

DOG

STATE FAIR ENTRY: Yes

EXHIBIT BY: Division (4-H'er and dog experience). All * items must be turned in the first Monday in July prior to fair.

| Division | Project Book | Record Sheet | Certification of Vaccination |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Beginner (grades 3 - 5) | BU-08166* | 4-H 390-W* and Dog – 1-12-15* | needed for every dog 4-H 671-W* |
| Intermediate (grades 6 - 8) | BU-08167* | 4-H 390-W* and Dog – 2-12-15* | |
| Advanced (grades 9 - 12) | BU-08168* | 4-H 390-W* and Dog – 3-12/15* | |
| <p>NOTE: Additional books will be provided to anyone that anticipates participating in Top Scholar Award at State level. 4-H'er is responsible for contacting Extension Office to receive additional books.</p> | | | |



JUDGING TIME: Sunday, **July 18** at 4:00 p.m. Check in without your dog at 3:30 p.m. Top Dog Test will be given on **Sunday, July 18 at 3:30 p.m.**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The dog obedience project teaches 4-H'ers how to feed, train, and care for their dog. The 4-H Program offers a weekly training class with competent instructors beginning in January. This makes the need for receiving outside training unnecessary. The Project Leaders and Parent/Advisory Committee have the final say as to what division the member and dog will show in. Classes will be declared by third training session in June and will not be changed after that date. No exceptions. If at any time the Project Leader and Parent/Advisory Committee feels a dog is being mistreated the dog and owner will be asked to leave the project. Pain reinforcement training techniques will not be tolerated.

RECORDS:

1. Dog record books must be started by May 15.
2. All dog project record sheets **must** be turned in by first Monday of July.
NOTE: Proof of vaccination is required at the first meeting and at any shows.
3. If the 4-H'er chooses not to exhibit, **all** dog record sheets must be turned in prior to project judging.

RULES - GENERAL:

1. Any dog that attacks or attempts to attack any person or another dog during training will be asked to immediately leave the premises and the incident will be reported to the Extension Educator within 24 hours. The 4-H owner, through his/her parents, of any dog that has been excused on two occasions for attacking or attempting to attack a person or another dog will be notified that the dog is no longer eligible to participate in the Dog 4-H Project.
2. Dogs should be at least six months of age by fair date.
3. A female dog in season may not be brought to training although 4-H'ers are encouraged to attend training.
4. All questions should be directed to the Project Leader(s). Protest guidelines are outlined on page 19.
5. 4-H dogs must wear a well fitted slip, buckle, or martingale collar made of leather, fabric or chain in order to be exhibited in obedience classes. The leash may be made of fabric or leather and must be six (6) feet in length. Collar tags will not be allowed in the 4-H show. 4-H dogs being raised for the handicapped programs are exempt from the collar tags. Quick-release collars must be worn for agility.
6. Only show officials and exhibitors are permitted in the show ring and staging area.

7. 4-H Dogs are not allowed to be in the bleachers during the show.
8. **Indiana 4-H Aggressive Dog Policy** - The safety and well-being of 4-H members and volunteers is a primary concern with all Indiana 4-H Program opportunities. Families should err on the side of caution in selecting a dog for the 4-H member to exhibit. A dog that has a known history of aggression or biting is not appropriate for involvement in the 4-H Program. On occasion, the 4-H member may have difficulty managing their dog within the 4-H Program. The following guidance has been provided for the Indiana 4-H Dog Program as the owner/exhibitor of the dog bears responsibility for the dog's actions. In the subsequent policy, the term "4-H Dog Personnel" will include County 4-H Volunteers, County Extension Educators, State 4-H Staff and appropriate County and State Fair Directors.

A dog that bites a human or another dog at any 4-H Dog Event must be immediately removed from that event by the 4-H member and will subsequently be excused from the 4-H Program. The member should be directed by 4-H Dog Personnel on-site to remove the dog if the member does not do so willingly. If a determination is made by the 4-H Dog Personnel that a dog bit in self-defense, it may be allowed to remain at the 4-H Dog Event.

Dogs that display other signs of aggression, including but not limited to barking and standing ground, growling, lunging and snapping will be given one verbal warning. They will be removed from the event after the second violation at the same event. To be removed from a 4-H Dog Event, there must be two violations at the same event.

Any dog that is removed from a 4-H Dog Event due to aggressive behavior will be placed on probation for 2 weeks. Written notification of the probation will be given to the 4-H member. The 2-week period will start upon written notification to the 4-H member. While on probation, the 4-H Dog Personnel and the 4-H member and parents will work together to determine the best course of action for the dog. This may include (but is not limited to) working individually with the dog and 4-H member, asking the 4-H member to use a different dog or having the 4-H member attend events without their dog. At the end of the designated probation period, 4-H Dog Personnel will make a determination regarding the dog's return to 4-H Dog Events.

Dogs that are removed from a 4-H Dog Event twice will be immediately excused from the 4-H program and will not be allowed to re-enter. Excusing a dog from the 4-H Program is rare but could be necessary for the safety of 4-H members, volunteers and other participating dogs. Should a dog be excused from the program, it must be remembered that the action is against the dog and not the 4-H member. 4-H Dog Personnel should look at many solutions and encourage the 4-H member to attend classes without their dog while training it at home or potentially bringing another dog to 4-H events. 4-H members will always be welcome in every other part of the dog project.

In the event that a dog is removed from a 4-H Dog Event or excused from the 4-H Program, 4-H Dog Personnel should report such to the State 4-H Office so that the information is available to all county 4-H dog programs and the Indiana State Fair.

REGISTRATION:

1. Dogs do not need to be purebred.

NOTE: Ownership - It is preferred that dogs be owned by the 4-H member or by a member of the immediate family or household. However, because circumstances such as renting agreement, etc., sometimes do not allow for the member or the members of the family to own a dog, it is permissible for the dog to be owned by a grandparent, neighbor or extended family as long as this is communicated to the 4-H Dog Project leader(s), the Carroll Co. 4-H Exhibit Board and the Carroll County Extension Office and agreed upon by all parties. The 4-H member and the owner of the dog must also be aware that due to the rules of the Indiana State Fair Dog Show governing ownership of the dog, the 4-H member is ineligible to compete at the Indiana State Fair with this dog. A release form must be signed by all: the 4-H member, the 4-H members parent and the owner of the dog indicating that they are aware of this ineligibility.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES: Veterinarians must list dates, not "" on each line requesting date information.

Any animal that exhibit symptoms of disease that may be infectious or contagious must be treated by following the veterinary procedures process, outlined on page 24 in "Animal Policies".

1. All dogs must be accompanied by 4-H 671-W Certificate of Vaccination signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian indicating the dog has been vaccinated within 1 year of the date of the exhibition the dogs have been vaccinated for distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, Bordetella (Kennel cough), and parvovirus.
2. Proof of vaccination must be presented at the first meeting attended and at any judging. NOTE: All dogs over 3 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed, accredited veterinarian within one year of exhibition.
3. Domestic animals that are under quarantine are not eligible for exhibition in Indiana. No dogs may be exhibited showing any symptoms of any communicable diseases.
4. Please 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-hybrid dogs cannot be shown in the 4-H Dog Program.
5. The Board of Animal Health recommends, but does not require, that:
 - a. Exhibitors test their dogs that are six (6) months of age and older for heart worms. It is recommended that dogs that test positive for heart worms not be shown. Exhibitors should implement a preventative program for heart worms for all of their dogs.
 - b. Dogs have a negative fecal exam for parasites not more than thirty days prior to exhibition.
6. Any questionable animal must be treated using the veterinary procedures process outlined on page 24.
For more information on dog health requirements, call the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 877-747-3038.

EXHIBIT:

1. 4-H livestock shows are open to all Carroll County 4-H club members.
2. All livestock shown at the Carroll County 4-H Fair must be shown by a Carroll County 4-H member. A 4-H'er must show his/her own animal as designated on enrollment papers.
3. Female dogs in season will only be brought and judged after all other exhibitors have shown.
4. All dogs should be at least 6 months old.
5. All dogs shall be presented in a clean manner that represents the care and attention given by the 4-H exhibitor.
6. Praise. Praise and petting are allowed between and after exercises, but points will be deducted from the total score for a dog that is not under reasonable control while being praised. There will be a substantial penalty for any dog that is picked up or carried at any time in the obedience ring while under judgment. Note: A dog is under judgment until it leaves the ring.
7. Guidelines for proper attire for judging:
 - Obedience Class: shorts, blue jeans, slacks, skorts and sleeved shirts.
 - Agility: shorts, blue jeans, slacks, skorts and sleeved shirts.
 - Showmanship: slacks, skirts, dress, coat and tie, dress shirt.NOTE: Tied, nonskid shoes are required for all classes. Boots, heels and slip on shoes are not appropriate.
8. A 4-H'er may show one or more dogs at county level, but only one dog per class in given year. All dogs must compete in an obedience class. Only one dog may be entered and shown at the State Fair except for service dogs.
9. State Fair rulebook will be followed unless addressed differently in county rules.

DOG CLASSES:

OBEDIENCE: With the exception of both divisions of the 1B Class and Class 1 of the 2B class, all "B" divisions are repeatable.

Division 1A: 4-H'er and dog have no experience.

Division 1B: Class 1: 4-H'er and dog who were in 1 A last year and not ready for Division 2 A. Dog leaders will make this determination.

Class 2: Returning 4-H'ers with new dog OR returning dog with new 4-H'er.

Division 2A: 4-H'er and dog which have completed Division 1A or 1B.

Division 2B: Class 1: 4-H'er and dog which have completed Division 2 A, not ready for Division 3 A and not previously competed in Division 2B.

Class 2: 4-H'er and dog which have previously competed in Division 2 B, not ready for Division 3A.

Division 3A: 4-H'er and dog, which have completed Division 2.

Division 3B: 4-H'er and dog, which have completed Division. 3A, not ready for 4A.

Division 4A: 4-H'er and dog, which have completed 3rd year.

Division 4B: 4-H'er and dog which have completed Division 4A, not ready for 5A

Division 5A: 4-H'er and dog, which have completed 4th year.

Division 5B: 4-H'er and dog, which have spent a year in 5A, not ready for 6A.

Division 6A: 4-H'er and dog, which have completed 5th year work.

Division 6B: 4-H'er and dog, which have spent a year in 6A. This division may be repeated.

Veteran Dog Class:

- This class is designed to maintain 4-H'er in project longer.
- A dog that is either 7 years old or has signed paper documents from accredited licensed veterinarian that dog cannot perform 3A or above work due to health reasons.
- Dog has completed up to 2B work.
- Dog will be judged with 2A score sheet.

SHOWMANSHIP:

Novice - Designed for first year 4-H dog exhibitor in grades 3 - 5.

Junior - Designed for any 4-H dog exhibitor grades 4 - 5 that have previously been in the project. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship winner then he/she is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate or Senior Showmanship class in subsequent years.

Intermediate - Designed for any 4-H dog exhibitor in grades 6- 8. Once an exhibitor is the Intermediate showmanship winner, he/she must compete in Senior showmanship in future years.

Senior - Designed for any 4-H dog exhibitor grades 9 - 12. Exceptions only for previous Junior or Intermediate Showmanship winners. Once an exhibitor is the Senior Showmanship winner, he/she must compete in Master Showmanship in future years.

Master - Designed for previous winners of the Senior Showmanship class.

****Note:** A 4-H dog exhibited in a showmanship class must also be shown in an obedience class and must be exhibited by the same 4-H member.

AGILITY: Agility classes will be entered as: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced and Excellence. Dogs will be placed in the appropriate class according to ability by Project Leaders. Classes will be divided by dog's height at the withers.

- Toy Division – dogs 10" and under will jump 4" hurdles and 8" pause table
- Division 1 – dogs over 10" to and including 14" will jump 8" hurdles
- Division 2 – dogs over 14" to and including 20" will jump 14" hurdles
- Division 3 – dogs over 20" will jump 20" hurdles

Puppy Agility – Dogs are under the age of 12 months at the time of the Dog Show at the fair.

Beginning A: Class 1 - 4-H member has not previously participated in Agility, but dog is not ready to run State Fair Beginning A course. 4-H'er's must use 6' leash. This class is not repeatable.

Class 2 - 4-H member has not previously participated in Agility. This is the State Fair Beginning A course. 4-H'er's must use 6' leash. This class is not repeatable. (Dogs competing in this class cannot exhibit in Beginning B Class 1)

Class 3 - 4-H member has not previously participated in Agility, the dog has the ability to go off leash but the handler and dog are not yet ready to compete as a team in the Beginning B Class. This class is off leash. This class is not repeatable. (Dogs competing in this class cannot exhibit in Beginning B Class)

Beginning B: Class 1 - 4-H'er and dog have completed Beginning A agility Class 1, but dog is not ready to compete off leash, or a returning 4-H'er with a new dog or a returning dog with a new 4-H'er. 4-Her's must use 6' leash. This class is not repeatable except with a new dog.

Class 2 - 4-H'er and dog have completed Beginning A Class 2 agility, but dog is not ready to run State Fair beginning B course. This class is off leash and is not repeatable except with a new dog.

Class 3 – 4-H'er and dog have completed Beginning A Class 2 Agility. This is the State Fair Beginning B course. This class is off leash and may be repeated until dogs can safely negotiate the teeter-totter.

Intermediate: Must be off leash.

Intermediate A: 4-H member has not previously participated in Intermediate A Agility. This class is not repeatable.

Intermediate B: 4-H member has participated in Intermediate Agility before, either with the current dog or a different dog. This class should be repeated until the dog can perform advanced level work, including weaving poles.

Advanced: Must be off leash.

Advanced A: 4-H member has not previously participated in Advanced Agility before, either with the current dog, or a different dog. This class is not repeatable.

Advanced B: 4-H member has participated in Advanced Agility before, either with the current dog or a different dog. This class is repeatable.

Excellence 4-H'er will exhibit more advanced handling skill than those in the Advanced classes. This class is repeatable.

NOTE: Veteran dogs seven years or older may jump one Division height lower than actual dog's height at the withers. Such designation must be made by third training session in June.

OVERALL AWARDS

A Grand / Reserve Grand Award will be awarded to the Obedience overall highest scores, Agility overall highest scores. A Top Scholar (grand) for the highest test score overall. Only 1 test will be administered.

Sportsmanship expresses an aspiration that the activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. **Being a "good sport" involves being a "good winner" as well as being a "good loser"**. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. All exhibitors are reminded that their conduct is a reflection upon Carroll County.

STATE FAIR REQUIREMENTS:

For information on State Fair entries and classes contact the Extension Office. NOTE: State Fair Entry Forms are due by July 1.