DOG - 2022

Categories	–	Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (grades 9 & above)
Manual	–	Dog Resource Handbook - 201R, Veterinary Form 4-H 671
Record Sheet	–	Dog Record Sheet 4-H 390 or No Exhibit Record Sheet
Exhibit	–	Grade

All POSTER exhibits must have a hard backing; such as foam board, plywood, plasterboard, etc., and all posters must have a see- through plastic covering and be displayed horizontally. The thickness of the poster backing should not exceed 5/16 inch. (22"x28"). If these **guidelines** are not followed, the exhibit will be judged then dropped one ribbon grade. Leave the area in the lower right hand corner of posters 3" high by 3" wide for a label. Labels will be provided by the Extension Office. The 4-H member's name and club should be permanently marked on the back side of each poster. 4-H members must cite all sources where information was obtained.

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

If an animal is being shown the Manual/Quiz/Alternate Activity & Record Sheet specific to their species will be due according to animal check in **guidelines**.

GENERAL PROJECT **GUIDELINES**

1. Certain required vaccinations have not been proven effective in wolf-hybrids. Therefore, because wolf- hybrids cannot meet the vaccination **guidelines** of the Indiana Board of Animal Health, wolf-hybrid dogs cannot be shown in the 4-H Dog Program.

2. In order to participate in agility, rally, obedience showmanship and/or drill team the 4-H member and dog must be actively training and show in dog obedience. A $20.00 fee is due at orientation or first practice. An additional fee of $10 will be added if the 4-H member trains a second dog. If the 4-Her is unable to pay please contact project leader.

3. All dogs entered in the project must be trained exclusively by the 4-H member.

4. Each dog must have a health certificate from a Veterinarian (form 4-H 671) proving that the dog has been vaccinated for the following: Distemper, Hepatitis, Rabies, Parvovirus, Par influenza, Leptospirosis and Bodetella. These shots must have been given within one year (for 1 year vaccines) or three years (for 3 year vaccines) of the first workshop in March through the 4-H benching in July. The certificate must be given to the project leader prior to or at the first workshop the dog attends or the dog will not be allowed to train. A yearly heartworm test, heartworm prevention and fecal test are strongly recommended.

5. New dogs entering the project should be at least six months of age by March 1 of the 4-H year. Younger dogs will be subject to the approval by the project leadership team. The project leadership team consists of the project head coordinator and leadership team.

6. In order that the 4-H member and the dog receive the proper amount of instruction necessary to complete the series of exercises and to discern that the dogs are not a safety risk to others, it is strongly recommended that the 4-H member and the dog attend a number of training sessions. Members' years 1 through 3 should attend at least 10 training sessions. Members years 4 and above should attend at least 5 training sessions. Veteran dogs should attend at least 5 training sessions.

7. Any incident involving a dog biting or showing aggression to a person or another dog at any 4-H function may result in an automatic dismissal from the project for that year determined by the dog project leadership team and the Extension Educator. If the Dog is dismissed from the project the 4-Her may still complete the project by submitting a Dog Record Sheet 4-H 390 or by submitting a general record sheet with a dog poster. Members not able to exhibit a dog are encouraged to exhibit a poster at the fair.

8. Female dogs in "season" (heat) are not to be brought to training sessions. Females in "season" may not be shown.

9. Each 4-H member exhibiting will be required to complete and submit the following educational activities approved by the project leadership team and Extension Educator: 1) Dog Record Sheet 4-H 390 submitted on or before the start of the first day of the 4-H County Dog Judging Show. 2) Three Skillathon activities completed by final scheduled training before the 4-H County Dog Judging Show. Failure to do so will result in the 4-Her not being able to exhibit in the 4-H show.

If not exhibiting a dog to complete the project the Dog Record Sheet 4-H 390 or Boone County No Exhibit Record Sheet submitted on or before the start of the first day of the 4-H County Dog Judging show either to the Extension Office or the project leader. You may also complete the project by submitting a General Record Sheet due at Dog Poster judging.

10. 4-H members must clean up after their dogs at all times.

11. No abusive/excessive force will be tolerated during training sessions. Any observance of such treatment should be reported to a trainer/project leader and could result in dismissal from the project.

12. If a 4-H member/dog is competing in any dog events outside of 4-H in Agility, Conformation, Obedience or Showmanship, the 4-H member will be placed in the 4-H level which is most compatible with the level the 4-H member and dog are competing in the other venues (s) such as AKC, UKC shows etc..

13. If a dog becomes injured, lost, or passes away a 4-H member can acquire a replacement dog of the correct age by May 15th. If a dog can't be found before May 15th a 4-H member can still complete the project by submitting the Record Sheet 4-H 390 or Boone County No Exhibit Record Sheet by the start of the first day of the county judging show.

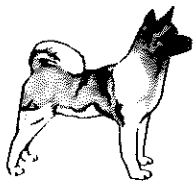
14. There will be a Vet Check prior to registration at any show. Each dog will be individually examined.

These dogs will not be allowed to enter the building and show:
- Bitches in season (heat).
- Dogs with any sign of illness, internal parasite, or elevated temperature.
- Dogs with fleas or any other external parasite.
- Dogs with incomplete vet forms or outdated vaccinations. Before coming to the show make sure your vet has written in the complete date for every vaccination given, and not used ditto marks.
- Dogs that cannot be examined due to aggressiveness.

15. Any 4-H member who has completed 2 years in the dog project and is a minimum of 6th grade may train and show up to two dogs. Only one dog is allowed to show a state fair and in showmanship.

16. A handler who chooses to show a dog at a lower level than it was previously shown or chooses to show differently than by the individual class **guidelines** may do so for exhibition only. Showing your dog for exhibition only will allow the handler and dog to be judged and receive a score. However, the score will not apply to championships or class placings, not limited to but including Top Dog and High Overall awards. The handler and dog will receive a participation ribbon only.

17. **Only dogs exhibited are allowed at the 4-H Dog Show and Trainings. Other dogs not allowed at Show, Trainings or on Fairgrounds. Exception—Leaders or Trainers dogs brought for member training purposes.**



OBEDIENCE

1. A 4-H member may not move back to a lower class than the one he or she entered in previous years with the same dog. A handler who chooses to repeat a class that is not repeatable will do so for exhibition only.

2. No bait or clickers in the obedience rings or staging areas during show. Bait is allowed at training sessions.

3. When showing in the obedience ring a buckle collar, slip collar or martingale collar are the ONLY acceptable collars to use. Leashes are to be six feet in length and made of leather or fabric. Head halters may be used only outside the show ring & staging areas. Muzzles, prong collars or electronic collars of any type are prohibited at the show.

4. No tags of any kind are to be on the collar. Dogs being raised for the service dog programs are exempt.

5. A handler/dog team may begin at any eligible level and progress from there. Teams are encouraged to move out of repeatable classes when ready. A team may skip up class(es) if they desire, but may not move back to a lower class than the one they entered in previous years. A handler who chooses to repeat a class that is not repeatable will do so for exhibition only.

CLASSES:

Class 1A (Not repeatable)
For 4-H'ers with no previous formal dog training experiences with a dog which has received no obedience training prior to January 1 of the current year. 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.

1. The handler leaves the dog on a sit, the judge approaches the dog and touches it on the head and the handler returns to heel position.
2. The handler leaves the dog on a sit, walks to the end of the leash and faces the dog, pausing for the return order.
3. The 1A recall on leash will no longer require a finish.

Class 1B (Not repeatable with the same dog, except for exhibition only)
For 4-H'ers with previous dog training experience, (including showing in 1A) or for 4-Hers with no experience whose dogs have had training which 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)

1. The handler will leave their dog in a down position and proceed to walk around the perimeter of the ring returning to the dog.
2. The handler will leave their dog in a sit position, walk to a designated area to pick up their leash and, on order, return to heel position.

Class 2A (Not repeatable with the same dog, except for exhibition only.)
Exercises are: Heel on Leash and Figure 8 on Leash, Stand for Exam off Leash, Heel Free, Recall off Leash, Sit Stay (Get Your Leash), Sit Stay 1 minute (in a group/on leash), Down Stay 1 minute (in a group/on leash).

1. The handler will leave their dog in a sit position, walk to a designated area to pick up their leash and, on order, return to heel position.
2. On leash, the dog will sit and the handler will walk to the end of leash and turn to face dog. On return, handler will go to heel position.
3. On leash, the dog will down and the handler will walk to the end of leash and turn to face dog. On return handler will go to heel position.

Class 2B (May repeat until ready to move up)
Exercises are: Heel on Leash and Figure 8 on Leash, Stand for Exam off Leash, Heel Free, Drop on Recall command and/or signal to drop, Sit Stay (Get Your Leash), Sit Stay 1 minute (group/on leash), Down Stay 1 minute (group/on leash).

1. The handler will leave their dog in a sit position, walk to a designated area to pick up their leash and, on order, return to heel position.
2. On leash, the dog will down and the handler will walk to the end of leash and turn to face dog. On return handler will go to heel position.

Class 3A (Not repeatable with the same dog, except for exhibition only)
Exercises are: Heel Free and Figure 8, Stand for Exam off Leash, Dumbbell Recall, Drop on Recall, StandStay (get your leash).

1. Dog sits and handler moves to a designated spot, after 1 minute returns to dog.
2. Dog is downed and handler goes to a spot outside the ring to pick up the leash, re-enters the ring and stops facing dog, on judge's order handler returns to dog.

Class 3B (May repeat until ready to move up)
Exercises are: Heel Free & Figure 8, Stand for Exam off Leash, Retrieve on Flat, Drop on Recall, Stand Stay (get your leash).

1. Dog sits and handler moves to a designed spot, after 1 minute returns to dog.
2. Dog is downed and handler goes to a spot outside the ring to pick up the leash, re-enters the ring and stops, facing dog, on judge's order handler returns to dog.

Class 4A (Not repeatable with the same dog, except for exhibition only)
Exercises are: Heel Free & Figure 8, Retrieve on Flat, Dumbell Recall over High Jump, Recall over Broad Jump, Command Discrimination (stand, sit, down).

1. Starting with the dog at a sit, on order the handler stands dog, leaves dog and walks away 15 ft. turning to face dog. Judge will signal for the handler to sit their dog by signal and/or voice. On order, the handler will turn and walk an additional 15 ft. away turning to face dog again and on the judge's signal will down their dog by signal and/or voice. Then, on order, the handler will return to heel position walking behind their dog.

Class 4B (May repeat until ready to move up)
Exercises are: Heel Free & Figure 8, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump. Command Discrimination (stand, down, sit)

1. The mechanics are the same as the 4A class starting from a sit, but in this class the judge will pick one of 3 groups of position changes 1. Stand, Down, 2. Down, Sit, Stand, or 3. Down Stand, Sit.

Class 5A (Not repeatable with the same dog, except for exhibition only)
Exercises are: Hand Signals (and voice), Directed Retrieve (2 gloves), Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump, Moving Stand & Exam.

Class 5B (May repeat until ready to move up)
Exercises are: Hand Signals, Directed Retrieve, Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump, Moving Stand & Exam.

Class 6A (Not repeatable with the same dog, except for exhibition only)
Exercises are: Hand Signals, Scent Discrimination (1 retrieve), Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand & Exam, Go Out, Directed Jumping (1 jump).

Class 6B (May repeat)
Exercises are: Hand Signals, Scent Discrimination (2 retrieves), Directed Retrieve, Directed Jumping (2 jumps), Moving Stand & Exam.

Veterans (Repeatable)
Exercises are: Heel Free & Figure 8 (off leash), Stand for Exam off Leash, Recall off Leash, Stand Stay (Get your Leash)

1. The handler will leave their dog in a sit position, walk to a designated area to pick up their leash and, on order, return to heel position.
2. On leash, the dog will sit and the handler will walk to the end of leash and turn to face dog. On return, handler will go to heel position.
3. On leash, the dog will down and the handlers will walk to the end of leash and turn to face dog. On return, handler will go to heel position.

SHOWMANSHIP

Philosophy

Showmanship is concerned with how well the dog is shown by the handler. The dog's conformation or its being pure-bred is of no importance. The emphasis is on the handler's presentation of the dog standing still and in motion. The handler must convey knowledge and understanding of the dog's breed or the breed chosen as that which the dog most resembles. The handler should present the dog according to the chosen single breed standard. The handler and dog appear to be part of a team. They work well together, move fluidly, and give an overall picture of being one unit. If a dog moves out of place or makes an error, a good handler is aware of this. The handler quickly and efficiently adjusts for the fault and resumes his/her presentation of the dog.

Collar: Show collar and lead as in martingale, very fine chain collar with loop lead, loop lead, nylon collar, nylon slide lead. The lead should match the dog and color and size.

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 county or state fair judging, 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 county or 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.

Master Showman:
This class is comprised of the first place winner in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Classes.

AGILITY

1. Open to any 4-H member and a dog that is 15 months of age on day of county dog judging. At leadership discretion, dog and handler may be ask to perform and pass obedience fundamentals test.

2. All Agility work will be done on a buckle or quick release collar. Beginner A must use a 6 foot leash. Tags on collars are not allowed.

3. All dogs must be kept on leash at all times unless running the Agility course.

4. 4-H members are required to set up and/or tear down equipment at each training session.

5. There are four competition levels in Indiana 4-H agility: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, and Excellence. The level of competition is determined by the county 4-H leader and the handler based upon the dog's ability and train ing. This means that the handler needs to demonstrate to the county 4-H leader during training that the dog is able to safely negotiate the pieces of equipment required for that level. A handler may begin at any level as long as the handler demonstrates that the dog is capable, but in subsequent competitions, the dog may not compete at a lower level than it did previously. A handler who chooses to show a dog at a lower level than it was previously shown or chooses to show differently than by individual class **guidelines** may do so for exhibition only.

6. Each competition level except Excellence is divided into two classes: A and B. The A Class of any level is for the 4-H member and dog that have never participated at that particular level. The B Class is for all other handlers and dogs participating at that level. It is important to note that a handler cannot participate in the A Class of any level more than once, even if he or she returns in a later year with a different dog. A handler who chooses to repeat an A Class, even with a different dog, may do so for exhibition only. In any given year, a dog must be shown at the same agility level at the Indiana State Fair as it was shown in the handler's county 4-H program. Entering the county or state fair competition at a level lower than the county participation will be for exhibition only.

7. Runs are rated as Qualifying(Q), Non-qualifying(NQ) or Excused(E). Qualifying runs are placed ahead of Non-qualifying runs. Dogs must successfully complete each obstacle on the course to receive a Qualifying score. Handlers incurring Excused infractions will not be permitted to complete the run and will not be placed. Any handler in Beginning B or above who is asked to finish on leash will constitute a non-qualifying run. No exhibition only run will be included in any overall championship (Top Dog, High Overall)

CLASSES:

Beginning Level

The Beginning Level–A Class (not repeatable)
4-H members and dogs that have not previously participated in the Indiana 4-H Agility Program. Neither the handler nor dog may have participated in 4-H agility competitions in past years to be eligible for this class. The handler must use a 6-foot leash.

The Beginning Level–B Class (repeatable)
4-H members and dogs where either the member or dog has previously participated in 4-H agility. The dog must be off leash during scored run.
The course includes 10-12 Obstacles
The handler should repeat the Beginning Level–B Class until the dog can safely negotiate the Intermediate Level equipment.

Intermediate Level

Intermediate Level–A Class (not repeatable)
4-H members who have not previously participated at the Intermediate Level with any dog. The dog must be off leash during the scored run.

Intermediate Level–B Class (repeatable)
4-H members who have previously participated at the Intermediate Level with any dog. The dog must be off leash during the scored run.
The course includes 11-13 Obstacles
The handler should repeat Intermediate Level–B Class until the dog can safely negotiate the Advanced Level equipment.

Advanced Level

The Advanced Level–A Class (NOT repeatable)
4-H members who have not previously participated at the Advanced Level with any dog. The dog must be off leash during the scored run.

The Advanced Level–B Class (repeatable)
4-H members who have previously participated at the Advanced Level with any dog. The dog must be off leash during the scored run.
The course includes 14-16 Obstacles
The handler should repeat Advanced Level–B Class until the dog and handler can safely negotiate the longer and more difficult Excellence Level courses.

Excellence Level

The Excellence Level Class (repeatable)
4-H members and dogs exhibiting more advanced handling skills over the same obstacles as those in the Advanced Classes. First time and previous Excellence Level participants compete in the same class. The dog must be off leash during the scored run.
The course includes 16-18 Obstacles

Height Divisions

There are five dog height divisions within each agility level:

The same course is used for all five height divisions at a given level. The dog's height at the withers determines the division placement, and the division determines the height of the jumps and of the pause table. The dog's height is measured from the top of the withers straight to the ground while the dog is standing normally and not leaning or crouching.

The dog may be measured at the show to verify accuracy of the reported height.

A dog may be designated as veteran if it is at least 7 years old. A dog must always compete as a veteran in agility once it has competed with that designation. Division 1, 2, and 3 veteran dogs run in the next lower height division.

Jump Height Divisions	
4 inches	Dogs 11 inches and under at the withers
8 inches	Dogs 14 inches and under at the withers
12 inches	Dogs 18 inches and under at the withers
16 inches	Dogs 22 inches and under at the withers
20 inches	Dogs over 22 inches at the withers

Obstacle Chart			
Beginner	**Intermediate**	**Advanced**	**Excellent**
Dog Walk	Dog Walk*	Dog Walk*	Dog Walk*
A-Frame*	A-Frame*	A-Frame*	A-Frame*
Open Tunnel* (3)	Open Tunnel* (3)	Open Tunnel* (2)	Open Tunnel* (2)
Bar Jump	Bar Jump	Bar Jump*	Bar Jump*
One Bar Jump*	One Bar Jump	One Bar Jump	One Bar Jump
Pause Table*	Pause Table*	Pause Table*	Pause Table*
Tire Jump (B Only) (2018)	Tire Jump* (2018)	Tire Jump*	Tire Jump*
Panel Jump (2019)	Panel Jump (2019)	Panel Jump* (2019)	Panel Jump* (2019)
	SeeSaw*	SeeSaw*	SeeSaw*
	Broad Jump (2018)	Broad Jump* (2018)	Broad Jump (2018)
	Triple Bar Jump (2018)	Triple Bar Jump (2018)	Triple Bar Jump (2018)
	Weaves* 3 poles (2019)	Weaves* 6 poles (2019)	Weaves* 9-12 poles (2019)
	Double Bar Jump (2020)	Double Bar Jump (2020)	Double Bar Jump (2020)
	Asc. Double Bar Jump (2020)	Asc. Double Bar Jump (2020)	Asc.Double Bar Jump (2020)
Total # Obs: 10-12	Total # Obs: 11-13	Total # Obs: 14-16	Total # Obs: 16-18

* = At least one is required in the course

(#) = Maximum number of times permitted in course

(20XX) = Year to be Introduced at Sate Fair

RALLY

1. Open to any 4-H member and dog in any Obedience Division. At leader discretion, dog and handler may be a asked to perform and pass an obedience fundamentals test.
2. All Rally work will be done with a training collar: well-fitted slip, buckle, or martingale collar made of fabric or leather. The leash may be made of fabric or leather and must be six (6) feet long. Collar tags/prong collars will not be allowed. No tags allowed.
3. All dogs are to be kept on leash at all times unless running the Rally course.
4. 4-H members is required to set up and/or tear down equipment at each training session.
5. All dogs will be timed. Times will be used only in the event of ties for a placement. Any handler who chooses to show a dog at a lower lever than it was previously shown or chooses to show differently than by individual class guidelines may do so for exhibition only.

CLASSES:

Novice:

These classes are run on leash. They will have 10-15 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises per class.

Novice A: Not Repeatable

4-H members with no rally experience.

Novice B: Repeatable

4-H members who have shown previously in the Novice A class. 4-H members should move on to Advance A when successfully completing the Novice B level.

Advanced:

These classes run off lead. They will have 12-17 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 7 stationary exercises per class. Courses will have a minimum of 3 Advanced level stations plus one required jump per class.

Advanced A: Not Repeatable

4-H members who have been successful at the Novice B class and have not competed at the Advanced level.

Advanced B: Repeatable:

4-H members who have shown previously in the Advanced A class. 4-H members should move on to Excellent A when successfully completing the Advanced B course.

Excellent:

These classes run off leash. These classes will have between 15-20 stations (start, finish and Call to Heel marker not included) with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 7 stationary exercises. Courses should have a minimum of 2 advanced level stations and a minimum of 3 excellent stations plus 2 required jumps and the Sit Stay exercise per class. Handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage their dog. Handlers many not touch their dog or make any physical corrections.

Excellent A: Not Repeatable

4-H members who have been successful at the Advanced B class and have not competed at the Excellent level.

Excellent B: Repeatable:

4-H members who have competed at the Excellent A level.

DRILL TEAM

What it is:
A 4-H K9 Drill Team is another fun activity for youth currently enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project to participate in. Drill Teams are great for promoting 4-H and teaching dogs and their handlers better training techniques by working hard to achieve the training results they crave without realizing how much they are working. A 4-H member teaches his or her dog to perform precision, basic obedience in a synchronized pattern with other dogs and handlers in a team format. Drill Teams engage in choreographed routines that are performed in front of the public as well as a panel of Indiana State Fair Dog Show judges during the Drill Team competition. The judges critique the performances and award points ac-accordingly. Medallions are awarded to the highest scoring teams.

Basic info:
This project only competes at the Indiana State Fair Dog Show, so Indiana State Fair Dog Show **guidelines** are followed.

State Fair **Guidelines** include:
- Handler and dog equal one (1) unit.
- Teams must have a minimum of four (4) units and a maximum of 20 units. A 4-H member may participate on only one (1) drill team in any given year.
- A club may enter a total of two (2) drill teams.
- Each Drill Team member unit must compete in obedience at the Indiana State Fair Dog Show in order to be eligible enter the Drill Team competition with their team. Both the obedience competition and Drill Team competition occur on the same day.
- At the Indiana State Fair Dog Show, the handler must compete with the same dog in both obedience and Drill Team.
- Each handler / dog unit must wear their Dog Show obedience armband when entering the Drill Team ring for competition.
- Drill Team shall only consist of 4-H exhibitors, their dogs, and 4-H obedience and/or showmanship equipment. The Drill Team members are not allowed to wear costumes, but are allowed to wear coordinating street-wear attire such as matching t-shirts, pants, shoes, and accessories that follow the State Fair Dog Show **guidelines**.
- The handler/dog unit do not have to complete at the Boone County Dog Show in order to register and compete at the Indiana State Fair Dog Show.

How to become involved:
Members of the Boone County 4-H Dog project can be part of the 4-H K9 Drill Team. Those selected for the Drill Team will need to attend practices, attend public performances at the Boone County Fair, participate in the Indiana State Fair Dog contest, as well as the Drill Team competition at the Indiana State Fair Dog Show. Since this is a team activity, not attending practices hurts the whole team. Interested 4-H members need to check dates of these practices and performances with any other schedules they have before committing to being part of the Drill Team.

CHAMPIONSHIP POSSIBILITIES

TOP DOG

For any 4-H member and dog that show as a team in Obedience, Showmanship, Agility and Rally. All 4 judges scores from the County 4-H dog show will be added together to determine an overall Top Dog Award. No exhibition only score will be eligible for this award. First place in this award can be won only one time.

HIGH OVERALL

First place in the award can be won only one time. No exhibition only score will be eligible for this award. You must show/ participate in each of the 5 categories to qualify for this award.

This award is made up of the following scores.

Obedience Score	Max 200
Showmanship Score	Max 200
Poster Score	Max 50
Dog Knowledge Quiz	Max 50
Herdsmanship/Benching	Max 100

Obedience Score – Taken directly from the 4-H county fair dog judging score sheet

Showmanship Score – Taken directly from the 4-H county fair dog judging score sheet

Poster Score – 25 points for turning in a poster to judging
5 points for Blue
5 points for Honor ribbon 5 points for state fair entry
5 points for Champion or Reserve Champion ribbon
5 points for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ribbon

Dog Knowledge quiz- Quiz given during 4-H county fair, "Dawg Days", when a 4-H member feels ready. Will be given in 3 categories, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior, following the Showmanship age guidelines. 15 questions will be available by June 1 for the 4-H members to look up answers from the dog handbook and study. The quiz will consist of 10 of the above mentioned 15 questions at 5 points each.

Fair Exhibit/Public Display "Dawg Days"-50 points accumulated during Dawg Days, 25 possible points per day through various activities – see list on dog project webpage on High Overall Details.pdf. 50 points accumulated throughout the 4-H year from various activities at 10 points each. See list on dog project webpage on High Overall Details.pdf. Participate in at least 10 obedience trainings with dog and receive 10 points.

Herdsmanship/Benching – 75 points accumulated during fair benching, 25 possible points per day through various activities – see list in dog member binder under championship tab. 25 points accumulated throughout the 4-H year from various activities at 5 points each. See list in dog member binder under championship tab.

Boone County 4-H All Around Dog Champion.

Can be won multiple times but only one title per year. This title is for the handler, may count points from all dogs shown. 4-H members must accumulate 30 points to earn each title. Points carry over from one year to the next. Subsequent titles will be awarded for each additional 30 points. Please make copies of your records for you to keep.

Point System:

4-H members may use multiple dogs the same year to earn points toward their title provided the dogs are shown in different events. In one given year a youth can receive no more than the following points per event, regardless of the number of dogs exhibited or classes entered in that event.

One point will be awarded per regular event for participation in the events.

1)Obedience
2)Showmanship
3)Agility
4)Rally
5)Poster Contest
6)Drill Team
7)Benching Public Demonstration

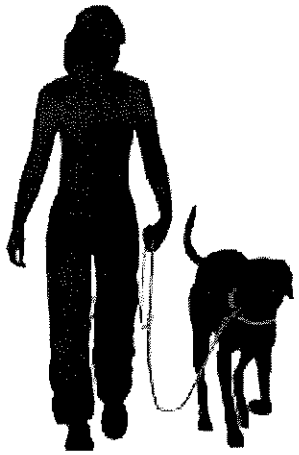
An additional 5 points for placing top 10 overall in Obedience, top 5 overall in Showmanship and Agility. An Additional 5 points for a champion, reserve grand champion and grand champion in poster contest. An additional 5 points for receiving a gold medal in rally or drill team. An additional 5 points for doing a benching public demonstration for more than one day.

FAIR EXHIBIT AND PUBLIC DISPLAY (Dawg Days)

Exhibiting during the county fair is determined by the Boone County Fair board and is listed in the Fair Schedule. Dogs and handlers will only be required to bench one day. Any 4-H member choosing to compete in the High Overall must exhibit **all sessions**. When exhibiting all dogs must remain on lead except when in the kennel, exercise pen, or during club activities and demonstrations. If the 4-H member needs to leave the kennel area while exhibiting they will need to assign someone to watch and care for their dog. The member will need to sign out when leaving for an excused activity, such as, other 4-H activity, school activity, illness etcetera as approved by leadership team. The benching hours for exhibit will be a maximum of 6 hours per day **all sessions**. Following the 4-H livestock **guidelines**, dogs that exhibit at the fair (pre-fair judging) must bench a minimum of 1 day. If a dog does not bench the penalty will be that the 4-H member may not exhibit a dog in the project the following year.

HERDSMANSHIP

All members will need to show good herdsmanship throughout the year. This includes cleaning up after your dog, respect for you trainer and leadership and keeping your dog clean and groomed. While Exhibiting at county fair: Take your dog to the designated fenced potty area every 2 hours. 4-H dogs are only allowed in designated areas during the county fair, members may not take their dogs out around the fairgrounds unless for approved activity. No food, treats or toys are permitted in the dog kennels. Fresh water must be available at all times.



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Indiana 4-H Aggressive Dog Policy

The safety and well-being of 4-H members and volunteers is a primary concern with all Indiana 4-H Program opportunities. Families should err on the side of caution in selecting a dog for the 4-H member to exhibit. A dog that has a known history of aggression or biting is not appropriate for involvement in the 4-H Program. On occasion, the 4-H member may have difficulty managing their dog within the 4-H Program. The following guidance has been provided for the Indiana 4-H Dog Program as the owner/exhibitor of the dog bears responsibility for the dog's actions. In the subsequent policy, the term "4-H Dog Personnel" will include County 4-H Volunteers, County Extension Educators, State 4-H Staff and appropriate County and State Fair Directors.

A dog that bites a human or another dog at any 4-H Dog Event must be immediately removed from that event by the 4-H member and will subsequently be excused from the 4-H Program. The member should be directed by 4-H Dog Personnel on-site to remove the dog if the member does not willingly. If a determination is made by the 4-H Dog Personnel that a dog bit in self-defense, it may be allowed to remain at the 4-H Dog Event.

Dogs that display other signs of aggression, including but not limited to barking and standing ground, growling, lunging and snapping will be give one verbal warning. They will be removed from the event after the second violation at the same event. To be removed from a 4-H Dog Event, there must be two violations at the same event.

Any dog that is removed from a 4-H Dog Event due to aggressive behavior will be placed on probation for 2 weeks. Written notification of the probation will be given to the 4-H member. The 2-week period will start upon written notification to the 4-H member. While on probation, the 4-H Dog Personnel and the 4-H member and parents will work together to determine the best course of action for the dog. This may include (but is not limited to) working individually with the dog and 4-H member, asking the 4-H member to use a different dog or having the 4-H member attend events without their dog. At the end of the designated probation period, 4-H Dog Personnel will decide regarding the dog's return to 4-H Dog Events.

Dogs that are removed from a 4-H Dog Event twice will be immediately excused from the 4-H program and will not be allowed to re-enter. Excusing a dog from the 4-H Program is rare but could be necessary for the safety of 4-H members, volunteers, and other participating dogs. Should a dog be excused from the program, it must be remembered that the action is against dog and not the 4-H member. 4-H Dog Personnel should look at many solutions and encourage the 4-H member to attend classes without their dog while training it at home or potentially bringing another dog to 4-H events. 4-H members will always be welcome in every other part of the dog project.

In the event that a dog is removed from a 4-H Dog Event or excused from the 4-H program, 4-H Dog Personnel should report such to the State 4-H Office so that the information is available at all county 4-H dog programs and the Indiana State Fair.