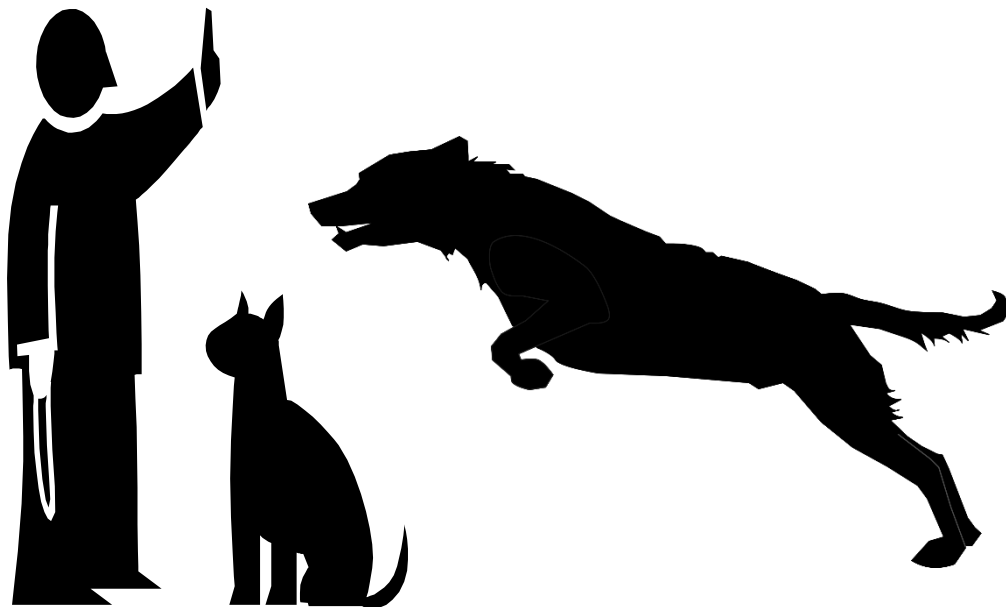




Jefferson County

4-H Dog Project



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NOTE FROM THE LEADERS

The Obedience and Showmanship program is for youth interested in training a dog to be a better pet and/or for showing.

As leaders, our job is to help you in the dog project, to plan and carry out a program based on your needs and wants for your household pet. Much of the value lies in giving you complete responsibility for caring and training of your dog over the next few months. This program is set up so you can learn by doing and listening and seeing.

This project will deal with obedience training, grooming and showmanship. This will also include dog health, types, community regulations and ownership responsibilities.

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IN ORDER TO SHOW YOUR DOG AT THE COUNTY FAIR, ALL MEMBERS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- * **Attendance** -- If you miss three consecutive meetings, you will be considered to have dropped the project. Members may not miss more than six (6) training sessions during the year.
- * Help with fundraising activities
- * Show in our Fun Match
- * **Help with Fundraising**
- * Present shot records at the first meeting
- * Pay training fees

Failure to meet these requirements will result in non-participation at county and state dog shows.

- Anyone signed up for the Dog Project may enter educational exhibits at the county fair and state dog show under the animal science project first year. This can be your scrapbook, a mobile, a model, photos, posters or a combination of a speech or any of these.
- Anyone signed up for the Dog may give a demonstration; enter a poster or photography at the county contest and at the state show. Suggested topics include Grooming a Dog; Training Dogs for Tricks; Tips on Training, etc.

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR HANDLERS AND DOGS AT TRAINING CLASSES:

1. **DON'T MISS THE FIRST EIGHT WEEKS OF TRAINING!** Each week you will be taught a new exercise. You should practice the exercise each day for 10-15 minutes. Do not skip a day and train the following day for 30 minutes. Do the exercise exactly as taught. We cannot go home with each of you to check, but remember, it will show if you don't work your dog. Obedience is learning by repetition and if you don't practice, your dog cannot be expected to learn.
2. Sign in sheet will be provided. **BE SURE TO SIGN IN** each week so we have an accurate record of your attendance. This is your responsibility.
3. All dogs to be trained must be accompanied by a Veterinarian Certificate showing proof of:
 - a. DHLPP...within 1 year of show date
 - b. Rabies within 3 years of show date
 - c. Heartworm is recommended.
 - d. Fecal record is recommended.
4. All shot records must be turned in **before the first training meeting** or dog will not be allowed in the building.
5. The first member of a family will be asked to pay \$10.00 with the second child and/or dog paying \$5.00 each child/dog team, to cover the following:
 - a. Trophies
 - b. Flowers for judges
 - c. Obedience and Showmanship training supplies
 - d. Money not used will be saved for future training needs.
6. You should be at training 5-10 minutes before your class starts so you and your dog are ready on time to start training.

7. You Must Call a Key Leader Prior to Any Absences, or you will not be excused. If you miss three consecutive meetings, you will be considered to have dropped the project and will not be allowed to show at fair or state. (Any extended illness or family emergency should be discussed with a leader before the first missed meeting)
8. Parents area will be provided where parents/friends shall stay during training sessions. **NO PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN TRAINING AREA EXCEPT WHEN ASKED BY LEADER TO HELP OUT.** (Being a post, etc.)
9. Any complaints and/or questions will come from child. If, after talking with a Key leader a child still has a problem, parents should see Key leader after the training session.
10. We will be using AKC Guidelines as a format, adapting them at times to fit into the 4-H program.
11. **DOGS TRAINED AND SHOWN IN OBEDIANCE, RALLY OR CONFIRMATION AT AKC SHOWS BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE 4-H DOG HANDLER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY DOG PROJECT.**
12. Care of your dog should be YOUR responsibility, feeding, watering, grooming, training, playing and most importantly -- loving. It's a good idea to go along to the vet, also to earn your own money to help with his care.
13. There will be no cliques allowed. Groups sticking together and goofing around will be split up. Visiting will not be tolerated during training. See your friends before and after meetings or during breaks.
14. Only dogs brought by members and present for training purposes will be allowed in the training area.
15. NO DOG is to be permitted "Off Leash" except as required while performing in a training class or at the direction of the leader.
16. Puppies underage of 6 months will not be permitted in training classes.
17. Potty dogs before classes or if necessary, during class. Don't wait for permission to leave the group.
18. To reduce accidents, dogs should not be fed until after training classes. In the event of an accident, there will be items in the activity center to use to clean it up. Handlers will clean up the fouled area. No one else should do it for you. Bring plastic bags or see a trainer for a bag.
19. Dogs that are sick or in season will not be permitted on the training grounds.
20. No needless barking is allowed. All dogs brought to classes must be groomed.
21. All dogs shall wear a slip chain-training collar of proper size and fit, and each handler will have a six-foot leash.
22. Each owner is responsible for his dogs conduct on the training grounds. Anyone not showing good conduct or not keeping their dog well-mannered will be excused and marked absent for that meeting.
23. There will be no screaming or hitting of any dogs. **ROUGH HANDLING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.** Larger dogs or more unruly dogs are given jerks when learning to heel.
24. Any dog growling will be disciplined by a firm NO. Otherwise by the advice of a leader always

handled by the owner unless the dog is too unruly and becomes vicious, then a leader will step in depending on the size of the dog and the strength of the young person. If a dog is aggressive to people or other dogs it may be muzzle or dropped from the Jefferson Co. 4-H Dog Project at the Key Leaders discretion.

25. The Key Leaders reserve the right to drop any dog if they feel it is in the best interest of the class, child or dog. If a member appears too small or young to handle their dog, he/she will be asked to postpone training for another year. Some nine to eleven year olds who have a young, nervous or large dog may be in this group. All dogs will be kept at least 6 feet apart to avoid dog fights.
25. Dog owners will be responsible for any person or dog bitten by their dog.
26. Any person whose dog is in the Novice Class or over will be responsible when training off leash, because they do have to work off leash in some exercises. All members should work enough on it at home to be confident at class. Use check rope to train.
27. During exercise talk to your dog, the instructors will tell you when to stop.
28. **PINCH COLLARS ARE NOT ALLOWED EXCEPT WITH KEY LEADERS PERMISSION.**
29. For training classes, tennis shoes or gum soled shoes **MUST BE WORN.**
30. Wipe feet when wet and/or muddy -- yours and the dogs.
31. All members are expected to participate in fund-raising activity.
32. Everyone must take part in show night. Parents and friends are invited.



WORST THINGS YOU CAN DO WHEN TRAINING YOUR DOG:

1. Failure to use the correct snap on the leash.
2. Not holding the hands sufficiently close to the body.
3. Giving commands without changing the tone of voice.
4. Corrections not definite.
5. Yelling at the dog
6. Becoming angry and/or taking it out on the dog
7. Saying the dog's name to cause him to break on the stay.
8. Repeating a command for no apparent reason
9. Not concentrating on the dog and anticipating how he will react.
10. Permitting the dog to lag instead of enticing him to speed up. Motions too quick and erratic.
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12. Grabbing at the dog and hovering over him.
13. Incorrect timing of the command with the correction and the correction with the praise.
14. Not walking in a straight line, hesitating on the turns and stepping into the dog on the halts.
15. Giving indistinct commands and confused signals.
16. Nagging a dog.
17. Wagging the finger and pointing at the dog on the stays.
18. Pushing the dog
19. Neglecting to review previous lessons. Keeping training progressive.
20. Using the same routine so the dog gets bored and works mechanically.
21. Too little praise.
22. Not giving the dog credit when he uses intelligence.
23. Not playing sufficiently with the dog.



**More Than You Ever
Imagined!**

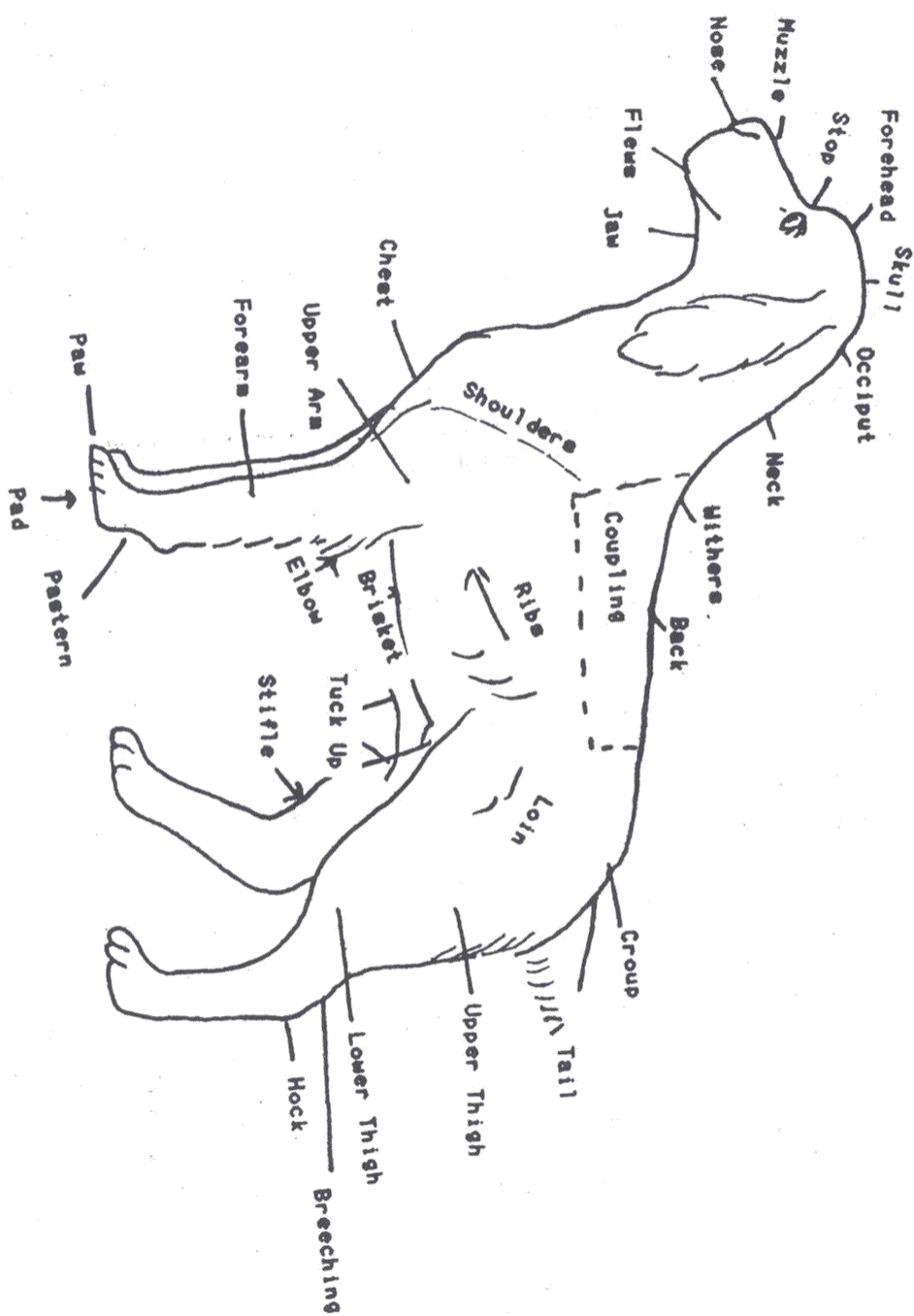
SHOW GUIDELINES:

1. Dogs may be purebred or may be mixed breeds.
2. 4-H dog project members must meet local county requirements of attendance, training, etc. in order to exhibit.
3. Members in their second year or more are limited to two dogs, which must be trained solely by him/her. Unless special permission is granted by the Leaders.
4. All AKC rules will be followed in the exercises, regular classes and non-regular obedience classes, with the following exceptions.
 - a. A female in season may be shown but not with the rest of the class.
 - b. A blind, deaf, lame or mixed breed dog may compete, but no other exceptions to the rules will be made (such as how high they have to jump as in the high jump, or how far they have to jump as in the broad jump). They must complete all exercises the same as any other dog in their class.
 - c. A female with nursing puppies may not compete and should not be brought to the show.
5. Each dog must be equipped with a metal slip collar with no attachments (this means no name tags, rabies tags or license), and a leather leash six feet in length with only a metal snap attached. Spike collars and chain leashes will not be allowed. Official dumbbells must be used. Jumps will be furnished.
6. No exhibitor will be allowed to discipline or manhandle his dog on the show site. This could lead to disqualification. The judge may excuse any dog that attacks or attempts to attack any person or another dog in the ring.
7. Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The handler of each dog is responsible for having it ready at ringside when its class is to be judged.
8. No one is allowed to train or practice with his or her dog in any of the show buildings.

SHOW PROCEDURES FOR JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:

- When you are sure your dog is well groomed and you have changed into your showmanship clothes, it is time to check your ring. Plan to be at the ringside about five minutes before your class is called. Coming earlier will make you and your dog nervous and being late is inexcusable!
- Upon entering the ring, take your place and set up your dog at a reasonable distance from the dog in front of you. Don't crowd. If the dog behind you stops too close, politely ask the handler to move back a little. You'll need room to move around your dog.
- Avoid looking awkward. Make all your movements calmly and smoothly. Move yourself so that the judge can always see your dog. Never move your dog for this. Don't over-handle. If your dog is okay, leave him alone. If your dog gets wiggly, walk him slowly around in a small circle and restack him (only when the judge isn't looking).
- You may use bait if your type of dog is usually baited, but do not let any lie on the floor to distract other dogs.
- The judge will usually have the group move around the ring, dogs on the side of the judge, which is usually the left side of the handler. Watch for the judge who moves and be prepared to step behind your dog and switch hands on the lead to put your dog again on the side of the judge.
- When the judge motions for you to stop, smoothly stack your dog and be ready to have him examined. Even though the judge is not examining your dog, keep alert because he might just glance in your direction. As the judge circles your dog, keep moving out of his way. When he is on the right side, you should be sneaking around to the left. Don't make fast, jerky movements, since this might frighten your dog. If the judge should pick up a foot, check to see that it comes down in the right place. If not, reach under your dog and place your hand on the hock or elbow and put it generally back into place.
- Now comes individual gaiting. The judge will indicate the pattern he wants each handler to take. Most judges will stick to one pattern for everyone. Be ready and listen carefully in case he wants you to do something different. A wrong turn will put you out of the ribbons.
- When returning to the judge, stop at a reasonable distance from him so he can get a good view. If your dog is well trained, he will probably stack himself, but be ready to help if necessary. Again, stay away from the judge.
- When indicated, return to your place in line and re-stack.
- The judge will probably gait you all in a circle again and choose his winners. Smile, win or lose. Each judge will like something a little different, which makes each show a challenge.
- Finally, try to attend an AKC show in your area. Throughout the summer season, a show is being held somewhere in the state almost every weekend. Watch your breed in particular plus the Junior Showmanship

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FAIR ENTRIES:

- Are done on the Jefferson County Fair Park Website under Department 9.
- If you need help to figure out what to sign up for contact Kate.
- All youth will be signed up for showmanship automatically.
- Members may enter a scrapbook or poster in Department #9.
- Anyone who enters a demonstration should do so under Department #31.