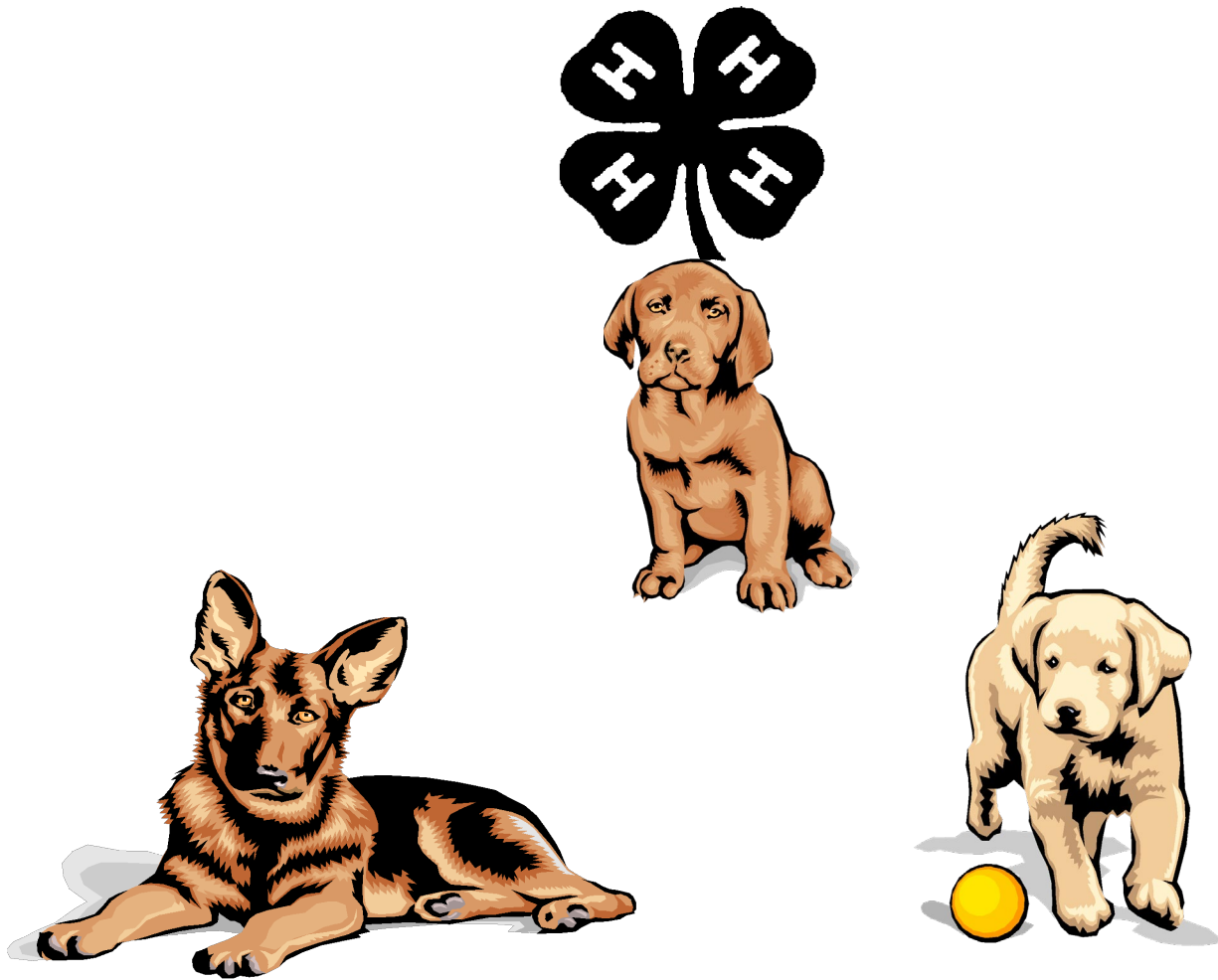


2024 4-H Dog Guidelines



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2024 Dog Guidelines:

201 Dog Project and Record Book: Complete this project and record book every year a dog project is taken. Get to know all aspects of dog care and welfare while keeping complete records of your experience as a dog owner. Use one project book each year, even if your dog is involved in more than one project and even if you have more than one dog. Appropriate for dogs that are family pets and for dogs that are used for show. **Use this book with 201R Dog Resource Handbook.**

201D You and Your Dog: Recommended as a first-year dog project and also as a complement to other dog projects. (Considered a General Project; will not take dog to the fair or have to do Skillathon on Super Saturday; but will have to have book graded on Super Saturday.)

201O Obedience: Covers beginning and advanced obedience training.

201S Showmanship: Learn the basics of dog showmanship.

201P Performance: Includes agility, drill team, and other performance events; like rally.

201W Working Dogs: Includes assistance dogs such as Pilot Dogs, Inc., Canine Companions for Independence, and other service dog organizations.

All projects are included in one book; a Dog Resource Handbook is needed to complete each project listed.

(At least one Resource Handbook is needed per family)

General Guidelines for the Dog Project:

- 2024 Dog Registration and the 2024 Ashtabula County Dog Project Identification Form (side filled out by parent and member) and Vaccination/**Health** Certificate side must be filled out by the vet and be turned in by May 1, 2024 to the OSU Extension Office.
- All dogs must be current on Vaccinations until August 10, 2024 and must have their rabies shot by May 1, 2024.
The committee recommends the Kennel Cough Vaccine because your dog will be around other dogs.
- Dogs must be six months old by Aug. 1, 2024.
- **NO WOLF OF WOLF HYBRID WILL BE ALLOWED**

- All Dog 4-H project members must take Obedience.
- All Dog projects will go through the Dog Skillathon on **Saturday, July 13th** (except for 201D; which will be judged at general judging in the Expo Building). Please see Skillathon Sample Score Card for information on what to expect.
- Show levels: Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, and Agility (performance).
 - Beginner: first or second year showing a dog.
 - Intermediate: third and fourth year showing a dog.
 - Advanced: five or more years showing a dog.
(exceptions to these levels may be made by the Specie Chair, Committee and Extension Educator)

Dog Clinic Guidelines:

- The dog's license must be shown to the species chair at the first dog clinic.
- Clinics are for all dog project members. All clinics will be held on Thursdays starting on **May 2nd**, and will be held on the fairgrounds in the Open Dairy Barn.
Clinics will start at **6:30pm**.
- Members must attend **at least** seven (7) clinics to be eligible for top awards.
- All dog and handler teams will be evaluated at their first clinic. The evaluation will consist of several exercises to be performed by the team. These exercises will allow the species chair and trainers to determine if the member can safely handle the dog. If it is determined that a team cannot safely work together they may be dismissed from clinics. A dog which displays signs of aggression at any point throughout the clinics may be asked to leave for the day; repeat offenders* will be dismissed from clinics.

*a dog displaying serious aggression may be dismissed from clinics for only one offense, as deemed appropriate by the species chair and trainers.

- **DRESS CODE** – No flip flops or sandals, closed toe shoes must be worn. Shorts are permitted but must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Shirts cannot be low cut. Long hair should be pulled back so as not to interfere with normal handling of the dogs. Any member violating the dress code will be given a warning* for the first offense, and will be dismissed for the day upon the second violation.

*a violation deemed potentially dangerous, ex. inappropriate footwear, may be cause to be dismissed for the day on the first offense.

- There will be NO foul language permitted at any time. Any member or adult using foul language will be dismissed.

- Please see the information under “Equipment” and be sure to bring the appropriate supplies to each clinic.

Show Day and Fair Guidelines:

- **The Dog Show date, time, and location will be announced as soon as possible**
- The 2024 Ohio 4-H Dog Show Score Sheets will be used for all classes.
- Member’s scores from all their classes will be added together for the **Best Total Score Award**. This includes: Skillathon, Obedience, Rally, Showmanship, and Agility. This award is given in each level (beginner, intermediate, and advanced)
- If awards are held where dogs are permitted (dogs are NOT permitted in the Expo Building) the following will apply: All animals coming to the Awards at fair will follow Fair rules for Dogs. **There will be no dogs allowed on the Mid-way. The animal will only be permitted on the grounds during the awards: not for the week. Once done, the animal must leave the Fairgrounds.**
- **DRESS CODE** - Exhibitors must be neat, clean, and well groomed in appearance. Youth with long hair should tie it back. Closed toe shoes are to be worn. Examples of appropriate show attire includes: slacks and a nice blouse or collared shirt. More details on clothing for the show will be covered at the clinics. Violation of this rule will result in the member being dismissed from the judging.
- There will be NO foul language permitted at any time during the Judging or Awards. Any member or adult using foul language will be dismissed.
- In show you may be penalized for giving extra commands, for giving treats in the ring and for soiling the ring. Members and their dogs will be dismissed from the ring if there is abuse to the animal. Classes include:
 - Beginner Obedience
 - Intermediate Obedience
 - Advanced Obedience
 - Beginner Showmanship
 - Intermediate Showmanship
 - Advanced Showmanship
 - Beginner Rally
 - Intermediate Rally
 - Advanced Rally
 - Beginner Agility
 - Intermediate Agility

- Advanced Agility
(Awards will be given in each class)

Skillathon:

- Each 4-H member that takes a Dog Project is required to complete the Dog Skillathon. This will be held on Super Saturday (July 15th) from 11am to 1pm at the Fairground.
- All skillathon make-ups will need to be approved before Super Saturday by the Dog Species Chair.

Equipment:

- Leash: a six foot leash made of leather or nylon is to be used in obedience and rally (no chain leashes or flexi leashes will be permitted)
- Collar: A martingale or slip collar is to be used for dogs training/showing in obedience and rally. Under extreme circumstances, such as a medical problem, an alternative may be requested. The final decision and approval is determined by the species chair and Extension Educator.
- For Agility: a tab lead or short leash and flat buckle collar are to be used during training. For the safety of the dogs, no dog shall be permitted on the agility course while being handled on a metal training collar or any other slip collar.
- For Showmanship: an appropriate show lead for the breed of dog (or breed which the dog most resembles). In general a fine leather lead (collar and leash are all one piece) in a color similar to that of the dog. Alternatively, a dog may be shown on a very fine metal chain slip collar and narrow leash.
- Treats: all treats should be easy to handle, easily consumed by the dog, and small (dogs will be getting quite a few of them at each clinic). Examples of treats to use include: cooked and chopped hotdog, commercially packaged soft treats (these may need broken into smaller pieces), hard cheese (such as cheddar), or cooked and chopped chicken. Some dogs are happy to work for kibble. Find out what your dog likes most!
- Please bring to the clinics the following equipment:
 - ✓ Clean up bags
 - ✓ Water
 - ✓ Water bowl
 - ✓ Treats
 - ✓ Towels
 - ✓ Training collar (martingale or slip)
 - ✓ A 6 foot leash
 - ✓ Tab lead and flat buckle collar (for agility)
 - ✓ Show lead (for showmanship)

Dog Calendar Overview

January: Purchase a 2024 county dog license.

March - April: Make an appointment with your dog's veterinarian for a health check and vaccines.

*Bring the dog health certificate with you for your vet to sign.

By May 1st: Turn in all dog paperwork to the Extension Office.

May-July: Dog training clinics, Thursdays at 6:30pm on the fairgrounds.

August: Dog Show and Awards - details to be announced

Paperwork:

ALL paperwork is due to the Extension Office by May 1st.

All paperwork must be turned in on time to be able to participate.

- ✓ 2024 Ashtabula County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination/Health Certificate**
- ✓ 2024 Dog Guidelines Signature Page**
- ✓ 2024 4-H Dog Project Picture Permission Slip**

Dog Skillathon Sample Score Card

Station	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Breeds	Pick 15 (2 pts each)	Pick 25	30 (selected at random)
Skeleton	0	Pick 5	Pick 10
Parts of the Dog	Pick 10 (2 pts each)	Pick 15	Pick 20
Top Lines	4	4	4
Ears	Pick 3	3 (selected at random)	3 (selected at random)
Eyes	0	Pick 2	Pick 3
Tails	Pick 2	Pick 3	Pick 5
Parasites	Pick 3 – match picture <u>or</u> description to name	Pick 5 – match picture <u>or</u> description to name	Pick 5 – match picture <u>and</u> description to name
Dog Behavior	8	8	8
Equipment	Pick 10	Pick 15	0
Interview	5 questions (2 pts each)	5 questions (2 pts each)	10 questions
Project Book (pts awarded based on completion)	10	5	2
TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE	100	100	100

Dog Project Book Page Requirements

Beginner (1-2 years in the project)

Pages: 4-5, 7-8, 10-19, 22-23, 25-36.

Intermediate (3-4 years in the project)

Pages: 4-5, 7-8, 10-19, 22-23, 25-36.

Advanced (5+ years in the project)

Pages: 4-5, 7-8, 10-19, 22-23, 25-36.

2024 DOG GUIDELINES

SIGNATURE PAGE

With my signature below, I affirm that I have a copy and I have read and understand the 2024 Dog Guidelines. All participants, members, parents, adult volunteers, and 4-H staff, shall adhere to the core values and code of conduct of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

This form needs to be turned into the Extension Office by May 1st.

Print Exhibitor's Name _____

Exhibitor's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____



2024 4-H Dog Project Picture Permission Slip

Print Members Name: _____

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I _____ give permission for the Dog Clinic Trainers and Dog Bowl Coaches to take and develop pictures of my child and their dog during dog clinics and fair related activities. Also I give permission for my child's first name and the dog's name to be used with the pictures. These pictures will be used in fair related activities and the 4-H Dog scrapbook.

Print Parents Name _____

Parents Signature _____

Date _____

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I _____ do not give my permission for the Dog Clinic Trainers and Dog Bowl Coaches to take and develop pictures of my child and their dog during clinics and fair related activities.

Print Parents Name _____

Parents Signature _____

Date _____

2024 _____ County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination
Certificate Show Date _____

IDENTIFICATION FORM

(To be completed by Exhibitor)

Exhibitors: Complete this identification form. Exhibitors, parents/guardians must read the statement at the bottom of this section and sign to verify reading the 2024 _____ County Project Requirements (and 2024 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Rules/Show Venue Rules, if applicable) and agree to abide by them, and having a 2024 **Permission to Participate** form on file in the county Extension office.

Exhibitor's Name _____

County Enrolled in 4-H _____ Phone () _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Dog's Call Name _____

Dog's Birth Date _____ Age _____
_____ Mo./Day/Yr.
_____ Predominant Breed

Color & Markings _____

Sex: [] Male [] Neutered Male [] Female [] Spayed Female

Dog License Tag No. _____ **(Must list tag number)**

Signatures Required: We verify we have read the 2022 *Ashtabula County Project Requirements*, and if showing at the OSF, the 2022 *Ohio State Fair Jr. Fair Dog Show/Show Venue Rules*, and agree to abide by these rules. We have a signed 2019 *Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims* form on file in our county Extension office, and agree to be bound by the terms set forth therein.

Exhibitor's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date Signed _____

THIS FORM IS ONE-SIDED. THE BACK SIDE IS INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK.

VACCINATION CERTIFICATE – VETERINARIAN MUST

COMPLETE THIS ENTIRE SECTION!!

Exhibitors: Take this form to your veterinarian! This Vaccination Certificate **MUST** be completed and signed by a licensed veterinarian. All dogs **MUST** have current rabies vaccinations. Your veterinarian must document on this form that your dog's Rabies vaccination is current by filling in the "Date Expires" blank. Additionally, the Ohio 4-H Dog Program requires all dogs have current vaccinations for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. Bordetella vaccination is recommended, but not required. Veterinarian protocol for vaccinations will be followed. **All vaccinations must be administered by a licensed veterinarian. For the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, all vaccinations must be current through August 10, 2024.**

Rabies _____ Date Expires _____
Date Given _____

Product **DHLPP** _____ Serial # _____

Date Given _____ Date Expires _____

With the exception of Rabies, specific vaccination requirements may be waived as noted by veterinarian in the space below. _____

Clinic Information

Clinic Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Administering Veterinarian's Name _____

Veterinarian's Signature _____

Date _____ Clinic Phone () _____

This certificate is also an acceptable Certificate of Vaccination at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show.