

Huron County 4-H

2023 Dog Project Requirements

- Overview for Project #200, All About Dogs:
 - Learn about dogs.
 - Will not show or compete with a dog.
 - Does not have to own a dog.
 - Complete project book and bring to interview judging during the fair
 - Make a poster for fair.
 - Overview for Project #201, Dog Project & Record Book:
 - Care for and work with dog for duration of project.
 - Complete Dog Project & Record Book.
 - Able to participate in optional dog workshops
 - Participates in dog skillathon July 12.
 - Participates in dog show with dog.
 - Make a poster for fair
 - Overview for Project #202, Dog Achievement Program:
 - Members who do not wish to compete with a dog, but must have a dog as a family pet.
 - Educational project, allows member to earn pins and certificates.
 - Must have access to a computer to retrieve online activities, record pages, and to conduct research.
 - Turn in completed project book during skillathon.
 - Participates in the dog skillathon July 12.
 - Make a poster for fair
- Important Dates:
- April 1 – have possession of dog
 - May 1 – Enrollment deadline
 - May 8 – Mandatory Meeting, 7:00pm in County Administration Basement meeting room (Mandatory for 1st year in project, all others attendance is optional.)
 - May 8 – Dog project forms Due (see bottom pg. 2)
 - June 4 – Dog workshop, 7:00pm, Doug Wilson Barn
 - June 11 – Dog workshop, 7:00pm, Doug Wilson Barn
 - June 25 – Dog workshop, 7:00pm, Doug Wilson Barn
 - June 30 – Pre-registration due, Extension Office
 - July 9 – Dog workshop, 7:00pm, Doug Wilson Barn
 - July 10 – Fair Entries Due
 - July 12 – Livestock (including Dog and Horse) skillathon, 5:30pm
 - July 15 – County Dog Show in the Goat barn
 - Registration opens at 9:00am
 - Show starts at 9:30am
 - July 27 – Absentee judging, by appointment
 - August 7 – Absentee judging, by appointment
 - August 13 – Dog posters turned in at fair, between 10:00am-3:00pm, Miscellaneous Building
 - August 16 – All About Dogs project interviews, 1:00pm, Miscellaneous Building
 - August 20 – Dog poster pick up, between 8:00am-12:00pm, Miscellaneous Building

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FORMS NEEDED FOR DOG PROGRAM:

- Due May 8, 2023:
 - 4-H Health Statement
 - Dog Identification/Vaccination Certificate
- Due June 30, 2023:
 - Dog Project Pre-Registration

“Rulebooks” for 4-H Dog Show Areas

This Huron County 4-H Dog Project Requirements letter contains all the basic information you need to successfully get started on your dog project.

Once you have decided in which area(s) you are going to compete, you may want to download the companion rulebook that relates to each area. The rulebooks contain the same basic program information in the front. This is the same information included in this letter. The back of each rulebook contains detailed information about the specific areas of competition.

Copies are available at www.go.osu.edu/dog under the Resources heading. There are rule books for each of the following:

- Showmanship
- Obedience
- Rally
- You & Your dog, Assistance Dogs and 4-H PetPals
- Drill Team and Canine Free Style
- State Fair Dog Poster Contest, Skillathon, and Scholarships
- Agility

Sample questions for state fair, You & Your Dog, and Showmanship judging are also available at this website, as well as the score sheets which will be used at the dog show in 2023.

All dog project members are encouraged to take advantage of the dog workshops offered in Huron County at the fairgrounds. See details on page 10 under Huron County Dog Workshops.

NOTE: The first three attached forms are needed to participate in the dog workshops at the fairgrounds. Fill them out and turn them in at the first workshop you attend.

*To access Ohio 4-H dog information visit: www.go.osu.edu/dog

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As your 4-H club organizes this year, you will find some very important information in this project requirements letter. The Family Guide to 4-H contains information on more than 100 possible 4-H projects. It is to be used, along with this letter, when selecting projects. Knowing the requirements of a project, when it will be judged and what you must exhibit will help you make the best choice. Parents should share in the project selection process and should read this requirements letter carefully before completing online enrollment.

Huron County 4-H Guidelines

- **Membership Eligibility:** Eligibility for participation in regular 4-H membership begins when a child is age 8 and in third grade, as of January 1. Any youth age 9 or above, as of January 1, is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year which you turn 19. *Huron County Extension embraces human diversity and is committed to ensuring that all research and related educational programs are available to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. This statement is in accordance with United States Civil Rights Laws and the USDA.*
- **Meeting Attendance:** Your club must have at least eight meetings each year and you must attend at least six to complete your year's membership and exhibit at the fair. Your club may have additional requirements for attendance at meetings. You may be excused from meetings for other 4-H activities or for school activities. Meetings missed because of work, community baseball, family vacations, etc. are not excused.
- **Enrollment:** Families will self-enroll in 4-H at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Families will be given instructions explaining the process of self-enrolling in the 4-H database. Members will enroll themselves in their club and 4-H projects during the self-enrollment process. Deadline to enroll is Monday, May 1.
- **Project Enrollment Fees:** There is a \$8.00 per project enrollment fee. The enrollment fee will include one project book, up to \$8.00 in value. Each family with a member in a dog project needs a Dog Resource Handbook - #201R (\$16.50), with the exception of project #200, All About Dogs. Each member enrolling in one or more dog projects must also purchase a Dog Project and Record Book - #201 annually. Members enrolling in the Dog Achievement Program (DAP) - #202 must purchase a book the first year for \$12.00 or download the pages.
- **Project Selection:** All dog project members sign up for project #201 to show a dog. Members sign up for project #200 if they do not have a dog or #202 if they do not wish to compete with their dog.
- **Project Completion:** Each project has unique requirements for completion. Members who are unable to meet those requirements have three options to complete their project:
 1. Schedule an interview during absentee judging days on July 27 or August 7
 2. Interview with a superintendent at the fair
 3. As a last resort, write a letter to the 4-H Committee explaining why you could not complete your project using the other completion options.

Due to a different judge being used, members who are not evaluated through the regular fair interview process will be ineligible for placings, premiums or awards. If all project requirements are not complete, the project will be marked as incomplete.
- **Dog Ownership Date:** All dogs taken as 4-H projects must be owned and under your continual care by April 1st. All dogs must be either owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family, except Assistance Dogs or DAP projects. A dog is not required to complete project #200, All About Dogs.

Project #200- All About Dogs (\$8.00)

- Beginning level members who may or may not have a dog. Dog ownership is not required for this project.
- This project will allow you the opportunity to learn how dogs think and the meaning of their body language. Learn what keeps dogs happy and healthy.
- Members do not bring a dog to project judging, the Huron County Dog Show or the Huron County Fair.
- The dog skillathon is optional, see pg 8.
- Eligible for State Fair, see pg. 15-16

Project	Completion Requirements	Fair Exhibit	Fair Entry
4-H Enrollment Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2023 by 4:30 p.m. at https://v2.4honline.com Project # to self-enroll: #200 - All About Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview Judging: Wednesday, August 16, at 1:00 p.m. in the Miscellaneous Building • Complete a poster to be judged and displayed at the fair, see pg 7. • Bring completed project book to judging: All About Dogs #200 (\$8.00) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a poster to be judged and displayed at the fair, see pg 7. • Topic: Something you learned from the project 	Deadline: July 10, 2023 by 4:30 p.m. at fairent.com Class 141 – Learning About Dogs Entry 1 – All About Dogs

Project #201- Dog Project and Record Book (\$8.00/\$16.50)

- Members planning to compete with a dog enroll in this project.
- Each member enrolling in this project must purchase one Dog Project and Record Book #201 (\$8.00) each year, regardless of the number of dog projects; and have a Dog Resource Handbook #201R (\$16.50). One handbook per dog family is adequate. This handbook is your informational resource and may be used multiple years.
- Attendance at dog workshops is optional, see pg. 8.
- Eligible for State Fair, see pg. 15-16.

Project	Completion Requirements	Fair Exhibit	Fair Entry
4-H Enrollment Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2023 by 4:30 p.m. at https://v2.4honline.com Project # to self-enroll: #201 Dog Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete skillathon, July 12, see pg. 8 • Purchase books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dog Project and Record Book #201 (\$8.00) ○ Dog Resource Handbook #201R (\$16.50). *Reusable • Bring completed project book to dog show • Dog project meeting- Mandatory for 1st years, see pg 10. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a poster to be judged and displayed at the fair, see pg 7. • Topic: Grooming 	Deadline: Monday, July 13, 2023 by 4:30 p.m. at fairent.com **Exhibitors are limited to a maximum of 2 dogs and 1 entry per entry number. One entry must be made for each entry number participating in: Class 140 – Dogs (Members enrolled

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a poster to be judged and displayed at the fair, see pg 7 • Turn in required forms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due: May 8, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4-H Health Statement ▪ Dog Project Identification and Vaccination Certificate ○ Due: June 30, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dog Project Pre-Registration Form <p><i>* Members who do not turn in the Pre-Registration Form by the deadline will not be eligible to show their dog, but should turn in their completed Project & Record Book and participate in the Dog Skillathon at Judging and the Dog Poster Contest at the Fair to complete their project.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the Huron County Dog Show, July 15, Registration opens at 9:00am and Show starts at 9:30am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Show Order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You & Your Dog Pet ▪ You & Your Dog Show ▪ Agility- Off Leash ▪ Agility- On Leash ▪ Rally ▪ Novice ▪ Preferred Novice ▪ Pre-Novice ▪ Beginning Novice B ▪ Beginning Novice A ▪ Assistance/Working Dogs ▪ Awards Presentation ○ Special County Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Junior High Point – Awarded to the exhibitor, aged 12 and under, receiving the highest 	<p><i>*Detailed dog class descriptions are available on pages 12 & 13 for project #201!*</i></p> <p><u>Obedience Classes</u> <u>Note:</u> <i>Youth may show up to 2 dogs in Obedience, but each dog must be eligible to be shown at a different level. Exhibitors can repeat any “B” level obedience class with same dog or different dog each year unless the dog is a class winner, provided that dog is not performing at a higher level. May switch between Beginning Novice B and Pre-Novice in</i></p>	<p>in #201)</p> <p><u>You & Your Dog (mandatory):</u> Entry 1 - You and Your Dog – Pet *If this is YOUR ONLY class! OR Entry 2 - You & Your Dog – Show *If entering another class (i.e. Performance, Obedience, etc.). *May show the same or a different dog in any other classes if they meet eligibility requirements.</p> <p><u>Performance (optional):</u> Entry 3 - Agility – Off Leash Entry 4 – Agility – On Leash (for first year dogs only) *Youth showing in Agility may also show their dog in other classes based on the dog and exhibitor’s experience. Entry 5 – Rally</p> <p><u>Obedience (optional):</u> Entry 6 – Beginning Novice A Entry 7 – Beginning Novice B Entry 8 - Pre-Novice Entry 9 – Preferred Novice (designed to bridge the gap between on-leash and off-leash) Entry 10 - Novice</p> <p>Entry 11 - Assistance/Working Dogs *Youth showing an assistance or working dog may also show the same dog in a beginning level obedience class. May also show a different dog in other classes.</p>
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	<p>numerical score in any class, excluding Assistance/Working Dogs class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior High Point – Awarded to the exhibitor, aged 13 and over, receiving the highest numerical score in any class, excluding Assistance/Working Dogs class. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dog Show Ties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dog skillathon score will be the first consideration in breaking a tie. ▪ Remaining ties broken with the You and Your Dog total points. ▪ Additional skillathon questions will be used as needed. 	<p><i>different years, but may only enter one of these classes each year.</i></p>	
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Project #202- Dog Achievement Program (DAP) (\$12.00/\$16.50)

- Members who do not wish to compete with a dog, but must have a dog as a family pet, enroll in this project.
- This educational project allows one to earn pins and certificates.
- Members must have access to a computer to retrieve online activities and record pages and to research suggested resources.
- Not eligible for State Fair.

Project	Completion Requirements	Fair Exhibit	Fair Entry
<p>4-H Enrollment Deadline : Monday, May 1, 2023 by 4:30 p.m. at https://v2.4honline.com</p> <p>Project # to self-enroll: #202 – Dog Achievement Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete skillathon, July 12, see pg. 8 • Purchase books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dog Achievement Program Manual #202 (\$12.00 or download at https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/dog/dog-achievement-program, if choosing to download the member must still pay the \$8.00 enrolment fee.) ○ Dog Resource Handbook #201R (\$16.50). *Reusable • Bring completed project book to Skillathon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes 1 certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a poster to be judged and displayed at the fair, see pg 7. • Topic: Grooming 	<p>Deadline: July 10, 2023 by 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>One entry per member: Class 141 – Learning About Dogs Entry 2 - Dog Achievement Program (DAP)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To earn a certificate, members will select 3 topics (i.e., Socialization) within a category (i.e. Basic Training), and complete the 5 activities required within each selected topic, for a total of 15 activities. • Complete a poster to be judged and displayed at the fair, see pg 7 • Dog project meeting- Mandatory for 1st years, see pg 10. 		
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General information, rules and detailed guidelines ALL members should read and be familiar with!

❖ **Mandatory Meeting**

- All first-year members enrolled in a dog project should attend this meeting on Monday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Huron County Administration Building basement meeting room. All other members are encouraged to attend, but attendance is not mandatory. This meeting will help to explain the new classes and rules, project requirements, select topics for dog workshops and show day guidelines.

❖ **Huron County Dog Poster Contest (Required)**

- All members enrolled in a dog project will complete a poster to display at the fair.
 - Project #200 will be judged at the fair with their interview
 - No separate fair entry required.
 - Projects #201 and #202 will be judged together at the fair and must complete a separate fair entry:
 - Members need not be present for judging.
 - **Class 142 – Dog Poster Contest**
 - Entry 1 - Dog Poster Contest, Senior (ages 13-18, as of January 1)
 - Entry 2 – Dog Poster Contest, Junior (ages 8-12, as of January 1)
- Topic:
 - Project #200: Something you learned from the project
 - Project #201 and #202: Grooming
- All posters will be judged at the fair August 16.
- Placings of 1st-4th will be awarded.
- Dog project member’s fair exhibit is a dog poster, dogs do not come to the fair.
- Poster Drop off:

- Sunday August 13 at the Miscellaneous Building between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. **Put name, club and age (as of January 1) on back of poster.**
- Poster Pick up:
 - Sunday August 20, 2023 at the Miscellaneous Building between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00.
- Poster Rules:
 - Each poster must be made by the 4-H or FFA member this year.
 - Posters must be made using size 22" x 28" regular poster board, displayed horizontally. Poster boards are not to be mounted on any type of stiff backing. Shadow boxes, overlays, or three-dimensional posters are not permitted. Items hanging off the sides of the poster are not permitted. Stick on letters and stickers are permitted. Posters need not be laminated or covered with a thin plastic material; however lamination will help preserve the poster. **No foam boards.**
 - Posters will be judged on Educational Content (50 pts.), Neatness/Appearance (30 pts.), and Originality (20 pts).
 - The same poster may not be used for the Huron County and State Fair Dog Poster Contests.

❖ Huron County Dog Workshops

- Members enrolled in Project #201 & #202 may participate in Dog Workshops
- Workshops will be held at the fairgrounds in the Doug Wilson Building on Sunday nights at 7:00 p.m.:
 - June 4
 - June 11
 - June 25
 - July 9
- Workshop topics will be selected at the mandatory Dog Project Meeting on Monday, May 8 in the Huron County Administration Building at 7:00 p.m.; please do not bring dogs to the project meeting.
- Ohio 4-H Dog Program Consent form, 4-H Health form, and Dog Project Identification/Vaccination Certificate must be completed and turned in prior to participating in a dog workshop.
- All dogs must be up to date on their vaccinations to participate.
- Participants need to bring training treats, water, and poop bags.
- All dogs must remain in the vicinity of the Doug Wilson Building.
- Dogs are not permitted to roam the fairgrounds.
- Workshops are conducted by approved 4-H dog project volunteers.
- Workshops are not mandatory, but dog project members are encouraged to participate. Participation helps familiarize the dog with the fairgrounds, socializes the dog and prepares the member and dog for judging.
- Dogs must not be left unattended.
- Female dogs in heat may not attend the workshops.
- Only dogs in the 4-H program may be in the training areas during workshops.
- Parents and guests are asked to stay out of the building and training area (grass) during workshops, so members and dogs do not get distracted.

❖ **Huron County Livestock Skillathon (including Dogs and Horses)**

- Wednesday, July 12, at 5:30pm at the fairgrounds
- Members enrolled in projects #201 and #202 **MUST** participate in the skillathon, project #200 is optional.
- Members will rotate through four educational stations. Stations will cover information from the following topics from the Dog Resource Handbook:
 - Grooming (Chapter 4)
 - Breed Identification: Toy and Hound groups; (Chapter 2)
 - Communication and Behavior (Chapter 6)
 - Conformation (Chapter 3)
- Scores from the Dog Skillathon will be used as the interview score in You & Your Dog classes at the dog show.
- The Dog Skillathon will take place of individual interviews. Dog project books will be turned in at the registration table for scoring.
- Dogs are not to be brought to the skillathon.

❖ **Dog Project Rules**

- Eligibility
 - FFA members are eligible to show, provided they meet school FFA dog project requirements. FFA members must follow the 2023 Huron County 4-H Dog Project Requirements and entry procedures.
 - Only domestic dogs may be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
 - All dogs must be six months of age by the date of the show. Dogs in Agility must be 18 months or older. Proof of age is the burden of the exhibitor. Dogs not meeting age requirements cannot be shown.
- Ownership
 - Dogs used in 4-H project #201 must either be owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family. Ownership of Assistance Dogs is respective of each applicable organization. Dogs must be in the continual care of the junior fair exhibitor for the duration of the project. The date of ownership must be no later than April 1. Proof of ownership is the burden of the exhibitor and exhibitor's family. Hardship cases will not be considered. Dogs cannot be leased. Dogs cannot be shared by siblings or other individuals.
- Training and Showing
 - Lessons, instruction and advice for the exhibitor are encouraged. As long as the exhibitor is present in the learning situation and handles or trains the dog the majority of the time present, such assistance can include occasional handling or training by another person. Only the exhibitor can train or show the dog on or after April 1, 2023.
 - Junior Fair exhibitors are expected to perform and demonstrate skills listed for each class they enter. Score sheets used in judging are posted online at the State 4-H website: www.go.osu.edu/dog . The most current form of all applicable score sheets will be used. Some of the score sheets are different from those in the back of the Dog Project & Record Book.
- License and Health Requirements
 - All dogs must be currently licensed. Actual certificate of dog license is not needed. Exhibitors must list their dogs' license number on the Huron County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate.

- The 2023 Huron County 4-H Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate completed and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian is required before participating in any dog program events. This certificate must include ALL information requested in the Identification Form section, completed and signed by the exhibitor. The administering veterinarian must complete the information requested in the Vaccination Certificate section. This is the only certificate which will be accepted.
 - ALL dogs must have current Rabies vaccinations, administered by licensed, accredited veterinarians. Veterinarians must document on the 2023 Huron County 4-H Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate whether the exhibitor's dog rabies vaccination is current for 1 year or 3 years by filling in the "date expires" blank.
 - ALL dogs must be vaccinated for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus by licensed, accredited veterinarians. Bordetella vaccination is recommended, but not required. If the veterinarian does not administer certain vaccinations, those vaccinations must be noted by the administering veterinarian, either on the vaccination form or letterhead. All vaccinations must be current through July 15, 2023 for Huron County and through August 8, 2023 for state fair.
 - The 2023 Huron County 4-H Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate is included with this document. This same form may be used for the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, provided the vaccinations are current through August 8, 2023 for State Fair exhibition.
 - Dogs CANNOT be shown if vaccinations are given by anyone other than a licensed, accredited veterinarian.
 - Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation as determined by show officials will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the show area. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment. Decision of show officials is final.
 - Bitches showing ANY signs of heat are not permitted at the dog show. They are not permitted to show! If a bitch shows any signs of heat, she will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the show grounds. Any bitch, which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element, will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the show grounds. Decision of show officials is final.
 - Pregnant and/or lactating (nursing) bitches are not permitted at the dog show and are not permitted to be shown.
 - Any male or female dog that is a disturbing element to other dogs will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the show area.
- Safety and Sportsmanship
- All youth enrolled 4-H dog project #201 and #202 must sign the Ohio 4-H Dog Program consent form. A parent or guardian is also required to sign the document. The document is attached to this requirements letter and must be turned in before participating in any dog program events. All 4-H members, parents, and other adults participating in 4-H activities will adhere to OHIO 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT.
 - Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the fairgrounds. Dogs must be kept on leash while at the fairgrounds. Dogs must be kenneled in designated areas. Exhibitors are expected to clean up after their dogs. Dogs are not permitted outside the show area and kennel area. Dogs must not be left unattended.
 - Any one abusing physically (including hitting) and/or verbally a dog/show personnel will be removed from the fairgrounds and will not be permitted to return any time during the dog show.
 - Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior, including excessive barking, running from its handler, biting/snapping, etc., any time before, during, or after exhibition will be penalized according to the seriousness of the misbehavior.

- Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong collar, or electronic collar while at the dog show. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their dogs are seen wearing muzzles, prong collars or electronic collars.
 - JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL. Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals ARE NOT PERMITTED to talk with judges at any time during the dog show. Discussion and/or confrontation with judges will result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal of individuals from the dog show. Talking with the judge after the show for constructive criticism is acceptable.
 - Judges and/or show officials have the right to disqualify anyone exhibiting poor sportsmanship from showing, or from receiving any awards, at any time during the Dog Show, as well as order the removal from the show area and fairgrounds of anyone showing unsportsmanlike conduct. This is in addition to participants having points deducted from the Sportsmanship category on their score sheets.
 - An exhibitor disciplining a dog in the show ring will be excused from further competition in that class. An exhibitor may not use excessive verbal commands or move toward the dog to correct it.
 - Only the exhibitor's dog, exhibitor, and show officials are permitted in the show ring area at any time throughout the show.
 - All dogs must be kept on leash at all times. The only exception is for dogs performing off leash during judging. In this case, the dog enters the ring with a leash and the leash is removed at the judge's command.
 - Exhibitors and their families are totally responsible for their dogs while on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors must clean up after their dogs. Dogs must not be left unattended,
- Show equipment/Handler's & Dog's Appearance
- Exhibitors must provide their own collar, leash, water dish, kennel, clean up supplies and any other equipment needed.
 - **For all disciplines: - No retractable leashes**, head halters, fancy collars, harnesses, martingales and studded collars are acceptable outside the ring. Pinch collars, collars with prongs or spikes, electronic collars, or any other special training collars are not permitted anywhere on the fairgrounds. Remove all hanging tags. Flat securely attached tags are permitted. Nothing may hang from the dog's collar, except in You & Your Dog-Pet.
 - **Obedience collars** accepted in the ring include well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, martingales or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end.
 - **Obedience leashes** may be of fabric or leather and must be 6 feet in length for Beginner Novice and Pre-Novice classes. For other obedience classes, the leash need be only of sufficient length to provide adequate slack in the heel on leash exercise. Chain leashes are not acceptable.
 - **Rally collars** while in the rally show ring include well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, martingales, or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. Flat securely attached tags are permitted on these collars. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar.
 - **Rally leashes** for Rally Novice classes, leashes must be made of fabric or leather and long enough to provide adequate slack.
 - **You and Your Dog collars** may be well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, martingales or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end, or head halters. Identification tags may hang from the dog's collar in You & Your Dog – Pet.
 - **You and Your Dog leashes** may be of fabric or leather. Chain leashes are not acceptable.
 - **Agility collars** Well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars must be worn by all dogs.
 - **Agility leashes** Leads for use in On-Leash Agility may be of fabric or leather and must be 6 feet in length.

- Food, treats, or toys are not permitted in the show ring area during obedience classes. Exhibitors may take dogs out of holding rings and out of show area to give rewards, bathroom break, etc., and then return immediately when finished.
- Handler's Appearance:
 - **Acceptable Clothing for all disciplines:** Exhibitors should be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog shows. Clothing should not distract, limit or hinder the judge's view of the dog. Youth with long hair should tie it back to keep it from interfering with handling or the judge's view.
 - **Inappropriate Clothing for all disciplines:** Clothing that is too tight or too revealing, such as short skirts, short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, low cut blouses or shirts, shorts hanging too low on the waist, clothing with holes or tears in the fabric, blue jeans, faded or torn jeans of any kind, or other similar types of clothing. Do not wear shirts with club names or logos, or clothing with lettering and distracting or offensive wording or designs. Do not wear hats. Do not wear sandals, open-toed shoes, high-heeled shoes, clogs or similar type footwear. Exhibitors dressed inappropriately will have points deducted or may be excused from the show ring.
 - **Obedience Acceptable Clothing:** Slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, capri or crop pants, colored dress jeans, collared blouses and shirts, polo shirts, or similar attire, closed-toe shoes, rubber-soled shoes, flats, and similar type footwear.
 - **Rally Acceptable Clothing:** All Rally classes includes slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, capri or crop pants, colored dress jeans, collared blouses and shirts, polo shirts, or similar attire, closed-toe shoes, rubber soled shoes, flats, and similar type footwear.
 - **You & Your Dog and Agility Acceptable Clothing:** Slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, capri or crop pants, colored dress jeans, collared blouses and shirts, polo shirts, or similar attire, closed-toe shoes, rubber-soled shoes, flats and similar type footwear. Exhibitors in You & Your Dog - Show should wear the clothing they are wearing in their other class(es). Club shirts, jeans and shorts are acceptable for Agility.
- Dog's Appearance:
 - Dogs must be clean, well brushed and in good physical condition appropriate for the dog's age. The coat must be free from mats and loose hair. Ears must be clean and free from hair in the ear canal. The eyes must be free from matter, and teeth should not have any tartar buildup. Some staining on the teeth of older dogs is permissible. Toenails must be of proper length. Hair between the pads should be trimmed to prevent matting and collecting dirt. It is not required that whiskers be trimmed, but if the dog's face is shaved, the stubble should be removed. Regulation show clip is not required for purebred dogs.
- Hair in Dog's Eyes:
 - Any dog whose hair surrounding the eyes, ears or beard interferes with its performance may have its hair tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes. Ribbons or bows are not permitted.

❖ Detailed Dog Class Descriptions (Project #201)

○ You & Your Dog

- **You & Your Dog – Show:** This class is for all 4-H members who show the same or a different dog in other dog classes (obedience, rally, assistance or agility). All dog project members showing in other classes must also enter this class. Members enter You & Your Dog-Show only once; even if they are showing 2 dogs in the other classes. Members will choose one dog to do this class with.
- **You & Your Dog – Pet:** This class is for youth who want to learn about dogs without involvement of competitive classes, such as obedience or performance. This class is for 4-H members who are NOT showing the same or another dog in any other classes. *Dogs entered in You & Your Dog- Pet still come to the dog show for judging.*

- **Judging criteria for both You & Your Dog classes:**
 - Member’s Interview (60 points): In Huron County the score comes from the Dog Skillathon. For the interview at state fair, age-appropriate questions will come from the Dog Resource Handbook chapters. Check the website listed on page 1 for age appropriate questions.
 - Dog Project & Record Book (40 points): All sections that apply to the You & Your Dog project must be filled out completely, including photographs. If you have more than one dog, the animal records section may be copied before you begin and complete one set for each dog.
 - Member’s Appearance & Attitude (40 points): Exhibitors should be neat and clean in appearance. Appropriate clothing must be worn.
 - Dog’s Appearance and Manners (50 points): Dogs should be clean and well-groomed. They should show good manners and be able to be controlled by the handlers. Dogs should allow examination without resistance or aggression.
 - Exhibit or Creative Achievement (40 points): This must be from current project year and show some knowledgeable phase of project work OR demonstrate something learned in the project with your dog or something you taught your dog. NOTE: Only “Exhibit” allowed at State Fair.
- Obedience
 - The purpose of obedience is to demonstrate the dog’s usefulness as a companion. Youth train their dogs to behave in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs. 4-H obedience competition demonstrates the handler’s ability to work as a team with his/her 4-H dog project by performing a specified routine in the ring. Members may show up to 2 dogs in obedience classes, as long as they are in different classes.
 - Summary of Progression of Obedience Classes for Huron County:
 - **Beginner Novice A** - 1 year, then move to Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice. Beginner Novice A can never be repeated by handler OR dog.
 - All Beginner Novice A exercises are performed on leash: Heel, Figure 8, Sit for Exam, Sit/Stay, Recall.
 - **Beginner Novice B** - can repeat class with same dog or different dog
 - Beginner Novice B class exercises: Heel on leash, Figure 8 on leash, Sit for Exam on leash, Sit/Stay with leash attached but on the ground, Recall off leash
 - **Pre-Novice** - can repeat class with same dog or different dog
 - Pre-Novice class exercises: Heel on leash, Figure 8 on leash, Stand for Exam on leash, Recall on leash, Long Sit on leash (1 min), Long Down on leash (3 min)
 - **Preferred Novice** – Added to bridge the transition between on-leash and off-leash obedience classes.
 - Preferred Novice class exercises: Heel on leash with Figure 8, Stand for Exam off leash, Heel Free, Recall off leash, Long Sit or Long Down off leash, Sit Stay – Get your leash
 - **Novice** - can repeat class with same dog or different dog
 - Novice class exercises: Heel on leash, Figure 8 on leash, Stand for Exam off leash, Heel Free, Recall off leash, Long Sit off leash (1 min), Long Down off leash (3 min)
 - Class Selection Rules
 - Exhibitors in “A” level classes must progress to a higher level of obedience with the same or a different dog. “A” level classes can never be repeated by handler or dog.

- Exhibitors in “B” level classes can show in these classes every year with the same dog, unless winning first place. After winning first place in the Huron County 4-H Dog Show, the exhibitor/dog team must move to a different level.
 - Dogs that have placed in “B” level obedience classes may repeat the same classes provided they are not performing at a higher level or have won the class. They may never show in a lower level obedience class again.
 - Exhibitors may move back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in subsequent years. Neither a youth nor dog may show in both the same year. The class chosen for the year should be based on difference in exercises.
- Rally
- Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at a brisk pace through a course of designated stations, 10-20 depending on the level. Each of these stations has an 8 ½” x 11” sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed, via words, directional arrows, colors, and geometric shapes. The dog and handler team moves continuously at a brisk but normal pace with the dog under control at the handler’s left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect heel position is not required. After the judge’s “Forward” order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly. Unless otherwise specified in the Rally Regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, give additional commands and or signals using one or both arms, clap their hands, pat their legs or use any verbal means of encouragement. The handler must move in a natural manner. The handler’s arms need not be maintained in any particular position. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands, intimidating signals, and touching the dog (unless specified in the Rally Regulations) will be penalized.
 - Assistance, interference, or attempts to control a dog from outside the ring is not permitted. A judge who is aware of such double handling or interference must substantially penalize the dog.
 - A 25-point deduction will be made for any dog fouling the ring. The exhibitor and his/her dog are not to be excused from the ring. Judging is to continue once the area is properly cleaned. Fouling includes urine, feces, or vomit.
 - Exhibitors in Rally Novice: all exercises are judged on leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Must have 10 to 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) stationary exercises per class.
- Agility
- 4-H Agility is a team sport that youth and their dogs participate in together. Patterned after the equestrian sport of show jumping, youth and their dogs learn to work together as a team to negotiate the course. 4-H Agility gives opportunity for handler and dog teams to develop confidence, problem solving skills, patience and responsibility.
 - The Huron County Dog Program received a generous grant from the Ohio 4-H Foundation in 2014 to purchase dog agility equipment. Members participating in the Dog Workshops at the fairgrounds on Sunday nights have the opportunity to try different agility obstacles with their dogs. If a dog is showing in agility for the first time, they will be on leash. All other dogs will be shown off leash.
 - Obstacles include various jumps, A-frame, pause table, weave poles, classic dog walk, and tunnels.
- Assistance/Working Dogs
- The purpose of assistance dogs is to provide services to humans. Most 4-H Assistance Dogs are Pilot Puppies being socialized and trained. These puppies are then returned to the parent organization for specialized training. This class also includes other working dogs, such as therapy dogs, police dogs, search-and-rescue dogs, military dogs, herding dogs and detection dogs. Assistance dogs are judged using the Canine Good Citizen test.

❖ Ohio State Fair Junior Dog Show

- Youth may enter any classes they are eligible for at the state fair. Event information is available online at the Ohio 4-H website: ohio4h.org/animalsciences/dog. There are two options for dog project participation at the state fair:
 - # 200 All About Dogs and #201 You & Your Dog project members do project interviews at the state fair WITHOUT DOGS as part of Companion Animal Day. Visit ohio4h.org/animalsciences/dog for dates and times. Participants must be selected during Huron County State Fair Selections on July 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Extension Office with their completed project book and poster.
 - The Dog Show at the Ohio State Fair will be held July 16-18, 2023. Visit ohio4h.org/animalsciences/dog for entry forms and deadlines. Areas of competition include obedience, showmanship, rally, and agility.
- Ohio State Fair Dog Skillathon
 - A Dog Skillathon will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the Ohio State Fair Dog Activities in the Steve R Rauch, Inc. Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center. The Dog Skillathon awards will be presented around 4:30 p.m. that day. This contest is open to any regular 4-H or FFA member. Participants do not have to be enrolled in a dog project. A parent/guardian or responsible adult MUST sign the youth's skillathon score sheet at registration, verifying the correct age division BEFORE the youth can participate in the skillathon. The four subject matter station categories will be posted online at ohio4h.org/animalsciences/dog. Go to "Statewide Programs", "Animal Sciences", and "Ohio 4-H Skillathons". Registration is the day of the event; no pre-registration is required.
- Ohio State Fair Dog Poster Contest
 - Any youth enrolled in a 4-H dog project may enter a poster.
 - Age divisions will be as follows: Junior (ages 8-11), Intermediate (ages 12-14), and Senior (ages 15-18). All ages are as of January 1, 2023.
 - Each poster must be made by the 4-H or FFA member this year.
 - Posters must be made using size 22" x 28" regular poster board, displayed horizontally. Poster boards are not to be mounted on any type of stiff backing. Shadow boxes, overlays, or three-dimensional posters are not permitted. Items hanging off the sides of the poster are not permitted. Stick on letters and stickers are permitted. Posters need not be laminated or covered with a thin plastic material; however lamination will help preserve the poster.
 - Each poster must be clearly labeled in the front lower right hand corner with the exhibitor's name, county, and age as of January 1, 2023.
 - State Fair Dog Poster Entry Forms are available from the Extension Office or on the state fair website.
 - Each youth must complete an entry form and send the completed entry form along with poster to OSF Dog Poster Contest, Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43210.
 - Deadline for posters to be postmarked can be found at ohio4h.org/animalsciences/dog. Posters received after this deadline will not be judged, however, they will still be displayed.
 - Posters will be judged on Educational Content (50 pts.), Neatness/Appearance (30 pts.), and Originality (20 pts).
 - The same poster may not be used for the Huron County and State Fair Dog Poster Contests.