

2025 4-H Dog Project

WHAT IS THE DOG PROJECT?

The Indiana 4-H Dog Project encourages youth to develop good character, discipline, and a feeling of self-worth while learning about canine care, responsibility, and the sport of showing dogs.

| WHEN AND WHERE IS TRAINING? | |
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| Project Orientation Meeting | |
| Tuesday January 28 th 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | 4-H Building at Fair Grounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction/Orientation/Expectations ● Vaccination form ● Project Manuals Not required/Score sheets ● Expectations/Time Commitment ● Training objectives ● Questions and Answers |
| Training | |
| 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. | <p><u>You will get the greatest benefit from your training efforts by attending as many sessions as possible.</u> Parents are encouraged to observe the entire training sessions.</p> <p>All trainings in the 4-H building at the Fair Grounds unless noted.</p> <p>2/4 Tuesday 2/13 Thursday 2/18 Tuesday 2/27 Thursday 3/4 Tuesday 3/13 Thursday 3/20 Thursday 3/25 Tuesday 4/1 Tuesday 4/8 Tuesday 4/17 Thursday 4/24 Thursday 4/29 Tuesday 5/8 Thursday 5/13 Tuesday 5/20 Tuesday 5/29 Thursday 6/3 Tuesday 6/12 Thursday 6/17 Tuesday 6/24 Tuesday 7/3 Thursday 7/10 Thursday TBA 7/17 Thursday TBA</p> |

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| <p>Find us on Facebook!</p> <p>Lake County 4-H Dog Project</p> <p>Purdue-Extension-Lake-County-4-H</p> | <p>Project discussions may occur through our 4-H Lake County Dog Project Facebook page. Members are encouraged to participate in the discussions and to add links to web sites or references that would be beneficial to all members. Members who do not use Facebook are encouraged to visit their local library and seek out references that will help them complete the project.</p> |
| <p>4-H Dog Show</p> <p>Saturday, July 19 2025</p> | <p>8:30 a.m. check-in and set-up / 9 a.m. Show</p> <p>Paw Power Blues Dog Club</p> <p>http://www.pawpowers.club/</p> <p>On the corner of Rt. 2 and Indianapolis Blvd. (Rt. 41); located in Ronson's Heavy Equipment Building</p> |
| <p>Dog Project Manual</p> | <p>No Longer required, but encourage, as point will go towards Top Dog</p> |
| <p>Indiana State Fair Dog Show</p> <p>Indiana State Fair Grounds</p> | <p>4-H dog project members wishing to compete in the Indiana State Fair 4-H Dog Show should visit the State Fair website for information:</p> <p>http://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/4-h-competitions/</p> <p>https://www.four-h.purdue.edu/state_fair/</p> |

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO TRAINING?

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| <p>Vaccination form</p> | <p>4-H Project Dog (purdue.edu) under forms or https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/dog/dog-vaccination-form.pdf</p> |
| <p>Equipment</p> | <p>Collar, leash (obedience and showmanship), treats/treat bag, water bottle, clean-up bags</p> |
| <p>Obedience, Showmanship, and Rally manuals and score cards</p> | <p>4-H Project Dog (purdue.edu)</p> |

WHO ARE THE VOLUNTEERS?

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| <p>Christi Long</p> <p>Superintendent</p> | <p>708.334.1921</p> <p>calong050601@comcast.net</p> | <p>Christi has had one to several dogs at any given time throughout her life, most of them have been rescues. She lives on 5 acres with horses, dogs, and cats. Her daughter has been in 4-H for 10 years, and she has been a 4-H leader over 10 years. She learned to train dogs through 4-H with her daughter and thru the clinics over the last 10 years.</p> |
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| <p>Lorraine Frendling</p> <p>Trainer</p> | <p>lorrie_frendling@hotmail.com</p> | <p>Lorraine Frendling is a founding member of Paw Power Blues Dog Club in Lowell, IN. She has been training, showing and breeding dogs since 1972. She has earned 13 Utility Dog titles on her dogs, showing in the US and Canada. She has won multiple High in Trial and High Combined awards. Her Border Collie, Slick has earned a Super Dog title by competing in obedience, rally, agility, weight pull, lure coursing, dock jumping and conformation. Lorraine is a licensed UKC obedience judge. She has put also put titles on several Shetland Sheepdogs, a German Shorthaired Pointer, a Golden Retriever, and a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. Her new puppy is a Brittany. She instructs all levels of obedience and rally</p> <p>Lorraine began her involvement in South Cook County, Illinois 4-H when her two daughters showed the family pets. Lorraine instructed dog training for both South Cook and Will Counties. She was employed as a 4-H Community Worker and, eventually, the 4-H Secretary for South Cook County. Lorraine is excited to be working with the Lake County 4-H members, helping to foster harmonious relationships between them and their dogs.</p> <p>Lorraine has a new Brittany puppy named Drake, who was featured in our Lake County 4-H Dog training videos.</p> |
| <p>Julie Wencloff</p> <p>Trainer</p> | <p>jkcwinkster@gmail.com</p> | <p>Julie has been training dogs since 2000. She has competed in agility, obedience, rally, and scentwork with her dogs. Currently, she owns three Portuguese Water Dogs and trains them for water competition in conjunction with the national club. Frankie, her oldest PWD and Valli are also certified in search and rescue with AWDA, specifically on human remains. During the day, Julie teaches science at a local high school.</p> |

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| <p>Carol Davis</p> <p>Trainer</p> | <p>Flossyhorse@comcast.net</p> | <p>I started at Paw Powers in 2009 did agility with my first Aussies. We did different venues UKC, AKC, CPE Agility. Through the years with different dogs we did scent work and dock diving, Rally and Agility. So with my current dogs Reign and River I compete in AKC Agility and Rally they both are in excellent level in Rally and Reign is in excellent agility and River is in Excellent agility and competes in dock diving. I teach agility at Paw Powers.</p> |
| <p>Pat Rimkus</p> <p>Trainer</p> | <p>Blu728@sbcglobal.net</p> | <p>I've owned dogs my entire life and have titled multiple dogs in Barn Hunt, agility and Scentwork. I have certified one dog with a search and recovery dog group from Indy and I have trained with Fema and homeland security. One of my dogs was a therapy dog through Pet Partners. Her and I would go once a week with a few other dogs to Timothy Ball school in Crown Point for kids to read to the dogs .. I've been a member of Paw Power Blues Dog Club in Lowell IN for about 19 year.</p> |
| <p>Earlyne Roy</p> | <p>earlyneroy@gmail.com</p> | <p>I am a former 4-H member and had participated in the Dog program for 9 years. I have also been a 4-H volunteer for 6 years and have completed 11 years in the 4-H program. In my free time I also volunteered with Patriots Training Service Dogs for 9 years. I have trained a variety of dog breeds over the time I have spent training dogs.</p> |

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM THIS PROJECT?

The 4-H Dog Project encourages 4-H members to:

- Develop talents in leadership, character, and citizenship;
- Identify various breeds of dogs and their characteristics;
- Develop an awareness of the responsibilities of dog ownership;
- Develop effective dog care practices including nutrition, care, handling, and grooming;
- Maintain a record of project costs;
- Identify and follow regulations for dog health including first aid and the treatment of ailments;
- Train the dog to obey commands;
- Develop responsible pet ownership.

| HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE? | |
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| <p>Choose one or more of the following options</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Train a dog through the 4-H dog classes and show that dog in the 4-H Dog Show. ● Exhibit a dog poster (information relevant to the dog project) at the dog poster judging. |

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| to complete the project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present an action demonstration at the dog poster judging (Lake County Fairgrounds). |
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| WHAT IS MY PROJECT MANUAL LEVEL? | | |
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| Determined by 4-H member grade level on January 1st of current 4-H year; manual can be purchased through the Purdue Extension Office. | | |
| Level | Division | Grade Level |
| 1 | Junior | 3, 4 or 5 |
| 2 | Intermediate | 6, 7, or 8 |
| 3 | Senior | 9, 10, 11, or 12 |

| HOW DO I EXHIBIT A POSTER OR ACTION DEMONSTRATION? |
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| 22" x 28" educational poster, displayed horizontally with a stiff backing, and a clear protective covering |
| Scored based on Content/information, originality and creativeness, overall appearance/appealing, suitable subject/age appropriate, conveys message/accomplishes purpose, and meets exhibit requirements. |
| Notify the Superintendent when you sign in at judging if you plan to do an Action Demonstration. |

| WHAT ARE THE PROJECT RULES? | |
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| 1. | Dogs must be owned or leased by March 1st and must be 6 months old by the first training session; no maximum age. |
| 2. | Dog in the project must belong to the exhibitor or member of the immediate family or household. Ownership is waived on 4-H dogs raised for the leader dog program. |
| 3. | Dog may not be exhibited or trained if showing symptoms of any communicable disease or parasites (including ticks and fleas). |
| 4. | Female dogs in season may not participate during the heat period, so they do not distract other dogs or prevent the exhibitors from being able to demonstrate their true abilities. |
| 5. | Current vaccination form is due to the Superintendent by the first training session. The form must be signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian indicating the dog has been vaccinated for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis and kennel cough. Dogs without a vaccination form will not participate until the form is received. |
| 6. | Wolf-Hybrid dogs cannot be shown in the project. |
| 7. | Dogs must wear a fabric, leather, or chain collar for obedience training and a martingale/slip collar for showmanship training. The leash may be made of fabric or leather and must be six feet in length. |
| 8. | 4-H members are responsible for the actions of their dogs. |
| 9. | Excessive and/or inhumane treatment of a dog by the 4-H member and/or family member will be grounds for dismissal from the project. |
| 10. | 4-H member should be physically capable of controlling his/her dog (e.g. not a 120-pound dog with a 60-pound 4-H member). |
| 11. | Dog displaying signs of aggression will not be allowed to participate in the interest of safety to others. |

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| 12. | Commercial advertisement on 4-H members is prohibited during the Dog Show; however, the 4-H clover is permitted. |
| 13. | Issues/problems not covered by these rules will be acted upon by the 4-H Dog Superintendent and Purdue Extension Educators. |
| 14. | 4-H members are required to clean up after their dog. |
| 15. | Grievances must follow the procedures outlined in the rules and regulations of the Lake County 4-H Handbook. |
| 16. | Handicapped 4-H members will be afforded all reasonable access and opportunity to participate on a basis equal with any other 4-H dog handler. |

| WHAT ARE THE DOG SHOW RULES? | |
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| 1. | 4-H members who plan to participate in the Dog Show must notify the superintendent no later than July 1. |
| 2. | 4-H members may show in any or all of the following: Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, Tricks and/or Costume. 4-H members must participate in the dog training classes to participate in the show. |
| 3. | Outside of the show ring, all 4-H dogs must be on a leash or in their crate. |
| 4. | Appropriate attire is required and determined by the temperature on the day and/or location of the show (no blue jeans, t-shirts, or high heels/open toe shoes). No exposed cleavage, bare midriff, or buttocks. No smooth soled boots, high heels, loose fitting shoes, floppy sandals or other unsafe footwear. Girls: shirt/blouse, cropped pants/knee length shorts. Boys: shirt, khaki pants/knee length shorts. |
| 5. | Award ribbons will be awarded at the conclusion of the show. 4-H members not present at this time, may obtain their ribbons from the 4-H Fair office during the fair. Decisions of the judges are final. |

| DOG SHOW – OBEDIENCE RULES | | | |
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| 4-H member may show one obedience trained dog during the 4-H year. 4-H member must decide which dog and which level they will show and may not change the selection unless the selected dog becomes deceased. | | | |
| Class A is for 4-H members and dogs that are just beginning the project. Any 4-H member or dog with training before March 1st of this 4-H year must be shown in the first year Class B or above. | | | |
| Dogs with previous obedience training will be placed in a level of obedience training at the discretion of the trainers. | | | |
| 4-H members are responsible for knowing which skills are required for the show, the criteria used in judging, and penalties. Visit this link for the appropriate score card: 4-H Project Dog (purdue.edu) | | | |
| Year | Class | 4-H Member and Dog | Skills Judged at Show |
| 1 st | A | No previous dog training (prior to March 1st of the current year) | Heel on leash Figure 8 on leash |

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| | | | Sit for exam on leash Sit stay on leash 30 sec. Recall on leash no finish |
| | B | Previous dog training experience, returning with a new dog, or with no experience. | 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 |
| 2 nd | A | Member and dog completed 1A and/or 1B. | 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 min. Down stay 1 min. |
| | B | Member and dog completed 2 A. | Heel on leash and figure 8 on leash Stand for exam off leash Heel free Drop on recall Sit stay get your leash Sit stay 1 min. Down stay 1 min. |
| 3 rd | A | Member and dog completed 2 A/B. | Heel free and figure 8 off leash Stand for exam off leash Dumbbell recall Drop on recall Stand stay get your leash |
| | B | Member and dog been in 3A, but not ready for 4 A/B. | Heel free and figure 8 off leash Stand for exam off leash Retrieve on flat Drop on recall Stand stay get your leash |
| 4 th | A | Member and dog completed 3 A/B. | Heel free and figure 8 off leash Retrieve on flat Recall over high jump Recall over broad jump Command Discrimination stand sit down |
| | B | Member and dog been in 4A, but not ready for 5 A/B. | Heel free and figure 8 off leash Retrieve on flat Retrieve over high jump Broad jump Command Discrimination stand sit down |
| 5 th | A | Member and dog completed 4 A/B. | Hand signals Directed retrieve Retrieve over high jump Broad jump Moving stand and exam |
| | B | Member and dog been in 5A, but not ready for 6 A/B. | Hand signals Directed retrieve |

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| | | | Retrieve over high jump Broad jump Moving stand and exam |
| 6 th | A | Member and dog completed 5 A/B. | Hand signals Scent discrimination Directed retrieve Moving stand and exam Go out Directed jumping |
| | B | Member and dog completed 6A and repeat. | Hand signals Scent discrimination Directed retrieve Moving stand and exam Directed jumping |
| Veteran's | | | Heel off leash Figure 8 on leash Stand for exam off leash Recall off leash Stand stay get your leash |

DOG SHOW – SHOWMANSHIP RULES

4-H showmanship dog must be the same dog shown by the same 4-H member in obedience class.

No bait allowed in the ring except for showmanship. Having bait will be a rule violation and be scored accordingly.

| Level | Grade (determined by grade level on January 1st of current year) | Additional Information | Skills Judged at Show |
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| Junior | 3, 4 and 5 | Once an exhibitor is the junior showmanship winner, he/she is only eligible to compete at the intermediate or senior showmanship in subsequent years. | Line up and stack All go round (patterns) Exam |
| Intermediate | 6, 7 and 8 | Once an exhibitor is the intermediate showmanship winner, he/she must compete in senior showmanship in future years. | Individual Gait Appearance and attitude of handler |
| Senior | 9, 10, 11, 12 | | |
| Master | | Only the current year's winners from Junior, Intermediate and Senior may participate. | |

DOG SHOW – RALLY RULES

Sample stations include: start, halt/sit, left turn, right turn, about "U" turn, 270 degree left turn, call front/finish right/forward, halt/walk around dog, call front/1-2-3 steps backward, serpentine

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| weave once, halt/down dog, normal pace, moving side step right, spiral right/dog outside, moving down, 360 degree left turn, left about turn, finish. | | |
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| Penalties include: consistently tight leash, fouling ring, rules violation, disciplining, inappropriate attire. | | |
| Class | Information | Skills Judged at Show |
| Novice | All exercises are judged on leash, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. <i>[Novice A = Handlers are in their first year of the 4-H Dog Project.]</i> | Novice A and B must have 10-15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than five (5) stationary exercises per class. |
| Advanced | All exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. One jump <i>must</i> be used for this class. Height of dog at withers = height to be jumped: Under 15" = 8", 15" and under 20" = 12", 20" and over = 16" | Advanced A and B must have 12-17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than seven (7) stationary exercises per class. |
| Dog Tricks | | |
| During the year the 4-H members will learn different tricks to do with their dogs. | | |
| Dog show will be pass/fail. No premiums are paid for this award. Points towards Top Dog if passed. | | |
| 'DOG SHOW – COSTUME RULES | | |
| 4-H members may choose their own costume theme and will participate as one class. | | |
| Judging is based on creativity of dog and 4-H member together with safety and comfort of animal taken into consideration. | | |
| Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded. No premiums are paid for this award. | | |

| DOG SHOW – TOP DOG AWARD | |
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| Top Dog Award will be presented to the 4-H member with the highest number of total points who has participated in all activities. No premiums are paid for this award. | |
| Dog Manual | 100 points possible |
| Dog Poster | 100 points possible |
| Dog Show/Obedience | 200 points possible |
| Dog Show/Showmanship | 200 points possible |
| Dog Show/Rally | 100 points possible |

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| Tricks | 100 points possible |
| Total Maximum Points | 800 points possible |