

# DOG

**This is a State Fair project.**

**NOTE:** All dogs must be properly enrolled on the official dog enrollment form by May 15.

## **Project Requirements:**

1. Complete the Grant County 4-H Livestock Record Sheet.
2. Complete the Certification of Vaccination for the 4-H Dog Project (4-H 671). This form should be brought to the 4-H Dog Show.

ALL AGES EXHIBIT ONE OR MORE ANIMALS FED AND CARED FOR BY MEMBERS SINCE **JANUARY 15** AND SAME CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP AND CARE UNTIL DATE OF SHOW.

There are two exhibit options of which you can do one or all of these options:

1. Dog Obedience Training
2. An educational poster about Dogs (no Best of Show will be selected). **These posters need to be turned in on Tuesday, June 8, 5-7 p.m. OR Wednesday, June 9, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. (closed judging)**

## **4-H Dog Poster Educational Exhibit**

**Exhibit:** Refer to poster information page located in the handbook for poster requirements and suggestions. Use a 22" x 28" poster board with a stiff backing and a clear protective covering. Posters should be displayed horizontally.

**Exhibit Topics:** The following suggestions are ideas for development of educational dog posters. 4-H'ers need not be limited by or to just these mentioned topics.

**All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list including where the information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster, display board, be the last page of a notebook, or include as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which reference are listed.**

**Grades 3-5:** Dog Care, Dog Breeds, Me and My Dog, Helping the Handicapped.

**Grades 6-8:** Purposes of Dogs, Responsible Dog Ownership, Uses of Dogs, Disease/Parasite Prevention, Careers with Dogs.

**Grades 9-12:** Learning Life-Skills With the Dog Project, Your Dog and the Law, Food, a Dog's Sense of Smell, Dog Over Population Problems, Animal Health, Animal Welfare.

## **ADDITIONAL IDEAS AND TOPICS:**

Your dog's breed or the most prevalent breed showing in your mixed-breed dog. Place a picture of you and your dog on the poster. You may use a brief history of the breed, the characteristics, the accepted standard, etc., which most pertains to your pet.

\*First aid kit for a dog. What is involved, why and how each item is used.

\*The diet and nutrition of raising a healthy dog from puppyhood to adult.

\*Dogs belong to groups. What are the groups, breed members of the groups, and the different uses of the groups?

\*General history of the dog family, canis lupis. How it began to the present day animal.

\*A disease of dogs: its discovery, effects, treatments, etc.

- \*A vocation involving dogs. Type of work and preparation for the vocation.
- \*Some phase of dog training: novice, open, utility, tracking, guard, narcotic, blind people's guide dogs, herding. Whatever you choose, give a little history, theory, value, pertinence today.
- \*A parasite of dogs: its discovery, treatment, effects, etc.
- \*Draw a diagram of a dog and label parts of the body and explain function of each.
- \*Kennel clubs, obedience clubs, breed clubs, local, national, etc. Explain difference and function of different types.
- \*Explain breed "standards", their purpose and how set up.
- \*Junior handling - What it is and what purpose it serves.
- \*Write an essay of between 200-300 words on your chosen topic. Exhibit your essay with the poster using the poster to decorate and explain your topic.
- \*With a little extra planning and work, a 4-H'er could develop both a county demonstration or action display and a dog poster all at the same time.

**State Fair Exhibit:** There will be three (3) entries, one from each level.

**NOTE:** Certain required vaccinations have not been proven effective in wolf-hybrids, therefore, because wolf-hybrids cannot meet the vaccination requirements of the Indiana Board of Animal Health, wolf-hybrids dogs cannot be shown in the 4-H Dog program.

### **SHOW RING DRESS CODE**

Every 4-H member must bear in mind the following while showing his/her livestock project through the 4-H program at the Grant County Fair.

- a. Your attire is portraying an image of yourself.
- b. You are representing your club.
- c. You are representing the Grant County 4-H program.

Therefore, you should be as neat and clean as possible. Judges will be directed to consider appropriateness of show ring attire while evaluating placings and showmanship skills. **It is recommended that you wear a shirt with a collar, long pants, or finger tip length shorts while showing. It is suggested that you NOT wear tank tops, T-shirts with writing (other than approved 4-H shirts), midriffs, halter-tops, excessively baggy pants, cut-offs, or baseball caps.**

### **4-H DOG SHOW**

**Check-in: Friday, June 11, 4:00 -5:00 p.m.,** Commercial Building (bring record sheet)  
**Judging: Friday, June 11, 5:00 p.m.,** Commercial Building

### **Dog Rules:**

1. The Grant County Dog Show will run in accordance with the Indiana State Fair Dog Rules. However, we may not be able to run the show exactly as the State Fair. (i.e. vet check line, automatic agility timer, multiple obedience rings, etc.) This show and club will be run to the best of our abilities in accordance with State Fair Rules.
2. All judge's decisions are final. No exceptions.
3. Vet Form and Rabies Certificate must be turned into the Extension Office BEFORE you are allowed to participate in Dog Training. If not, the forms must be brought to the first dog meeting in January. **\*\*You will not be allowed into training until your dog has been vaccinated for the current year.\*\***
4. A copy of club rules, county rules, aggressive dog form, and state fair guidelines will be sent home with everyone. Parents/Guardians & 4-H Club members will need to sign and date they have read, reviewed, & understand all rules regarding our club. This will need to be returned to a leader within a month of their first meeting.

5. Grant County Top Dog High Points Trophy: A total combination of obedience, showmanship, and agility scores. 4-H members must compete in all three to be eligible for Top Dog High Points. Top Dog – in the event of a tie for either Top Dog Champion or Reserve Champion a tie breaker exercise will be chosen by the judge and the 4-H Leaders in order to choose a winner. Handler that performs the exercise to the best of their ability will be the winner. (Winner of said tie breakers will be chosen by Obedience Judge) \*\* If tie is for Champion Top Dog winner of tie breakers exercises will be declared Champion and the other Reserve Champion.\*\*
6. No scorecards will be given following the show. The scorecards will be mailed out following the 4-H fair.
7. Ribbon Placing in each class. Example: Class 1A: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Trophies and 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> – ribbons.

### **Dog Obedience Training**

Members participate in training meetings each week from January through July. Participation in the Dog Show is required for members to complete. Divisions become progressively more difficult as members complete each division. Basic obedience skills are taught; followed by more advanced through very advanced activity work.

**Class 1 A** – For 4-Her's with no previous formal dog training experiences with a dog which has received no obedience training prior to January 1 or the current year. (not repeatable). 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.

**Class 1 B** – For 4-Her's with previous dog training experience, (including showing in Class 1A) or for 4-Her's with no experience whose dogs have had training which disqualifies them for 1A. (not repeatable with the same dog). Exercises are: heel on leash, figure 8 on leash, stand for exam on leash, recall off leash, down stay (walk around ring), sit stay (get your leash).

**Class 2 A** – For 4-Her's and dogs which have completed 1A or 1B (not repeatable with the same dog). 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.

**Class 2 B** – For 4-Her's and dogs which have completed 2A. May repeat until ready for 3A. 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.

**Class 3 A** – For 4-Her's and dogs which have mastered class 2 work. (not repeatable with the same dog). Dog and handler learn new skills on retrieve on flat and stays are out of sight. Exercises are: heel free, figure 8 off leash, stand for exam off leash, dumbbell recall, drop on recall, stand stay (get your leash).

**Class 3 B** – For 4-Her's and dogs which have been in 3A, but are not ready for Class 4 work. (may repeat) 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 4 A** – For 4-Her's and dogs which have mastered Class 3 work.(not repeatable with the same dog) Exercises are: heel free, figure 8 off leash, retrieve on flat, drop recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, command discrimination (stand- sit down).

**Class 4 B** – For 4-Her's and dogs which have been in 4-H, but are not ready for Class 5 work. (may repeat) Exercises are: heel free, figure 8 off leash, retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, broad jump, command discrimination (stand-down-sit).

**Class 5 A** – For 4-Her's and dogs which have mastered Class 4 work. (not repeatable with the same dog) Exercises are: hand signals (+ voice), directed retrieve (2 gloves), retrieve over high jump, broad jump, moving stand and exam.

**Class 5 B** – For 4-H'ers and dogs which have been in 5A, but are not ready for Class 6 work. (may repeat) Exercises are: hand signals, directed retrieve, retrieve over high jump, broad jump, moving stand and exam.

**Class 6 A** – For 4-Her's and dogs which have mastered Class 5 work. (not repeatable with the same dog) Exercises are: hand signals, scent discrimination 1 retrieve, directed retrieve, moving stand and exam, go out, directed jumping (1 jump).

**Class 6 B** – For 4-Her's and dogs which have been in 6A. (may repeat) Exercises are: hand signals, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, directed jumping, moving stand and exam.

**Veteran Class** – A veteran dog (age 7+) running agility will be compete in their normal class but one jump height lower than normal) Once you enter Veterans you cannot come out of that class until you start showing a different dog (Per state) Exercises are: heel free, figure 8 off leash, stand for exam off leash, recall off leash, stand stay (get your leash).

## **Showmanship**

Demonstrates ability of handler to present dog to a judge in conformation style as in AKC. Handler's skills are evaluated in dog set up, gait, grooming, knowledge of dog anatomy and smoothness in handler's pattern execution.

**Junior Showmanship:** For any 4-H member who is in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the current school year (September- August).

**Intermediate Showmanship:** For any 4-H member who is in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade during the current school year (September- August).

**Senior Showmanship:** For any 4-H member who is in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade during the current school year (September-August).

### Showmanship Philosophy:

Showmanship is concerned with how well the dog is shown by the handler. The dog's confirmation or its being purebred is of no importance. The emphasis is on the handler's presentation of the dog standing still and in motion. The handler must convey knowledge and understanding of the dog's breed, or the breed chosen as that which the dog most resembles. The handler should present the dog according to the chosen single breed standard. The handler and dog appear to be part of a team. They work well together, move fluidly, and give an overall picture of being one unit. If a dog moves out of place or makes an error, a good handler is aware of this. The handler quickly and efficiently adjusts for the fault and resumes his/her presentation of the dog.

## **Agility**

The 4-H Dog Agility Program is based on guidelines from the United Kennel Club. Some modifications to the UKC rules have been made to provide a program suitable for 4-H handlers of all ages.

### **DOG AGILITY CONTEST**

**Check-in:** Thursday, June 10, 4:00 -5:00 p.m., Livestock Pavilion (bring record sheet)

**Judging:** Thursday, June 10, 5:00 p.m., Livestock Pavilion

The 4-H Dog Agility Program is based on guidelines from the American Kennel Club rules. Modifications have been made to the AKC rules to provide a program suitable for 4-H handlers. The complete agility rules and obstacle specifications are detailed in the Indiana 4-H Dog Agility Rules.

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/project.aspx?proj=5>. Agility regulations not covered by these rules and the terms and conditions below will be based on the regulations of the American Kennel Club, 8051 Arco Corporation Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617-3390; [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

1. Dogs showing in agility at the Grant County Fair are required to show in obedience at the current fair and must be at least 1 year old on the day of the show.
2. Agility section/classes will be entered as Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced and Excellence. Awards will be granted by that classification, regardless of dog size. The show committee will place dogs in the appropriate size division based on the height reported on the entry form. Dogs may be measured at the show to verify accuracy of the reported height.

Height at withers	Beg. A-Beg. B Int.-Adv.-Exc.	Veterans Designation
4" Div. Up to and including 11"	4" jumps, 8" table	None
8" Div. Over 11" up to and including 14"	8" jumps, 8" table	4" jumps, 8" table
12" Div. Over 14" up to and including 18"	12" jumps, 12" table	8" jumps, 8" table
16" Div. Over 18" up to and including 22"	16" jumps, 16" table	12" jumps, 12" table
20" Div. Over 22"	20" jumps, 20" table	16" jumps, 16" table

3. All agility work will be done on a flat, buckle collar.
  - a. Beginning Level A must use a six (6) foot lead.
  - b. All other levels will be off lead at the State Fair.
  - c. Collars tags will not be allowed.
4. Scoring will be based on UKC agility rules starting with 200 points and subtracting performance faults based on a set course time. Time faults for course times exceeding the set time will be deducted by the amount in seconds over the set time. Division 1 dogs will have five (5) seconds added to the set course time; Giant breeds (refer to UKC list) will have ten (10) seconds added.
5. Non-qualifying scores (NQ's) will be dismissed from the ring at the judge's discretion.
6. If a dog fouls in the ring during the walk through there will be a 10 point deduction in the agility score. If a dog fouls in the ring during the scored run, it will be disqualified immediately.
7. It is highly recommended that agility participants wear tennis shoes for competition.

**UKC Agility rules:** [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)

The program has four (4) levels of competition- Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced and Excellence. The level of competition will be determined by the handler and their county leaders based on the dog's ability and training.

**Beginning**

- Class 1-Beginning A 4-H member has not previously participated in Beginning Agility. 4-Her's must use 6' leash (Not repeatable)
- Class 2-Beginning B 4-H member has participated in Agility before, either with the current dog, or a different dog. Exercises must be off leash. Dog should repeat Beginning B until they can safely negotiate the Teeter-Totter and Closed Tunnel.

**Intermediate** (must be off leash)

- Class 3-Intermediate A 4-H member has not previously participated in Intermediate Agility. (Not repeatable)
- Class 4-Intermediate B 4-H member has participated in Intermediate Agility before, either with the current dog, or a different dog. This Intermediate B should be repeated until the dog can perform advanced level work.

**Advanced** (must be off leash)

- Class 5-Advanced A 4-H member has not previously participated in Advanced Agility. (Not repeatable)
- Class 6-Advanced B 4-H member has participated in Advanced Agility before, either with the current dog, or a different dog. This class may be repeated.

**Excellence** (must be off leash) Class 7- Refer to Agility Classes for obstacles. (May be repeated)

## Agility Classes

*\*Some Jumps may be substituted with those that the club has available\**

<b><u>Obstacles</u></b>	On Leash <b>Beginning A</b> A-Frame (apex 4') Open Tunnel Dog Walk	Off Leash <b>Beginning B</b> A-Frame (apex 4') Open Tunnel Dog Walk	Off Leash <b>Intermediate</b> A-Frame (apex 4') Open Tunnel Dog Walk Closed Tunnel Tetter Totter Hoop Tunnel	Off Leash <b>Advanced</b> A-Frame (apex 4') Open Tunnel Dog Walk Closed Tunnel Tetter Totter Hoop Tunnel Weave Poles (9)	Off Leash <b>Excellence Class</b> A-Frame (apex 4') Open Tunnel Dog Walk Closed Tunnel Tetter Totter Hoop Tunnel Weave Poles (9) Tire Jump
<b><u>Hurdles</u></b>	Pause Table <i>Select for list:</i> Bar Hurdle Spread Hurdle	Pause Table <i>Select for list:</i> Bar Hurdle Spread Hurdle	Pause Table Bar Hurdle Spread Hurdle Long Hurdle	Pause Table Bar Hurdle Spread Hurdle Long Hurdle	Pause Table Bar Hurdle Spread Hurdle Long Hurdle
<b><u>Scoring</u></b>	<b>200 points</b> 3 obstacles @ 15pts Pause Table @ 20pts 9 hurdles @ 15 pts (may repeat to reach total of 9)	<b>200 points</b> 3 obstacles @ 15pts Pause Table @ 20pts 9 hurdles @ 15pts (may repeat to reach total of 9)	<b>200 points</b> 6 obstacles @ 15pts Pause Table @ 20pts 6 hurdles @ 15pts	<b>200 points</b> 7 obstacles @ 15pts Pause Table @ 15pts 8 hurdles @ 10pts	<b>200 points</b> Any combination of 20 obstacles and/or Hurdles @ 10 pts ea.

### **Puppy Agility Rules**

#1 – Puppy Agility is an alternative option to 4-Her's whose dog is under one (1) year of age come day of show. If your dog is over one (1) year of age (or just turned one) come day of show the 4-Her will have to complete the Agility Beginning A class and is **INELIGIBLE** for Puppy Agility.

#2 – The 4-Her's dog is only eligible to complete in Puppy Agility for one (1) year if requirements are met for Rule #1. (4-Her will be eligible for Puppy Agility again if child is showing a new puppy in 4-H during a different year.)

#3 – Puppy Agility will be run/walked **ON LEASH ONLY.**

#4 – The agility course will consist of NO JUMPS. Due to the crucial development of hip bones/muscles this may cause injury to the dog. The Puppy Agility Classes may involve any or all of the following:

- A-Frame
- Dog Walk
- Pause Box
- Pause Square
- Open Tunnel(s)
- Barrel
- Hula Hoop Tunnel
- Teeter Totter(s)
- Sway Bridge
- Weave Poles
- Jump Stands (no bars)

#5 – Due to rule #4 – 4-Her's who take Puppy Agility, along with Obedience and Showmanship, will be **INELIGIBLE** to be in the running for Champion Top Dog and Reserve Champion Top Dog. This is due to the disadvantage of not having actual jumps (hurdles) in the course. (4-Her will be eligible for Top Dog Awards the following year.)

#6 – Champion, Reserve Champion, and 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> placings will be given out in this class.

#7 – Puppy Agility is only available in Grant County. If your dog is one (1) year old and you are planning to compete at the Indiana State Fair you will have to compete in Agility Beginning A at the state level.

### **Indiana State Fair Showing**

**\*\*These are guidelines set by the Waggin Tails 4-H Club not the Indiana State Fair Dog Committee. \*\***

1. Dog Show Exhibition fees will need to be paid for by 4-H'er and/or their family by July 1-otherwise, there is a late fee. (Deadline is per Indiana State Fair Rules)
2. 4-H'er is required to show in Obedience in order to compete in Agility or Showmanship at this show. (Per State Fair)
3. Leaders will need to know if you are competing so we can plan accordingly for training.
4. You must show in the same classes (or higher) at State that you did at the county level.
  - a. Puppy agility is not offered at the State Fair. If your dog is one year old at the time of State Competition you can show in Agility Beginning A if you so choose. Otherwise it is suggested that you not compete in agility.
5. State Fair training will begin one week after the county fair. Training will be on Tuesday nights from 6:00pm-8:00pm.
6. All exhibitors going to State Fair MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian. (This rule does not apply if it is a medical/family emergency related).
7. You will be required to bring your Vet Check form, Rabies Certificate, Entry Confirmation, List of show times, and welcome letter to state fair dog show check-in to be eligible to compete. (Entry confirmation, list of show times, and welcome letter are provided by the State Fair Dog Committee after 4-H'er has been enrolled for the show).