The State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee met Saturday, September 11, 2010, in the Normandy Barn at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Ron Gibson.

Steve Patterson presented a copy of his After Action Report. (A copy is attached following these Minutes.) Steve agreed with committee members that walkway areas need to be taped off. Dixie Harnishfeger would like to have crating space assigned to each exhibitor. Carol Garringer wanted to know about changing the PA for next year, especially for playing music during drill team. She has a portable sound system she’s willing to bring. Jean Ann Randle questioned the presence of other dogs on the fairgrounds. Steve says the draft horse people bring dogs and it’s a problem that needs to be addressed. Steve thinks we may have a new Director and this should be announced in October. There will be a new Board President, too. Steve reminded us that we’re an advisory committee and that we have no opportunity to set policy. Policy is set by the Show Manager, State Fair Director, and Purdue Extension Specialist.

Cindy Barnett presented her Show Manager Report, which is a collection of comments and suggestions from 4-H members, 4-H leaders and committee members. (A copy follows these Minutes.) The list of breeds needs to be updated for the on-line entry form. Because of 300 entries in Top Dog Scholar, a suggestion was made to enter all exhibitors by default and then delete the entry of those not taking the test. Steve Patterson said that the State Fair’s Animal Wellness department will require a check-in process with proof of vaccinations for all dogs exhibited. L’Tonya Bowe said that according to federal laws, proof of vaccinations may not be requested of a Service Dog. In order to confirm a Service Dog’s status, all that may be asked is “Is this a Service Dog?” and “What does this dog do for you?” A Service Dog in training has the same legal rights as a full Service Dog.

Tracy Wylie was unable to attend the meeting, but did forward a Vet Check report. (The report follows these Minutes.) Sue Pfrank expressed concern that exhibitors would be allowed to get a vaccination on show day. Sue Barlow asked if having the Extension Educator’s signature serves a purpose. Dixie Harnishfeger suggests having the veterinarian stamp the form. Kim Platt requests that the Top Dog Scholar award be announced with the other awards. The reason it was delayed this year was that the winner was not in the building at that time.

Drill Team – Sue Barlow reported that the impromptu drill team meeting on Sunday was one of the best discussions the drill team leaders have had in a long time. One idea from the meeting – rearrange south end after vet check and do drill team after obedience and while agility finishes. The sound system would be an issue. Ron Gibson wondered if one division could be judged on Saturday and one on Sunday. It was suggested to continue drill team shadow judging. Carol Garringer thought that all drill team leaders should take a turn shadow judging. Carol thought the experience was valuable to see the performances from the judging perspective. It was suggested that we have a drill team session at the leader workshop that would include watching taped performances and discussing what the judges see. Sue Barlow requested that notice of the 12:00 Saturday drill team meeting be listed in all schedules.

Sue Barlow reported that she had 6 customers at her dog-sitting service.

Rob Myers presented his Obedience Report. (A copy follows these Minutes.) The show started 15 minutes late due to no announcer and improper equipment to play the National Anthem. The Stay Judge for the 3rd/4th obedience classes was absent, the 1A class finished at 3:09, 2A made last call at 4:11, 3 A/B finished at 5:00, and the 4th/5th/6th/Vet ring finished at 4:22. 68 exhibitors were absent. The volunteer stewarding crew was great, the trail to the restroom was the result of a shortage in volunteers, the Public Information Booth crew had to deal with many unhappy people, the matting in the 4/5/6 ring needs to run east to west, and the building wasn’t as clean as last year.
Barb Johnson gave an Auditing report. (The complete report follows these Minutes.) She suggests having 8 volunteers from several different counties to enter data, collect and sort score sheets, and to put them in envelopes for mailing. Agility score sheets should not be printed on orange, red or pink paper as the judges have typically used a red pen for marking. Obedience judges should only record deductions and penalties and leave the totaling box for the auditing room volunteers to fill in. Four computers with the proper software are needed along with a printer that works with all computers.

LeeAnn Pollock, Agility Chief Ring Steward, was unable to attend but sent these comments. It was very helpful to have a Master Copy with an alphabetical list of the entries to be able to quickly find a handler and answer questions about their show times/classes. It was very helpful to have the Agility running orders in advance to make copies for the check-in tables and enlarge them for ring-side posters. She thought the scheduling was good this year and liked having the agility exhibitors not entered in showmanship put at the end of the day to avoid conflicts with call-backs. She suggested we double fence the agility rings in order to keep spectators back from the ring.

New Business – Sue and Carolyn Pfrank submitted a proposal to make changes to the 4-H Leader Dog evaluation for 2011. They suggest that the class name be changed to Service Dog. New evaluation items would include Accepting a Friendly Stranger, Accepting an Exam, Heel on Leash, Walk Through a Crowd, Coming When Called, Reaction to Distractions, and Stay. The evaluation sheet would eliminate a point score being given. The judge will choose 1st – 3rd places. (The complete Evaluation Sheet and the Evaluation Items are attached.) Discussion and voting on this change to take place at the October meeting.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Pat Fry presented her committee’s nomination for the 2011 officers: President – Ron Gibson, Vice-President – Rob Myers, and Secretary – Sue Pfrank.

Steve Patterson noted special thanks to Sue Barlow for organizing the fundraising for the dog show pins. Ideas for the design of next year’s pin may be submitted at any time.

Carol Garringer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jean Ann Randle seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35.

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 30, 2010 in the Normandy Barn at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.
early starting time → Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. ← early starting time

2011 State Fair Dog Show: August 20 and 21

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Pfrank, Secretary

In attendance: Steve Patterson (State Fair), Cindy Barnett (Purdue), Ron Gibson (Clay Co.), Rob Myers (Tipton Co.), Sue Pfrank (Vigo County), Carol Garringer (Adams Co.), Jean Ann Randle (Carroll Co.), Pat Fry (Cass Co.), Ruth Hughes (Franklin Co.), Carla Nelson (Hancock Co.), Dixie Harnishfeger (Hendricks Co.), Barbara Johnson and Chris Roeder (Johnson Co.), Sue Barlow and L’Tonya Bowe (Marion Co.), Tim Bauer (Martin Co.), Jeanette Podell (Pulaski Co.), Jane Huge (Putnam Co.), Kim Platt and Connie Quick (Shelby Co.)
The 2010 4-H Dog Show was held on the last Saturday and Sunday of the fair. This was the second year with the show being held during the State Fair and on the last weekend.

A survey was provided to the exhibitors for their opinion and thoughts on the event. The summary of the survey is attached to this document. The survey does project the overall outcome of the event.

The event is managed by a small group of volunteers. They are responsible for pertinent areas and compensated $50 per day (7am – 10 pm) for Friday through Sunday.

Needs:
- Trash taken out in the evening or early on Sunday morning – handled by In-Dyer Need
- CD player on Friday morning and Saturday evening for Drill Team
  - Sound Technicians for Saturday evening
- Sound should be tested when no activities are going on in the facility
- Meals for Judges – are they needed – how is the best way to handle
- 2 radios are needed for parking crew in the morning – can the radios we have now be moved to allow this to happen
- New shavings for area on Saturday night – clean out as needed
- 2-3 more bleachers than this year – if this was the same number as last year, we still need more
- Building cleaned around poles – Margaret Davidson viewed the areas
- Other dogs on the fairgrounds – policing needs to occur
- Move crating area throughout the building – is it the intent of the fair to seclude exhibitors from the fair public?
- Is the display areas needed for the booths?
- Contracts need to be tracked
- Need to announce when awards will be starting
- Picket fence was less than last year – can bike rack be utilized in place of fencing? If so, check with Hendricks Co. 4-H Fair
- Bike Rodeo really does not work in the area that it was given. If this is to occur, then plans need to be made to accommodate this in the future.
- Exhibitors need to be advised that they can bring fans
- Long day on Saturday – is there a way to change these times and classes?
- Sound for the awards continues to be reviewed
- Crating – how much space does an area get?
- Continue to improve unloading of crates from vehicles

Great:
- Flea control donation
- Access to the building early on Friday morning
- Vet Check registration area
- Meal vouchers
- Dog restroom on east side
- Computer program was great
- Unloading of over 300 vehicles of equipment in less than 3 hours time
- Picket fence set-up was great – need more fencing
- 4-H Dog pins through sponsorship was appreciated
- Parking in the 38th Street Lot is greatly appreciated. Many happy exhibitors with this opportunity.
- Event is within the State Fair – not pre- or post-fair.
 Comments and suggestions were collected from 4-H members, 4-H leaders and committee members

Show - General
Let 4-Hers crate anywhere in building. Leave a pathway for public. Do away with wristbands.
Need judge’s checks and food vouchers for judge’s meeting
Meal vouchers for Friday’s volunteers?
Hand out shirts on Friday, so volunteers can wear them on Saturday
Special presentations need prior approval from Cindy or Colleen
Still need to improve/enlarge grassy area for potty area. Need to soak thoroughly on Friday and Saturday nights. Ed Mitchell (Huntington) will monitor in 2011.
Provide supply stations on poles in building by attaching a basket with paper towel and disinfectant.
Running ahead of schedule is a good thing – did we miss any kids?
2 great announcers this year
Including an evaluation in the registration packet was a great idea. Next year add: “Would you like to volunteer for next year’s show? If so please include contact information.”

Supplies/equipment needed
Flags from 4-H complex
CD player for drill teams and National Anthem
Tables for displays
Portable PA for action demos
Easels that don’t have to be taped/tied together

Obedience
In advanced rings, lay mats lengthwise

Vet Check
Jim Weisman (animal welfare specialist) will provide a list of vet clinics open on Saturday and willing to accept patients.
ALL DOGS MUST go through vet check – that includes dogs that showed in the agility trial on Friday and dogs that belong to a judge

Leader Dog
Need guidelines – puppies, and not working dogs, etc.
Difference between a leader dog and service dog?
In drill team? In showmanship? In agility? (p. 121, #11)

Entry Form
Add “Top Dog” so we can get names in the computer prior to Saturday. 4-Hers can still take the test, even though they do not sign up ahead of time.
What info goes to 4-Her after entered? Immediate confirmation? Welcome letter?
Have scheduling meeting in July and send confirmation letters ASAP. If there are any mistakes, 4-Hers will have time to correct those mistakes prior to the July 31 deadline. Scheduled show times will be sent the first week of August.
4-H Show Manager Report - continued

Action Demos
Set up on Friday night.
Use an 8' table, instead of the table from the 4-H complex.
Need a microphone.
Need better signage.

Judges
Delete Tony DeHaven – he did not show up for state fair show and missed county shows, also.
Mary Blackburn is moving to Texas in fall 2010.
Recommendation for announcer: Nick Karnes
Add Meghan Dawson to judge’s list – she replaced Tony DeHaven
Need to provide bottled water for judges.

Agility
Start at 9 am on Saturday
Double fence to keep people from hanging over?

Yahoo Group
Put addresses to send thank you’s for dog pins.

Drill Team
Started 8 pm on Saturday. 18 teams. Done judging at 10:15.

Information Table
Julie will set up area in 2011.

Tabletop Displays
Need a better location
Were they ever judged?
Any awards given?
This year we had 3 displays.

Computer Program
Congrats to Barb and Carla on a new tabulating program. Results were achieved much quicker than in previous years.
For my first try at doing everything solo, I think things went smoothly. The line seemed to move along quickly and most handlers and dogs were fortunate to wait inside with the way we had things set up. At one point we had some handlers and their dogs waiting outside but that was only for about 10 minutes before the lines allowed them to be inside. I think one of the best things I did this year was have one vet student at each table instead of 2. This allowed us to see more dogs quickly. Also, more vet students volunteered to come this year, which was a big help.

Overall, we had 3 dogs refused because of being in heat and 8 dogs were held because of fleas but after giving a CAPSTAR pill and being cleared by the veterinarians were allowed to show. We only had 1 problem with an aggressive dog but thanks to Ron's great handling skills, they were allowed to show.

One of the major holdups this year was again the inconsistency in paperwork. After about 10 kids, I lost track of how many times I was trying to find a leader or parent to have the vet form signed. In some cases, I had no Extension Educator signature and was looking for the leader to verify that the child did complete the project at the county level. There were 3 children who had mistakes on the vet form from the veterinarian but when I called the offices, they verified what had happened.

Finally, I had two children who did not have Lepto given to their dogs prior to coming to the fairgrounds. I had a phone number available for them for a clinic in Broad Ripple. They were told to go and get the vaccine and bring back the receipt showing that it was done. This way they couldn't just go around the parking lot, forge the paperwork and come back in.

One thing that really disturbed me this year happened with one of the dogs in heat. Somehow, after they were rejected from showing, they went outside the building and got in through the door that everyone was using to bring crates in. They then came around the registration tables and confronted the veterinarian again and pleaded their case. How did this happen?

Of course there are things I would like to change for next year. One of those being a holding area for those who are waiting for their CAPSTAR tablets to work, or are waiting for a leader or parent to sign or verify things on their vet form. This way, I can keep the lines moving without having a clustering problem and potential dog fights.

Finally, I was asked this year numerous questions about why the vet check was important and what the purpose was. I of course tried to give a great, thoughtful answer but it does have me wondering.

1. The dogs that come to show on Friday aren't checked. Who's to say they didn't bring fleas or weren't infected with bordetella.
2. Dogs at AKC and UKC shows are not checked coming onto the show grounds and they don't train with each other for 6-12 months like 4-H dogs are.
3. Since 4-H dogs do always train with each other, wouldn't diseases already be spread?
4. Unfortunately, dogs that are at the end of a heat cycle look like those coming into the heat cycle. How many times have we refused a dog from showing when they were coming out and a male dog wouldn't have been interested anyway.
5. There are a lot of kids who now ride with a leader or other families to be able to show at the state fair, if one of them is refused at check in and they live a distance away, what are they supposed to do with the dog?

These are just some thoughts I had based off of questions I was asked throughout the vet check process.

Overall, I think it was a great year in terms of the vet check. Thanks to everyone who made my first go around successful!
Announcer told to proceed with opening at 8:57
Delay due to improper equipment and NO announcer; delayed the starting of rings 15 minutes
3/4 stay judge did not show
1A last call made at 3:09
1B second ring ran slightly behind the first ring most of the day
2A second ring ran slightly behind the first ring most of the day
1B ring started the 2:45 group at 2:19
2A last call made at 4:11
2A judge reported that 10 to 12 dogs left the ring or attempted to leave the ring in the AM
2A class began the 2:45 group at 2:20
2B time slot of 11:00 began at 11:08
2B did not need a last call
3 A/B finished at 5:00
4/5/6 ring finished at 4:22
Dolly Foland, Judge, did not like the mats running perpendicular to the Go Outs
6A Go Outs (5) had to be re-judged due to improper starting position
Judge change – Janet Dawson switched with Beth McCormick, Janet did 1A stays, Beth 2A second ring
No Shows: 1A – 12, 1B – 17, 2A – 13, 2B – 13, 3 A/B – 8, 4/5/6/Vet – 4, Leader Dog – 1 = total 68
This year’s State Fair Dog Show was an eclectic mix from CD’s and 45’s.

Early Saturday morning as I passed by “42nd Street” I gasped my god Ethel! It was “The Streak”. Yes, a man was jogging down Fall Creek in what appeared in the early morning darkness as nothing on but his tennis shoes. I hoped this was not setting the tone for the rest of the day.

Parking is a “Hallelujah” at the 38th Street Lot and could not compare if we were forced to the infield. When exhibitors entered the West Pavilion some thought “It’s Magic”, when in reality 20 hours earlier Tim said, “Let the Good Times Roll” as the matting and gates were placed by some 30 plus volunteers moving “Sixteen Tons” of dog show equipment.

Ron was once again our “Leader of the Pack” and Sue Pfrank was seen with a clipboard her intent, “Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter”. Cindy was seen “Walking the Floor Over You” and Fair Bucks were like “Pennies from Heaven” thanks to Steve.

When passing by Sue Barlow’s booth, I heard it expressed, “Yes! We Have No Bananas”. Over at Vet Check, Tracy never said “You Ain’t Nothing But a Hound Dog” as 8 Capstar were given out to flea riddled canines. I reminded Sharon Reese, “Lady Be Good” as she picked up her name badge at the Information Booth where Julie was much like Jim Croce’s “Operator”.

Rosie and Wanda were “In the Mood” when it came to monitoring the main door, and as some cried “Don’t Fence Me In” as they made their journey to the bathroom, they did not realize a shortage in volunteers was the reason for the limiting trail.

Alice worked the Public Information Booth and north end outlet for 4 hours and it was a little too much “Cheek to Cheek” and she will not be doing this task again. Even our seasoned veteran, Pat Fry, after a day and a half at the post uttered, “I’ve had it.” I think she might have been singing “Take This Job and Shove It”.

At 8:57 I gave the Announcer’s Booth the go ahead to start the “Star Spangled Banner” but alas, like the Loony Tune theme, “The Merry Go Round is Broke” we had no announcer! The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken and obedience classes started late, 15 minutes.

As always, our great volunteer stewarding staff chimed, “Let Me Be There” and thanks to our judges, “It Had To Be You”.

Our 6 A/B judge was concerned with the placing of matting running perpendicular to the length of her ring, that’s not “My Way” she crooned. Go Outs from the 6A class were re-judged after it was brought to the judges’ attention that this distance was to be half.

By noon, the 2A judge reported that 10 to 12 dogs had attempted or left the ring, an observer said Aw, they “Ain’t Misbehaving” and like Justin Bieber sings “Where Are You Now” there were 68 no shows for the day including the 3/4 stay judge. It was observed a couple exhibitors still didn’t get the note from the “Harper Valley PTA” and unfortunately the floor of the building still had some left over from the “Cattle Call”.
The tune of a “Bicycle Built for Two” was evident when the bicycle rodeo was held on the north end of the building because of weather. This unexpected event made some believe that the Top Dog Test was being held “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”. Once participants made it to the Action Demo area, their only thought was of family and friends and “If They Could See Me Now”.

The additional potty area was good and the old potty area looked like “The Green, Green Grass of Home” until the second day when it was more like “Mississippi Mud”.

Drill Team judges found themselves once again wishing for “9 to 5”. Auditing as usual went on “Behind Closed Doors” but with a much appreciated new computer program speeding up the announcement of winners.

The “Morning After” came on Sunday. Kim let those being called back know “It’s Now or Never” and LeeAnn Pollock wished the crowd at the agility fence would have listened to Stevie Nicks’ “Stand Back”. Parents have been suggesting a Veterans Class for agility, it seems that some dogs are just “Too Old to Cut the Mustard Anymore”.

During Showmanship, I was approached at the Announcer’s Booth by several who felt they were witnessing “Anything Goes” when observing the judges. I was asked why do we have a Guide if judges don’t follow it? They felt their child’s chance of winning is an “Impossible Dream”.

As for the PA system, “Do You Hear What I Hear?” And while I hear those that are concerned with space at the crating area, once Vet Check closed there was a lot of space to spread out in, but I guess you just decided to stay put and “Have a Closer Walk With Thee”. As I wiped sweat from my brow, and saw some fans not working, I prayed “Let It Snow, Let It Snow”.

During the two days, I answered hundreds of questions and while a few who did not receive from me the answer they wanted and quoted Shania, “That Don’t Impress Me Much”. Believe me, I don’t have a “Cold, Cold Heart” but I do “Walk the Line”.

The Advisory Board really wants to “Make Someone Happy”, and give of their “Heart and Soul” to the Indiana State Fair 4-H Dog Show and project.

A few minutes after dealing with a difficult parent, I was thinking “Make the World Go Away” when an obedience exhibitor in line to show stopped me and extended his hand and just like Boyz II Men said “Thank You”.

I’m “Going Home” and unlike the State Fair there will be “Rum and Coca Cola”. And as the Fat Lady sings “After All is Said and Done” I am confident that we have the best show going!
Indiana
4-H Dog Advisory Committee

State Fair 4-H Dog Show Audit Room Suggestions for 2011
Barbara Johnson

1. The Auditing Committee should have about 8 representatives from several different counties. This year we had representatives from Starke, Johnson, Hancock, and Carroll Counties. Volunteers that like working cooperatively as team members, entering data into computers, learning how an Access data base works, etc. are encouraged to join. There is also a need for volunteers to fetch score sheets from the ring stewards, sort score sheets by exhibitor number, fold them and put them in labeled envelopes for mailing.

2. Have volunteers on Friday label the mailing envelopes and sort by exhibitor number grouped by obedience class. Store in low boxes with the flaps up, and put in auditing room.

3. Agility score sheets should not be printed on orange, red, or pink paper. The judge uses a red pen to mark the faults, and it is easier to see red ink on a pastel color different from a red tone.

4. Confirm how agility is scored for touching the dog, knocking the bar, etc. Is it an automatic NQ?

5. No notes on AG score sheets other than those related to actual judging.

6. AG table steward will confirm RunTime, CourseTime, TimeFaults, add faults, record FinalScore, circle Q or NQ.

7. Obedience judges should only record deductions and penalties in the Score column on the score sheets. The computer will figure the Grand Total Score and the person entering the deductions and penalties into the computer will write that on the score sheet in the space provided. The person that confirms the input entry will double check the deductions, penalties, and Grand Total Score.

8. It would be helpful if the OB ring stewards could check that the judges are only recording deductions and penalties in the Score column on the score sheets. Judges should not take any time to do any subtracting. They are all fine judges, but several cannot subtract accurately….., which only slows judging and auditing down, because the score sheets must be returned to the judge for corrections. The long sit/down gate/ring/table stewards could also check for readability and completeness on the score sheets.

9. Auditing needs four computers with MS Office Suite on all 4 computers that includes MS Access, MS Word, MS Excel, PDF Reader, a mouse and a mouse pad. Prefer computers that process "faster than molasses in January", so that volunteer time is not spent watching the computer to see IF it has saved the data yet, pulled up a report yet, etc……. Need at least one faster processing computer to hold the back end of the data base and receive data input from the other three computers.

10. Need a switch or router with 4 cable inputs, and cable to attach each computer. Also need two power strips. We brought our own switch, cable and power strips, none was provided in 2010.

11. Need a printer that works with all 4 computers (with printer software installed on them), and sufficient paper (2 reams) to be sure to not run out. Paper that has been sitting out of a paper wrapper for 2 weeks in the heat and humidity usually does not run through a printer very well and causes jams. Reports cannot be printed without a functioning printer. Tech support is in W. Lafayette? Is there an extra toner cartridge if needed?

12. Need 2 long tables and a shorter narrow table in the computer room, and two long tables and a shorter narrow table in the outer room. (Barb brought shorter, narrower folding tables from home – in addition to the narrow smaller wooden one she hijacked from the lobby of the cattle barn.)

13. We brought all our own office supplies: pencils, pencil sharpener, pens, markers, high-lighters, paper clips, binder clips, stapler, 3-hole punch, calculators, binders for results, extra ream of paper that we used when the printer ran out, post-it-notes, scotch tape, clear wide packing tape for posting scores and score sheets. Are these things supposed to be provided?

14. Need hanging file box and at least 30 hanging file folders with label tabs. We provided our own in 2010.
A proposal to make changes to the 4-H Leader Dog evaluation for 2011 has been submitted. Comments or suggestions regarding these changes may be sent before the October meeting to:

Show Manager, Cindy Barnett . . . . . . . . or . . . . . . . . . . State Fair Judge, Carolyn Pfrank

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Change name of class to Service Dog

Add to the Premium Book:

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 puppy raiser for their current state fair entry.

2. Dogs trained through 4-H for the Service Dog program are not allowed to be shown in 4-H showmanship, agility or drill team competition.

3. 4-H dogs being raised for a service dog program may wear their identification collar tags and/or insignia.
Proposed 4-H Service Dog Evaluation Items for 2011

Handlers may give a single cue before any change of direction, change of speed, or change of position.

1. **Accepting a Friendly Stranger** – The test begins with the dog seated at the handler’s side. The judge walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog. The judge and handler shake hands and say hello. If the dog shows signs of shyness or breaks position to go to the judge it should be marked as needing more training.

2. **Accepting an Exam** – The judge examines the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be the proper weight, clean, healthy and alert. The judge lightly examines the ears, feet and coat. The handler will show the dog’s teeth to the judge. Some squirming is acceptable; any dog showing shyness or requiring restraint should be marked as needing more training.

3. **Heel on Leash** – The judge will use a heeling pattern similar to traditional obedience work. Heeling will include Forward, Right Turn, Left Turn, About Turn, and Slow; with at least two Halts during the judging. The dog should walk on a loose leash at the handler’s left side. A Service Dog’s heel position is slightly forged or having the loin even with the handler’s leg. A dog that is straining at the leash or is totally inattentive to the handler should be marked as needing more training.

4. **Walk Through a Crowd** – The dog and handler will walk around and pass close to at least three people and/or dogs. The dog should walk in heel position with only mild interest in the members of the crowd. A dog that jumps on or goes to people in the crowd should be marked as needing more training.

5. **Coming When Called** – Handler will cue the dog to stay and walk to the end of the leash. The dog may be left in the sit, down, or standing position. The handler calls the dog and the dog comes in and touches its nose to either of the handler’s hands. The dog is then cued to return to heel position. If the dog refuses to stay, if repeated prompts to come are required or if the dog is not within easy arm reach, the dog should be marked as needing more training.

6. **Reaction to Distractions** – The judge will choose one noise, one movement and one food distraction: (noise) squeaky toy, crying baby doll, bike horn, (movement) ball bouncing, motorized stuffed animal, swinging white cane with ball end, (food) bowl of popcorn, open bag of chips, fast food wrapper. Dog and handler will walk past the distraction at a distance of about 5 feet away. The dog should appear confident. A dog that eats some food, or that panics or pulls to get away should be marked as needing more training.

7. **Stay** - Handler will sit in a chair. The dog will lie alongside the chair on the left side for 3 minutes. Will be judged as a group exercise. A dog that will not settle beside the handler or tries to get into the handler’s lap should be marked as needing more training.
## Proposal for changes to 4-H Leader Dog Evaluation for 2011

### 4-H Service Dog Evaluation Sheet

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