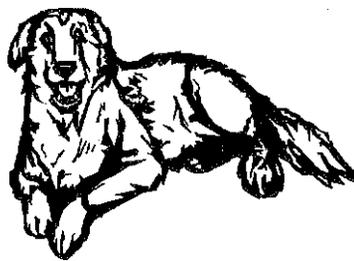


# Mini 4-H



# DOGS

## WELCOME TO THE TIPTON COUNTY **MINI** 4H DOG PROJECT

Having a dog can be a lot of fun, and also a big responsibility. This project will help you learn more about your dog, how to care for your pet, and also some basic dog obedience skills.

### Exhibit Suggestions: (1 OF THE FOLLOWING)

1: MAKE A 14X22 INCH POSTER ABOUT DOGS TO EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR.

2: TAKE PICTURES OF YOU CARING FOR AND TRAINING YOUR DOG AND DISPLAY THEM ON A 14X22 INCH POSTER OR IN A PHOTO ALBUM TO EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR.

(THESE WILL BE ENTERED IN THE 4-H FAIR ON PROJECT ENTRY DAY)

3: DEMONSTRATE YOUR DOG'S OBEDIENCE TRAINING AT THE 4-H FAIR. YOUR DOG MUST BE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS OLD AND FRIENDLY. YOU MUST TURN IN A COMPLETED CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FORM AND ATTEND AT LEAST TWO TRAINING SESSIONS PROVIDED BY THE TIPTON COUNTY 4-H DOG CLUB. ALL RULES TO SHOW YOUR DOG FOLLOW THE STATE FAIR DOG RULES THAT CAN BE FOUND ON THE STATE 4-H DOG PROJECT WEBSITE.

# TIPTON COUNTY PAW PRINTS 4-H DOG CLUB

## HELPFULL HINTS WITH TRAINING

NEVER CALL A DOG TO YOU TO PUNISH IT. IF YOUR DOG HAS CHEWED UP YOUR NEW SHOES, GO TO THE DOG TO CORRECT IT. THE FASTEST WAY TO TEACH A DOG NOT TO COME WHEN CALLED IS TO CALL HIM AND PUNISH HIM.

DOGS ARE NOT HUMAN AND DO NOT THINK LIKE HUMANS. DOGS DO NOT FEEL GUILTY. DOGS DO READ YOUR DISPLEASURE BY YOUR BODY LANGUAGE.

DOGS ONLY RELATE REWARD AND PUNISHMENT ACTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST 3 SECONDS. IT ONLY MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER WHEN YOU PUNISH A DOG FOR SOMETHING THAT HAS OCCURRED EARLIER. THE BASIC RULE IS IF YOU DON'T CATCH THEM IN THE ACT, THERE SHOULD BE NO CORRECTIONS.

"DOWN" MEANS TO LIE ON THE FLOOR. IF YOUR DOG JUMPS ON YOU OR OTHERS OR IF HE IS ON THE SOFA TELL HIM TO GET "OFF".

AFTER ALL TRAINING SESSIONS YOU SHOULD PLAY WITH YOUR DOG FOR AT LEAST 5 MINUTES.

IN THE BEGINNING, THE TRAINING SESSIONS SHOULD BE ABOUT 10 MINUTES, TWICE A DAY AND ALWAYS END ON A SUCCESSFUL EXERCISE. SESSIONS SHOULD INCREASE AS LESSONS ARE LEARNED, UP TO 30 MINUTES.

WHEN LEARNING THE EXERCISES, FORMAL COMMANDS SHOULD ONLY BE GIVEN WHILE THE DOG IS ON IT'S LEASH OR IN A VERY CONFINED SPACE. IF YOU GIVE YOUR DOG A "COME" COMMAND AND HE DOES NOT COME THE FIRST TIME YOU SAY IT, YOU MUST WALK TO THE DOG AND MAKE HIM DO IT. SO INSTEAD OF USING THE FORMAL COMMANDS WE SUGGEST YOU CALL YOUR DOG SAYING "HERE". "HERE ROVER" ECT. BECAUSE ALL FORMAL COMMANDS MUST BE ENFORCED OR THE DOG SOON LEARNS, "IF I AM NOT ON A LEASH I DON'T HAVE TO DO AS YOU SAY"

CONTROLLED WALKING- START TAKING YOUR DOG ON WALKS AROUND YOUR HOUSE. NEVER LET THE DOG PULL YOU OR LET THE LEASH GET TIGHT. YOUR DOG SHOULD WALK ON YOUR LEFT SIDE ON A LOOSE LEASH. THIS IS NOT A HEEL POSITION IN THIS EXERCISE. SO TELL YOUR DOG "LETS GO" AND SHOULD THE LEASH GET TIGHT, SAY "DON'T PULL" WITH A JERK ON THE LEASH THEN SAY "GOOD DOG" REPEAT EVERY TIME THE LEASH GETS TIGHT. IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME FOR YOUR DOG TO GET THE IDEA. PRACTICE FOR 10 MINUTES EVERY DAY. AS YOUR DOG GETS BETTER YOU CAN WALK AROUND THE BLOCK OR SOMEWHERE DIFFERENT IN ORDER TO EXPOSE HIM TO DIFFERENT DISTRACTIONS.

WHEN GIVING TREATS - MAKE YOUR DOG EARN THEM! HAVE YOUR DOG SIT IN FRONT OF YOU, ONLY GIVE THE TREAT IF YOUR DOG'S BUTT IS ON THE FLOOR.

\*\*THE 4-H MEMBER IS IN CHARGE OF ALL THE DOG'S NEEDS FOR THE TIME OF THE 4-H PROJECT. THIS INCLUDES FEEDING, GROOMING, POTTY BREAKS, EXERCISING, TRAINING SESSIONS, ECT. THIS WILL HELP THE DOG REALIZE THAT THEY HAVE TO OBEY AND LOOK TO THE 4-H MEMBER FOR EVERYTHING THEY NEED.\*\*\*

TIPTON COUNTY  
MINI 4-H DOG PROJECT RECORD SHEET

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DOG

MY DOG'S NAME IS \_\_\_\_\_ MALE / FEMALE TYPE

OF BREED \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK COMMANDS THAT YOUR DOG OBEYS AND TRICKS LEARNED

COMMANDS

SIT \_\_\_\_\_

DOWN \_\_\_\_\_

HEEL ON LEASH \_\_\_\_\_

STAND FOR EXAM \_\_\_\_\_

SIT AND STAY \_\_\_\_\_

DOWN AND STAY \_\_\_\_\_

COME WHEN CALLED \_\_\_\_\_

TRICKS

SITUP \_\_\_\_\_

PLAY CATCH. \_\_\_\_\_

FETCH \_\_\_\_\_

ROLLOVER \_\_\_\_\_

SHAKE WITH PAW \_\_\_\_\_

SPEAK ON COMMAND \_\_\_\_\_

DANCE \_\_\_\_\_