The State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee met Sunday, June 7, 2009, in the Board Room of the Communications Building at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, IN.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Ron Gibson. The Minutes from April 4, 2009 were read and approved. Ron reminded the leaders that, in late July, the state fair exhibitors will receive a confirmation letter from Colleen Brady that will include their show times and important state fair information. If this letter hasn’t arrived by the first week of August, contact one of the following people:

- Colleen Brady  bradyc@purdue.edu  765-494-8441
- Cindy Barnett  cbarnett@purdue.edu  260-244-7615
- Ron Gibson  sadiesue4154@msn.com  812-448-8446

State Fair Director, Steve Patterson stressed that exhibitors should plan to enter the fairgrounds by a right turn only off 38th street through Gate 3. The exhibitor will be mailed a parking pass to enter Gate 3. Once the vehicle arrives at the West Pavilion to unload they will be given parking passes that permits free parking in the lot south of 38th Street. Equipment (crates, chairs, etc.) may be dropped off at the show building and then the car must go to the parking lot. The dog must go through Vet Check before entering the building. The 4-H’er and dog can get in the Vet Check line before or after the car has been parked, depending on the preference of the family.

We were happy to hear that no cattle will be in the building during our show. The state fair staff is taking an inventory of bleachers and may be borrowing or renting from the counties in order to meet seating needs. Dog exercise areas will be located in the two wash rack areas at the south end of the building. If funds don’t allow for the purchase of sod, we recommended mulch instead of shavings. The people with permission to be in the crating area (exhibitors, their family members, workers) will be asked to wear an identification wristband. Sharon Reese said there will be Day of Show entries taken for the UKC agility trials. Ron Gibson reminded us that we will need more volunteer workers because more rings will be running at the same time, as compared to last year. Rob Myers was volunteered to be the Worker Coordinator. There will be no sales of dog show pins. Exhibitors and workers will receive a complimentary pin. During the show weekend, if there are any issues that need to be dealt with, see Ron Gibson or Cindy Barnett. Their business is resolving issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
Indiana State Fairgrounds (meeting site on the fairgrounds to be announced)

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Pfrank, Secretary

In attendance: Steve Patterson (State Fair), Ron Gibson (Clay Co.), Rob Myers (Tipton Co.), Barbara Johnson (Johnson Co.), Chris Roeder (Johnson Co.), Mike Harding (Shelby Co.), Susan Ison (Morgan Co.), Sue Pfrank (Vigo Co.), and Joe and Sharon Reese (LaPorte Co.)