



County Level Contest

- **ANIMAL TO DECORATE: Max the Dog**
- **CONTEST FEE:** Plaster animal: \$6.00 per piece; available at county extension office.
- Exhibitors will paint a bank and may make a habitat for it.
- Exhibitors should also complete the quiz at the link below and submit it with their entry. The quiz is to help you learn more about our featured animal.



Informational Material to Learn About Animal:

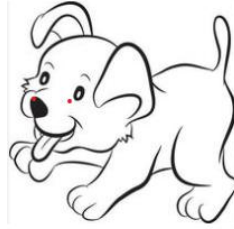
1. The Marion County 4-H Showcase General Rules & Regulations apply to this contest.
2. ENTIRE DISPLAY MAY BE NO LARGER THAN 9" X 9" AND NO HIGHER THAN 9." Any displays that are larger will not be allowed.
3. Animal Fever Contest Classes:
 - 4-H Cloverbuds (Gr. K-2) Not judged for competition placings.
[Cloverbuds receive Participation ribbons]
 - 4-H Members (Gr. 3–12) Judged for placings, based on skills displayed.
[Skill levels judged in 3 age divisions, Beginner (Gr. 3-5); Intermediate (Gr. 6-8); Advanced (Gr. 9-12). Skill placing ribbons awarded (Blue/Red/White).]
 - 4-H Parents/Adults (age 18+) Not judged.
[Adults receive Participation ribbons]
4. This is a contest for individuals only – no teams.
5. This is a fee-based contest. See above.
6. Exhibits must be returned for competition by project check in day. It may be decorated in any style that the exhibitor wishes, i.e. paint, cloth, paper, jewelry, feathers, etc. **The exhibitor's name must be clearly printed on the bottom of the exhibit and exhibit tag.**
7. **All exhibits must be completed by the exhibitor.** *Parents are encouraged to ASSIST in exhibitor's projects, but project should reflect EXHIBITOR'S work.*
8. *Only one (1) exhibit per exhibitor.*
9. No offensive or obscene material will be allowed.
10. Decisions of Judging Committee will be final.
11. Early pick-up of exhibits is not allowed. It is understood that the exhibits will remain on display for the entire 4-H Showcase.
12. The Marion County 4-H Showcase Committee will assume no responsibility or liability for the damage or loss of articles exhibited. Supervision will be provided during Showcase hours.
13. Exhibits and awards not picked up on the above day will be forfeited- and become the property of the Marion County 4-H.

COMMON NAME: **Domesticated Dog or Canine**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: **Canis lupus familiaris**

TYPE: **Mammals**

DIET: **Omnivore**



ABOUT DOGS

Domestic dogs were originally bred from wild Canid animals like wolves, coyotes, foxes, or jackals. Wild dogs travel in packs, and generally establish ranking order within the group. Each dog in a pack helps and cares for each other. Domesticated dogs often regard their human owner as the alpha male.

Domestic pet or working animals share many of the same traits, but their size, shape, colors, temperament, and abilities may widely vary. Their jaw, teeth, and digestive systems have evolved to consume both meat and vegetables, commonly known as omnivores.

Dogs are popular as pets because many breeds are playful, friendly, social, and listen to humans. Many dogs are intelligent helpers to humans as personal service dogs, rescue animals, herding dogs, or police/fire dogs. Many dogs can recognize 100-150 words and gestures. They also use signals and posturing to communicate.

Different dog breeds and sizes have different lifespans. Generally smaller breeds may live 15-20 years, while larger animals may only have an average lifespan of six to eight years.

Dog noses are at least 40x more sensitive than humans. Smell is a highly developed sense in canines, giving them a great advantage in seeking trace chemicals, food, or even searching for a person. Many are trained for detecting health issues and alerting their owner or people around them.

A dog's paws are the only part of their body that sweats, so panting helps cool them down. And just like humans, dogs usually have a dominant front paw (righties or lefties). It's important to avoid hot sidewalks in the summer, and using dog booties when spending a lot of time outside in super cold climates.

Marion County 2024 4-H Animal Fever Information Sheet From:
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/general-animals/dog-facts/>

Also, read more information at:
<https://kids.kiddle.co/Dog> or <https://ninos.kiddle.co/Perro>



2024 Marion County 4-H Animal Fever Quiz – Max the Dog

4-H Member Name _____ Club/Twp _____

Cloverbud (K-2) Level 1 (Gr. 3-5) Level 2 (Gr. 6-8) Level 3 (Gr. 9-12) Adult

Please read information pages at:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/general-animals/dog-facts/> and
<https://kids.kiddle.co/Dog> or <https://ninos.kiddle.co/Perro> , then circle the correct answer.

Submit this quiz with your 4-H Animal Fever exhibit.

1. A dog nose sense of smell is stronger than humans by
 - a. Twice as strong
 - b. Ten times
 - c. Forty times
 - d. 100 times
2. Dogs are thought to be as smart as a two-year-old, recognizing
 - a. At least fifty sounds
 - b. Only twenty words
 - c. Only twenty gestures
 - d. Over 100 words and gestures
3. The lifespan of a dog depends on
 - a. Breed
 - b. Size and weight
 - c. Diet and care
 - d. All the above
4. For their best health, dogs should be fed a diet of
 - a. Meat only (carnivore)
 - b. Plants only (herbivore)
 - c. Meat and Plant blend (omnivore)
 - d. Table scraps
5. Which is not a type of breed
 - a. Purebred or pedigree
 - b. Mixed-breed or mongrel
 - c. Designer breed
 - d. Feral



Bonus question: Name four of the seven major dog groups

<https://nutrisourcepetfoods.com/blog/pet-parents/what-are-the-7-major-dog-groups-your-dogs-core-traits-revealed/>