
  - 7) **Class Excellent:** is for 4-H members and dogs exhibiting more advanced handling skills over the same obstacles as those in the Advanced classes. The course is run off leash.

## 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), legal guardian, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Please contact the Extension Office with questions on how to be approved or to see if you are already on the approved groomers list.

## SHOW AWARDS

	<u>Showmanship</u>	<u>Obedience</u>	<u>Agility</u>
Champion Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Showmanship</li> <li>• Intermediate Showmanship</li> <li>• Senior Showmanship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Division 1A Dog Obedience</li> <li>• Division 1B Obedience</li> <li>• Division 2A Dog Obedience</li> <li>• Division 2B Obedience</li> <li>• Division 3A Obedience</li> <li>• Division 3B Obedience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog Agility Beginner B</li> <li>• Dog Agility Intermediate B</li> <li>• Dog Agility Advanced B</li> <li>• Dog Agility Beginner A</li> <li>• Dog Agility Intermediate A</li> <li>• Dog Agility Advanced A</li> </ul>
Grand Champion	Grand Showman	Grand Obedience	Grand Agility



**REFERENCES:**

- [Purdue Extension Dog Project](#)
- [Indiana State Fair Book – Dog Show](#)

**IMPORTANT DOG DATES:**

<b>May 15, 2024</b>	Deadline to enroll in the Dog Project on 4HOnline
<b>June 28, 2024</b>	Fair Entry due
<b>TBD</b>	Deadline to register dogs online for the State Fair.
<b>July 1, 2024</b>	Dog Obedience & Showmanship show
<b>July 2, 2024</b>	Dog Agility show
<b>July 13 - 18, 2024</b>	Clay County Fair
<b>August 2 - 18, 2024</b>	Indiana State Fair
<b>August 17 - 18, 2024</b>	State Fair Dog show





# 2024 Certificate of Completion of Indiana 4-H Requirements for Training and Exhibition of Dog (Vaccination Form)

4-H-671-W  
(revised 10/23)

The 4-H member should hand-carry this completed form to all 4-H Dog Events. Failure to meet guidelines, an incomplete form or outdated vaccinations will result in ineligibility from Indiana 4-H Dog Events.

4-Her's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of January 1, 2024) (County you are enrolled in 4-H)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or P.O. Box)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

**To be filled in by 4-H Dog project leader**

This dog is eligible to be shown in the following levels:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Obedience**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Showmanship**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Agility**

(If dog has received no training in agility please write N/A for Agility.)

Dog's height at withers for any agility or obedience  
classes 4A and above

\_\_\_\_\_ **inches**

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
**4-H Dog Project Leader** (Signature) (Date)  
(Verifies level of showing and 4-H membership)

Leader's phone # \_\_\_\_\_

- Dogs must be parasite free (including fleas) to be admitted to the show.
- A dog with any sign of a communicable disease or aggression will not be admitted.
- This original form **MUST** be brought by the 4-H member to all 4-H Dog events.
- For disability needs, please notify your Extension Educator, 4-H leader or the show chairperson.
- Female dogs showing signs of estrus or who are in their final two weeks of pregnancy will not be admitted to the show.

<sup>1</sup>Indiana law requires rabies vaccinations to be administered by a licensed and accredited veterinarian. <sup>2</sup>If home vaccination is done for the other 4-H mandatory immunizations, you must have the receipt of purchase **and** the label from the vial(s) attached to this form. Leptospirosis and Bordetella must be given annually. When using 3 year vaccines all paper work must be accumulated and maintained by the 4-Her for the 3 year period.

Name of dog \_\_\_\_\_

Color and Markings \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Castrated \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ OVH (spay)

Is this dog microchipped: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, list the number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Vaccinations**

*All dates to be filled in; ditto marks will not be accepted.*

Date Administered:

Rabies \_\_\_ 1yr \_\_\_ 3yr \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ vet<sup>1</sup>

DHPP \_\_\_ 1yr \_\_\_ 3yr \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ vet \_\_\_ non-vet<sup>2</sup>

Leptospirosis (annual) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ vet \_\_\_ non-vet<sup>2</sup>

Bordetella (annual) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ vet \_\_\_ non-vet<sup>2</sup>  
(Kennel Cough)

The following medical diagnostics and products are recommended:

- Annual Heartworm Test, Fecal Parasite Exam, Flea Preventative (Flea and tick collars are not allowed in the State Fair show ring).

**Check one:**  This dog has physical limitations and should not participate in agility or jumping exercises.

**or**  This dog has no physical limitations that would prevent it from participating in agility or jumping exercises.

**By signing, the veterinarian certifies that this dog has been examined and administered the rabies vaccination.**

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Veterinarian** (Signature) (Date)

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone)

I hereby certify that the dog described on this form has met the above vaccination requirements.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
**4-H member** (Signature) (Date)

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
**4-H parent or legal guardian** (Signature) (Date)

(The above signatures verify that the above is complete and accurate)