



March 10, 2025

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/yhf3mwke>

**4-H DOG VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS:** If you plan to bring your dog to the fair or practices, the enclosed Dog Vaccination policy is required. 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 2025 Vaccination Form updated and completed.

**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 <https://tinyurl.com/2dtneut5>. Please refer to their website for updates and deadlines as well. Currently, the project information has not been updated for 2025, but will be available soon. When the entry information becomes available, more information will be sent out.

The dates of the 2025 Indiana State Fair are August 1 - 17. You can find the livestock schedule here: <https://tinyurl.com/4dwn5hsw>

**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/yhf3mwke>.

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 2025*

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### **HEALTH:**

- a) All 4-H dogs must be accompanied by the **2025 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) **Pulling dogs on the leash is considered a major fault and will result in disqualification.**
- e) 4-H members are responsible for the actions of their dogs.
- f) 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.
- g) 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 ([here](#)) 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) 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:**

\*NEW FOR 2025\*

4-H Exhibitors that use groomers for show day assistance at the Clay County 4-H Fair, your groomers **WILL NOT** be required to be enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. However, if you plan to have groomers assistance at the State Fair, those individuals *may be required* to be enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Please reach out to the Extension Office in the Spring for enrollment assistance or refer to the State Fair rule books.

### **SHOW AWARDS**

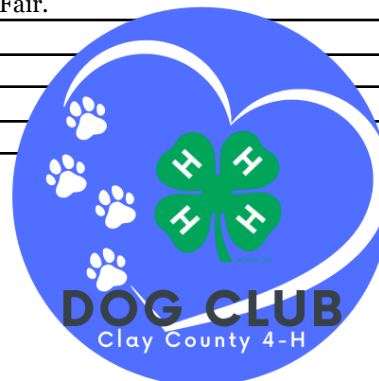
	<u>Showmanship</u>	<u>Obedience</u>	<u>Agility</u>
Champion Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Showmanship</li> <li>• Intermediate Showmanship</li> <li>• Senior Showmanship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Division 1A Dog Obedience</li> <li>• Division 1B Obedience</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, 2025</b>	Deadline to enroll in the Dog Project on 4HOnline
<b>July 1, 2025</b>	Fair Entry due on <a href="http://fairent.com">fairent.com</a> (where you will enter your show classes for the fair)
<b>TBD</b>	Deadline to register dogs online for the State Fair.
<b>July 6, 2025</b>	Dog Obedience show
<b>July 7, 2025</b>	Dog Agility & Showmanship show
<b>July 12 - 18, 2025</b>	Clay County Fair
<b>August 1 - 17, 2025</b>	Indiana State Fair
<b>August 16 - 17, 2025</b>	State Fair Dog show





# GENERAL LIVESTOCK TERMS & CONDITIONS

*\*Updated for 2025*

## LIVESTOCK HEALTH

- A. Emergency Medical/Death of Animal Clause: After **May 15, 2025** no animal may be substituted or replaced due to death or a medical condition, ***unless it is the ONLY animal the member has to exhibit in that species.*** In cases such as this, a signed letter from a veterinarian must be provided to the Extension Office. The substituted animal may only receive a participation ribbon in all exhibited classes except showmanship. Substituted animals may be sold in the Clay County 4-H Auction. Concerns or questions should be addressed to the Extension Office.
- B. Clay County follows state health requirements for livestock and animal projects. Animals will be inspected upon arrival by a veterinarian or a representative appointed by the Clay County 4-H Council. No livestock/animal should be unloaded or enter the barns until an inspection has occurred by the barn superintendent and/or veterinarian. We reserve the right to refuse entrance to any livestock/animal that the veterinarian deems unhealthy and shows signs of communicable disease.
- C. During the Fair: All exhibitors must remove from the premises any livestock that exhibit symptoms of disease that may be infectious or contagious when requested by the Indiana State Veterinarian or his agents. Failure to meet all health requirements will result in removal of animals presented by an exhibitor.
- D. Fraud and/or deception will not be allowed relative to 4-H exhibits. Fraud and/or deception being defined to include, but not limited to, the following:
- 1) Tampering (altering) and/or misrepresentation relative to an animal's breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion: (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to, coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, attaching hair/hair substitutes, or filling).
  - 2) Unethical fitting of animal exhibits considered as consisting of administration of any natural or foreign substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs covered in #c below, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substance) or performance of any surgical procedure, altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption is prohibited.  
*\*Exceptions that are allowed to 1 and 2 above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine, and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics.*
  - 3) 4-H market animals shall not contain any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, steroids, or chemicals, greater than those standards established by the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on day of show and day of shipment to market from the Clay County Fair. Drugs may not be administered to a 4-H animal exhibit at the Clay County Fair except those approved by the project superintendent. The project superintendent must witness the procedure.





## **OWNERSHIP & REGISTRATIONS**

- A. Each 4-H member shall own or lease his/her 4-H exhibit. Ownership, personal possession, and regular care of the animal must be in effect on or before the county and state enrollment deadlines (**May 15, 2025**) and continuously until after the 4-H show at the county and/or state fair.
- B. All breeding animals must be registered in their respective breed associations and earmarked or tagged to coincide with their individual registration papers. Registrations will be checked by the barn superintendent.
- C. An original certificate of registration, transfer or a FAX directly from the National Breed Association to the Extension Office for 4-H purebred animals must be presented to the 4-H superintendent prior to the time of show. This document must show that the 4-H exhibitor owns the animal(s) being exhibited, either entirely or in part with family or legal guardian, before the State 4-H project enrollment date (**May 15, 2025**) and continuously until show date.
- D. For 4-H breeding animals, acceptable registrations include family corporations and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or legal guardians. Acceptable registrations are:
  - 1) In the 4-H member's name
  - 2) John Smith & Sons
  - 3) John Smith, Sons & Daughters
  - 4) John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only)
  - 5) Mark Smith (brother) & Mary Smith (sister)
  - 6) Family corporations, where the 4-H member's name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of the same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date
  - 7) Family partnership, where the 4-H members father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be on file with the Extension Office before the ID deadline.
- E. 4-H breeding beef, Boer goats, dairy goats, sheep, and swine will NOT be accepted in the State Fair 4-H Show if they are registered in a father's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", John Doe and William Smith (4-H member)", "Long Oak and William Smith (4-H Member)", etc.).
- F. For 4-H dairy cattle: family corporations and/or partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are also acceptable.
- G. Dairy heifers, horses and ponies may be leased, subject to approval of the county 4-H dairy or horse and pony committee and the respective County Extension Educator. That form can be found [HERE](#) and will need to be turned into the Extension Office by **May 15, 2025**.



- H. 4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the County Fair shall not be eligible to show at the County Fair or State Fair.
- I. 4-H animals shown after the 4-H animal enrollment deadline (May 15), should not be shown by anyone other than the 4-H member that enrolled said animal. This term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing 4-H eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without enrollment the person who enters them in Indiana 4-H is equivalent of the enroller of the animals. If this rule is found to be broken, the animal in question will not be eligible to be shown at the County Fair or in a 4-H Class at the Indiana State Fair.
- J. For 4-H animals that are eligible to be co-enrolled by siblings, a declaration of who will be showing the animal during the Clay County 4-H Fair is required in Fair Entry before **July 1, 2025**.

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### **4-H EXHIBITOR EXPECTATIONS**

- A. All 4-H Livestock may only be shown by current Clay County 4-H members only.
- B. There should be no use of electronics i.e.: cell phones, bluetooth, etc. between a 4-H exhibitor and any person (s) during judging unless a service device for a disability is required.
- C. **Each exhibitor must be present at set up and clean up. Each superintendent is to see that his or her department is set up and cleaned up. The Superintendent will assign duties.**
- D. All livestock exhibitors will furnish their own feed and watering utensils as well as feed their animals.
- E. Livestock animals shall be under the daily care and maintenance of the exhibitor. **Pens/stalls must be kept clean & dry, barn aisles must be kept clear of tack/debris at all times to provide easy accessibility to visitors.** Decisions shall be left to the discretion of the Council and superintendent in regards to compliance.
- F. 4-H'ers are expected to show their own animals. In cases where this cannot be done, the member may request another Clay County 4-H member to serve as a substitute showman. Requests must be made to the Barn Superintendent or the Clay County 4-H Council no later than check-in at the Fair. Requests will be granted only in the case of: 1) Illness, 2) Injury, 3) Conflict of more than one animal per class, or 4) circumstances deemed unavoidable.



- G. To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training. This is an annual program that can be completed in-person by attending one of the classes on the following dates at the Fairgrounds:

- **March 19, 2025**
- **April 29, 2025**
- **May 22, 2025**
- **June 30, 2025**

An online option is available for \$12 through the YQCA program. Once you complete this [online course](#), you must email the Extension Office your final certificate emailed to you at completion showing your certification number.

### **SHOW PROCEDURES**

- All livestock exhibits are due as designated in the fair schedule. No livestock is to be unloaded until checked by that species superintendent and/or a Vet. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- The superintendent will be in charge of assigning livestock pen space.
- In livestock classes, placing ribbons will be awarded to the first five placings in each class.
- Exhibitors who fail to show required registration papers will show their animals in the Crossbred Class.
- Animals shown at other shows after the enrollment deadline under different ownership will not be eligible for the Clay County 4-H Show. This does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing 4-H eligibility.
- Competition placings do not become official until the completion of all post judging animal verification such as, but not limited to, retinal scan or RFID tag reading.
- If, in the opinion of the judge or superintendent, the club members cannot safely handle the animal, they will be credited for completing the project.
- Only animals for exhibition during the fair may be on the 4-H Fairgrounds. Those animals not scheduled for overnight stay may be here only during exhibition.
- After a Champion is selected, the second-place exhibit in that same class automatically becomes eligible to show for Reserve; likewise a Reserve Champion to an exhibit selected for Grand Champion becomes eligible for Reserve Grand Champion.

### **CLAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

- All animals must be sound and healthy in order to be sold in the Clay County 4-H Livestock Auction. If the animal is found to be unsound, the project superintendent, auction committee and 4-H Council will make the final decision on whether the animal will go through the auction.
- All 4-H members are required to complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training in order to sell in the livestock auction.
- A Premise ID will be required for all Beef, Boer Goats, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Meat Goat Wethers, Pygmy Goats, Sheep and Swine sold at auction.
- Exhibitors wishing to exhibit beef animals or dairy steers weighing below 850 pounds must sign a release form acknowledging that their animal is not eligible for the beef sale at the auction unless a buyer is secured.
- Swine weighing less than 230 pounds at weigh in may be shown at the fair but will not be allowed to be sold in the livestock auction. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Exhibitors wishing to exhibit swine weighing





below 230 pounds must sign a release form acknowledging that their animal is not eligible for sale at the auction unless a buyer is secured.

- F. Once an animal has gone through the auction it may not be exhibited at the Indiana State Fair or any other 4-H affiliated show.
- G. Sale order for each species will be: 1. Grand Champion; 2. Reserve Grand Champion; 3. Grand Champion Born and Bred; 4. Reserve Grand Champion Born and Bred. Others will draw for sale order. In the event that the person having Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion does not sell that animal, but sells another animal, they must draw for sale order.
- H. If the market is available for any species of animals sold in the auction, the animal will be pegged, sold and either shipped or kept as designated by the buyer. Animal species sold in the auction include cattle, swine, poultry, goats, sheep and rabbits.
- I. Poultry exhibitors may enter either a meat pen of Cornish type chickens weighing 5 pounds each or more or a meat pen of ducks weighing 5 pounds each or more in the livestock auction. Another option is selling a turkey.
- J. Rabbit Exhibitors may sell one meat type entry in the auction. Auction entries must be from one of the Meat Rabbit Classes which include Meat Pens (3 rabbits), Single Fryer, Roaster or Stewers.

## **SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS**

### 4-H Showmanship Rules for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, & Goats

- A. There will be four showmanship divisions with a Champion and Reserve Champion in each division.
  - a. **Junior Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 3, 4, 5 on January 1st of the current year.
  - b. **Intermediate Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 6, 7, 8 on January 1st of the current year.
  - c. **Senior Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 on January 1st of the current year.
  - d. **Champion of Champion Showman** – includes all senior showmanship winners and Champion of Champion winners of previous years.
- B. A member may win the junior, intermediate, and senior divisions only once and will show in the next level the following year.
- C. A winning senior may compete in the Champion of Champions division in the year he/she wins the senior division.
- D. 4-H members may win the Champion of Champions division any number of times.
- E. Division(s) may be added/deleted at the discretion of the superintendent.
- F. An alternate out of the Champion of Champions will be selected.

## **ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP**

- A. The following species will be shown: sheep, horses, meat goats, dairy goats, dairy cattle, swine, and beef.
- B. The Champion of Champions from each species will compete in the Round Robin contest. Any 4-H'ers winning in more than one category must choose one species only. The alternate chosen from the Champions of Champions will fill the opening.
- C. All animals will be shown natural, with no advance grooming allowed. The Superintendents will make sure that the animals are clean and equally presentable.
- D. The Superintendent of each species will provide all of the equipment needed for showing their species.



- E. All animals of the contestants involved will not be used in the contest. Furthermore, no animals housed at the same facility or having the same Premise ID as a participating contestant will be allowed.
- F. Each contestant will enter a “lottery” and draw a number one-six at the start of the contest. This number will determine the animal they will show throughout the entire contest. For example, a member draws number five, this member will always exhibit animal number five in each species. The Superintendent in each species will number the animals one-six. The contestants will know to walk directly to their designated animal.
- G. Each species winner will enter the ring first for his/her species.
- H. Jeans and boots or hard shoes are required for safety.
- I. After the contest starts, the contestants will not be allowed to leave the show ring, except for the one authorized break. Spectators will only be allowed in the bleachers area of the Show Arena.  
**Communication between participants and spectators is not allowed and could result in disqualification of contestants.**
- J. There will be a 15 minute time limit per class.
- K. Judges’ names MUST be submitted to the extension office by **June 1, 2025**. A brief biography for each judge must be prepared before the start of the Round Robin and submitted to the Round Robin committee chair on Sunday of the fair. The committee will be responsible for asking judges to remain until the end of the competition. The Committee Chair will work with the educator and superintendents to hire judges.
- L. A point system will be used with points assigned to each round as follows: first place, 1 point; second place, 2 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 4 points; fifth place, 5 points, and sixth place, 6 points. The winner will be the contestant with the lowest score at the end of the Round Robin.
- M. All past and current winners of the Round Robin competition will be unable to compete again for the remainder of their 4-H eligibility.
- N. The first and second place winners will receive awards at the conclusion of the contest.
- O. In case of a tie, a written test will be administered at the contestant/parent meeting on Thursday afternoon. This test will consist of twelve questions, two from each species. The test will be created by the Round Robin Committee and Youth Extension Educator. No outside help can be given during this test. This includes spectator advice or electronic devices. The tests will be sealed in an envelope at the meeting and only be used if a tie should occur. If a contestant fails to appear at the information meeting, that individual will not be included in the tie breaker.
- P. If any problems or questions arise during the contest, the Round Robin Committee’s decision will be final. Judges’ decisions are final and will be kept confidential.
- Q. Rabbit and Poultry Champions/Senior Division Winners will be recognized during the Round Robin and may be asked to complete an action demonstration for the spectators/exhibitors.



# 2025 Certificate of Completion of Indiana 4-H Requirements for Training and Exhibition of Dog (Vaccination Form)

4-H-671-W  
(revised 10/24)

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, 2025) (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, in their final two weeks of pregnancy, or nursing puppies 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)  
(Kennel Cough) \_\_\_\_\_ vet ☐ non-vet<sup>2</sup>

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).

☐ This dog has physical limitations and should not participate in agility or jumping exercises.

Check one:

☐ 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)