



Welcome to the Boulder County 4H Dog Project!

2017-18

ABOUT THE DOG PROJECT

In the **Boulder County 4H Dog Project**:

- ❖ We **LEARN** about dogs -- We learn the different breeds, learn about dog parts and biology, learn proper care and grooming, and develop a better understanding of what it means to be a responsible dog owner.
- ❖ We **TRAIN** our dogs – We practice and work with our dogs on obedience skills, learn showmanship techniques and work with our dogs as a team on rally obedience courses.
- ❖ We **SHOW** our dogs – We participate in 4H Fun Match competitions and the Boulder County Fair. Some members also show their dogs at UKC or AKC dog shows.
- ❖ **And** -- We always **HAVE FUN** with our dogs!

As part of 4H, we also perform community service, complete a judging exercise, give a demonstration to your club, exhibit our dogs in at least one dog show, and complete a project record book.

TRAINING

4H Members enrolled in the 4H Dog Project will participate in free dog training classes. The training classes support the Dog Project, and rotate each week between obedience, rally and showmanship. All training is held in Barn A at the fairgrounds, and generally runs March through July. A complete calendar is available on the Boulder County 4H Dog Project webpage. Project members participate in the Boulder County Fair 4H Dog Show, and the highest scoring youth/dogs are eligible to compete at the State Fair in Pueblo in late August.

ENROLLING IN THE 4H DOG PROJECT

The Dog Project is open to 4H members between the ages of 8 and 18 (*as of December 31st*), and is open to any purebred or mixed breed dog. Enrollment opens October 15th and the deadline to enroll in the project is the last Friday in April. Please enroll early as space may be limited by our training capacity. The enrollment fee for the 2017-18 project year is \$40 (which includes up to 4 different 4H projects).

To enroll in 4H, please contact your selected club leader and register online at Boulder4H.org

Enrollment is not complete until you have:

1. Registered with 4H through **4HOnline**
2. E-mailed the completed Member Re-Enrollment Form to the club leader
3. Submitted the **Enrollment Fee** to club leader



4H REQUIREMENTS

All members must complete the following 4H requirements in order to successfully complete the 4H Dog Project.

4H REQUIREMENT	DESCRIPTION
DEMONSTRATION	A 4-H Demonstration is a “show and tell” presentation using posters, charts or other visuals to teach others. When giving a demonstration, 4-H’ers actually make or do something (step by step) and have a finished product to share. Each 4H Club will provide opportunities for members to complete their Demonstration Requirement.
PROJECT RECORD BOOK	Project Record Books are 4-H notebooks which contain records for a specific subject. 4H Dog Project Members are required to maintain one record book for each dog entered in the project. In the record book, members will set goals and identify tasks, keep track of income, expenses, trainings, meetings, awards and exhibitions, and write a short personal story about their 4H experience. Each 4H Club will reserve some meeting times during the project year to work on Record Book requirements and answer questions. There will also be Record Book time reserved at the dog training sessions.
JUDGING	4H requires members to participate in a judging exercise. The judging does not need to involve animals – you can judge different foods, clothes, or any other item. The purpose of this requirement is to demonstrate the variety of opinions or scores that may apply to the same exhibited item. Each Club will usually host at least one judging exercise during the project year.
COMMUNITY SERVICE	Through its pledge of “hands to larger service,” 4-H has historically given back to the community by encouraging young people and adults to volunteer their time and talents. Service to the community may be accomplished through food drives for the Humane Society, visiting Nursing Homes with your dog, assisting at community events such as local dog shows, or other such activities. (Community Service does not include Dairy Bar, Carnival or any other activity for which you are paid.) Community Service helps young people learn caring, leadership and citizenship.
EXHIBITION	4H members are required to exhibit their project at least one time during the project year. For dog project members, the exhibition requirement can be met by participating in a 4H or AKC Fun Match, or by exhibiting your dog at County Fair.

DOG REQUIREMENTS

- There are no breed requirements for 4H project dogs; dogs can be either purebred or mixed breed.
- For the safety of all our dogs and members, project dogs are required to be up-to-date on Rabies and Parvo vaccinations. Members must complete the 4H Dog ID form on 4HOnline, and provide a copy of an official vaccine record before they can participate in any group dog training.
- Again for safety, dogs should be reasonably well-mannered and remain under control by the handler. Uncontrollable or aggressive dogs may be separated from the group or asked to leave group training.
- The dog used for the project must be owned by the 4-H member or by an immediate family member, and the member should provide the majority of care for the dog.
- Puppies less than 6 months old as of February 1st must meet with the project leader or trainer to evaluate training needs and goals. It is recommended that all puppies attend a basic obedience/socialization class before participating in 4H group training. Basic obedience and puppy socialization classes are offered locally at the Longmont Humane Society and PetSmart.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us:

4x4 Dog Club Leader/Project Leader: **Anne Janicki-Knutson** 303-817-7074 (cell) or janicki.anne@gmail.com

4x4 Dog Club Co-Leader/Project Leader: **Denise Young**, 719-688-4072

2017-18 DOG TRAINING

4H dog training is led by dog project leaders, professional trainers and handlers, and/or other volunteers. The County Extension Office provides Barn A at the Fairgrounds for dog training March through July from 6:30-8:30 pm. These sessions are open to all Boulder County 4H members enrolled in the Dog Project. A complete training schedule is attached and is posted on the Boulder County 4H Dog Project web page. All dog training classes are offered at no cost to 4H members.

There will be an Introductory Workshop for new Dog Project members to explain the different classes and training exercises. This year, the Workshop will be held in Barn A on **Wednesday, February 14th from 6:30-8:00 pm.** (No dogs at this session)

To best meet the training needs of all members, the group training is divided into 2 classes each night. You will be assigned to the appropriate training level at the first training class.

PLEASE NOTE

- Youth members may not be left at the training facility without prior knowledge of the club leader. Parents are welcome to stay and observe and/or volunteer to assist with the class as requested by the leader.
- At the training sessions, children may not run around inside the building as it distracts dogs and disrupts training.
- Project dogs must be under control at all times and never off leash (inside or outside the building), unless instructed by a dog project leader for the purpose of training.
- Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs both inside and outside the building.
- The Colorado Dog ID Form (which includes the dog's vaccination records and rabies certificate) **must** be completed and provided to the club leader prior to attending any training.
- Please wear proper shoes to training- no sandals or open toed shoes. Athletic shoes are best.

Please Bring the Following Items to Each 4H Dog Training Session*

** Trainers may make changes to this list or require additional equipment or supplies*

Obedience Training:

- 6 ft Woven Leash
- Fitted Buckle or Slip Collar
- Treats & treat pouch, or small toy
- Poop Bags
- Water and bowl
- Good Attitude & Patience

Rally Training:

- 6 ft Woven Leash
- Fitted Buckle or Slip Collar
- Treats & treat bag, or small toy
- Poop Bags
- Water and bowl
- More Good Attitude & Patience

Showmanship:

- Show Lead/Slip Collar
- Treats & treat bag, or small toy
- Poop Bags
- Water and bowl
- Even More Patience
- SMILES :)

If you have any questions about the equipment, please talk to the leaders or trainers before making a purchase. The leaders will have a limited supply of extra equipment which is available for loan.