



TO: 4-H Dog Project Participants
RE: 4-H Dog Project Paperwork

Happy Spring!

It's hard to believe that May is right around the corner. We know most of you have already been attending DOG WORKSHOPS/ TRAINING events.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find your Hendricks County Dog Show Entry Form. This form must be turned in by July 1st to your leaders at training or the Hendricks County Extension Office if you cannot bring it to training.

You MUST be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project on 4-HOnline MAY 15TH, 2022 in order to be eligible to show at both the County and Indiana State Fairs. Because this date falls on a weekend, 4-HOnline will remain open through Monday, May 16th statewide for members to complete all Animal ID information. Additionally, the Extension Office will also be open until 6 p.m. on May 16th to help you with your 4-H needs.

Be sure to talk with your Dog Leaders about any other information you may need to show or about the dog project.

Some upcoming dates of dog trainings include:

Table with 2 columns and 6 rows listing training dates: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11.

ALL MAY TRAINING SESSIONS ARE OUTSIDE - Check in at NSSB Arena Fair Office - Come at your scheduled training times

Also, be sure to check out the Hendricks County 4-H Dog website: http://www.hendricks4hdogclub.com/. This website will have updates and information that you will find helpful as you prepare for the dog show!

You SHOULD already have a vet form completed and submitted to your Dog Leaders. However, if you do not, enclosed with this letter is another copy. You should make a copy of the vet form/rabies certificate before turning it in.

2022 4-H Project Updates

- Be sure to check the handbook for project updates for your specific species this year! Livestock members must once again complete 7 activities in order to exhibit at the county fair.

## 2022 Grooming Rule

- Per our handbook, “4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family who are no more than two (2) generations removed from the exhibitor, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from approved 4-H Adult Volunteers that participated in the 4-H Livestock Volunteer Conference who are from the 4-H member’s county of enrollment. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. We recognize that all family structures are different and the relatives assisting the 4-H member with their animal project may be different depending on the family so a very specific list of acceptable relatives may not be appropriate in all situations. Thus, we have worked on an adaptation to the grooming rule. This is meant to be inclusive while recognizing that 4-H family structures differ greatly depending on the situation. Obviously, the intent is to include step, half and in-law relatives. Approved Hendricks County 4-H Livestock Species Leaders are also eligible to assist 4-Hers with grooming of that species. Example: Approved Sheep Leaders may help groom Sheep on day of the Sheep Show. Any person that does not meet the guidelines listed above may assist with grooming if they have completed and pass the Hendricks County 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program paperwork and application by June 15th of the current year. Those who are a part of the Grooming Assistance Program agree to follow the rules and guidelines listed in the handbook and program paperwork. The Hendricks County Fair Officials reserve the right to request identification from any individual grooming any animal(s).”
- The Hendricks County 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program application is included in this packet. It is also available online at: <https://bit.ly/2022HC4H> and in the Extension Office. All people who apply for the program must provide a copy of a valid, Indiana Driver’s License. This program is very similar to the Indiana State Fair, but **does not register the individual for the Indiana State Fair** Grooming Assistance Program. If they are interested in the State program, they must complete a State form, and complete training every 2 years. To find the Indiana State Fair form and training modules, visit the Indiana State Fair website.

## 2022 Fair Information

Mark your calendars!!

- The 4-H Dog Show is set for **Saturday July 16 at 12 (noon) p.m.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 317-745-9260. Thank you and happy summer!

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Encl. Dog County Entry Form, Vaccination Form, Vet Instructions and Grooming Assistance Application