

DOGS #201D

4-H & JR. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

-Ross Co. Jr. Fair Rules - Refer to the current Ross County Fair Book

-Ohio 4-H Dog Program Info: <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources>

1. PROJECT BOOKS

- **#201 Dog Project & Record Book (includes 201D; 201O; 201S 201P; 201W).** Member will receive a **Dog Project & Record Book** each year. Member must complete this book each year and use it to keep records for all of their dog projects, regardless of number of projects or number of dogs.
 - Members are required to bring their completed Record Book to the Animal Project Skillathon with all information completed up to the date of the Skillathon
 - On the front cover of the *Dog Project and Record Book* ✓ **check** all the dog projects you are taking this year.
 - The project numbers {201D, 201O, 201S, 201P, and 201W} are enrollment codes so we all know which dog projects youth are taking.
- **#201R Dog Resource Handbook.** The Resource Handbook is given one per family and must be retained for future family members.

2. **QUALITY ASSURANCE:** QA is **NOT** required for Dog Projects

3. **ROSS COUNTY ANIMAL PROJECT SKILLATHON:**

- All Ross County Jr. Fair Animal Project Exhibitors must complete an Animal Project Skillathon to exhibit their animal(s) at the fair. Exhibitors may complete either the Ross County Skillathon OR the Ohio State Fair Skillathon for their species (if offered before the deadline). It is the exhibitor's responsibility to submit proof of completion, if attending the OSF Skillathon.
 - *Skillathon MANDATORY: these projects require completion of Dog Skillathon
201O-Obedience 201S-Showmanship 201P-Performance 201W-Working Dog
 - Skillathon NOT REQUIRED: these projects do not require Dog Skillathon
200-All About Dogs 201D-You & Your Dog 202-Dog Achievement Program
- **Age Categories:** Exhibitors complete Skillathon according to their age (as of January 1).
 - Junior (8-11 years)
 - Intermediate (12 – 14 years)
 - Senior (15 – 18 years)
- **Skillathon Dates/Times:** go to ross.osu.edu.
 - Clubs will be assigned a time on each date.
 - Sessions are offered for every species on each date. (Exception: Horse Skillathon is only offered the Thursday before the fair.)
- **Skillathon Study Guides:** go to ross.osu.edu

PREMIER SKILLATHON: This optional contest will be held during the Animal Project Skillathon. Participants will compete in a Premier Skillathon station in each specie area. Details will be in the *May Family Hotline* and the *Ross County Fair Book*.

JR FAIR EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE: Exhibitors **must** adhere to the following dress requirements at all shows and sales at the fair: must wear nice jeans or slacks (no low-rise, no holes or tears); a shirt, blouse or polo with a collar and sleeves AND without slogans or advertisements (4-H club/member name is acceptable); no cleavage showing; no undergarments showing. Shoes must be closed-toe (no sandals or flip flops).

EXCEPTION: Dog Exhibitors: In accordance with typical clothing attire standards worn at Dog Shows, it is acceptable to wear Bermuda shorts or capris when showing dogs. However, same rules apply about no holes, no tears, etc.



#201D – YOU AND YOUR DOG

- ☼ → **IMPORTANT** – *EACH year and BEFORE youth participates in Ohio 4-H Dog Program activities, every participant in any 4-H Dog program activity **must have read and signed:***
 - Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims form (when enrolled in 4honline)
 - ROSS County ID Form & Vaccination Certificate
 - ☼ Member **MUST** participate in County Project/Interview Judging or your 4-H Project will be **INCOMPLETE**.
 - ☼ Member must attend **General 4-H Project Judging Day** to be eligible for County Placement and State Fair Selection (if applicable).
Note: *This project (201D) does NOT get judged at the ROSS COUNTY FAIR 4-H Dog Show!*
 - ☼ If the member cannot make Project Judging, your project can be judged at Early Judging. However, Early Judging participants will not qualify for County Placement or State Fair.
 - ☼ Project must be displayed at the Ross County Fair to receive fair premiums.
 - ☼ **For Project Judging Dates & Times & Details:**
ASK your Club Advisor
READ the *May Family HOTLINE* sent to every 4-H family
LOOK on the 4-H website <http://ross.osu.edu>
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#201D – YOU AND YOUR DOG REQUIREMENTS

NOTE:

Before youth are allowed to participate in any 4-H dog activities with their dogs they are required to sign the “Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims”. This document is mandatory for ALL 4-H dog project members.

201D – You and Your Dog –

1. For youth who prefer to enjoy the companionship of their dogs without involvement of competitive events such as obedience, showmanship and performance.
2. Recommended for first-year youth just learning about dogs
3. Questions for ‘You and Your Dog’ judging will come from specific chapters and/or sections of the *Dog Resource Handbook*. Youth must be enrolled in this project to show in the *You and Your Dog* classes at the Ohio State Fair, held during Companion Animal Day Judging.
4. For County and State Fair judging, the chapters/sections from where questions will be asked, along with sample questions, will be posted on the state website by **June 1**.

Completion:

1. Explore some of the Interest Areas for this project.
2. Prepare an educational exhibit (item made from project book, photo exhibit, notebook, scrapbook or poster; poster size minimum 14" x 22" and maximum 22" x 28") based on this project. This exhibit should expand your knowledge of dog care beyond the information presented in the book. Use additional resources when preparing your exhibit. Some suggestions:
 - Visit an animal shelter or veterinarian. Make a poster or scrapbook of pamphlets, photos, etc. to describe your visit
 - Design a poster on the growth, development and proper care of a puppy
 - Prepare a poster on the life cycle of a parasite
 - Build a model doghouse
 - Prepare an exhibit of grooming tools
3. Complete *4-H Dog Project and Record Book* for your project and your level.

Evaluation:

1. The *You and Your Dog Score Sheet*, found: <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources> will be the form used to evaluate youth and their dogs. This score sheet is also included in the *Dog Project and Record Book*.
2. Refer to the *You and Your Dog Score Sheet* and Explanation for complete evaluation criteria.
3. Criteria to be evaluated in all You and Your Dog classes include:
 - a. *Member's Interview (60 pts.)*: Age-appropriate questions will come from specific chapters and/or sections of the *Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook*. The Chapters/sections from where questions will be asked, along with sample questions, will be posted on the website by **June 1**.
 - b. *4-H Dog Project & Record Book (40 pts.)*: All sections in the *4-H Dog Project & Record Book* that apply to the *You and Your Dog* project must be filled out completely including photographs. The animal records section may NOT be photocopied for the *You and Your Dog* project dog.
 - c. *Member's Appearance and Attitude (50 pts.)*: Exhibitors should be neat and clean in appearance. Appropriate clothing must be worn.
 - d. *Dog's Appearance and Manners (40 pts.)*: 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.
 - e. *Creative Achievement of Member and Dog (40 pts.)*: The youth and dog must demonstrate some level of achievement gained as a team this project year. Examples are included in the score sheet explanation.

Participants to Bring to Evaluation:

1. **Bring your dog.** Interview with judge on knowledge gained through the project. The judge will evaluate the general health, grooming, and good manners of your dog.
2. Bring completed '**4-H Dog Project & Record Book**' to interview on General 4-H Project Judging Day.
3. Bring completed **2021 ROSS County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate**. Junior Fair exhibitors must list their dogs' license tag numbers on the **2021 ROSS County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate**. All dogs participating in judging and evaluation must be immunized against distemper, adenovirus (hepatitis), leptospirosis, parvovirus, parainfluenza, coronavirus, and rabies by a licensed accredited veterinarian unless the reason is noted on the ODA Health Certificate. The administering veterinarian must complete the information requested in the Vaccination Certificate Section.
 - Dogs must have a current county dog license.
 - All 4-H'ers must have a Certificate of Vaccination signed by a veterinarian and county dog license paperwork available for examination at judging.
 - All required vaccinations must be current through **August 1, 2021**. NOTE: When getting a Certification of Vaccination for Ohio 4-H Dog projects, be certain that dates of required vaccinations are listed. Rabies vaccinations must document on the Vaccination certificate whether the exhibitor's dog's rabies vaccination is current for 1 year or 3 years by filling in the "date expires" blank.
4. Bring your educational exhibit to interview on General 4-H Project Judging Day. Youth may bring pictures, poster, scrapbook, toys, etc. used to demonstrate Creative Achievement of Member and Dog.
5. Dogs may be exhibited in well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end, head halters or harnesses. Fancy collars, pinch collars, studded collars, collars with prongs or spikes on inside or outside, electronic collars, or any other special training collars, or muzzles are not permitted on dogs anytime while on the Fairgrounds. Chain leashes are not acceptable.

Fair Exhibit: An educational display relating to project work in a fair booth.

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STATE FAIR CLASSES

You and Your Dog Junior

Exhibitor 8-11 years of age as of January 1, 2021. Exhibitors and dogs may repeat this class, with the same or different dog, regardless of winning first place, until eligible for the Intermediate You and Your Dog class.

You and Your Dog Intermediate

Exhibitor 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2021. Exhibitors and dogs may repeat this class, with the same or different dog, regardless of winning first place, until eligible for the Senior You and Your Dog class.

You and Your Dog Senior

Exhibitor 8-11 years of age as of January 1, 2021. Exhibitors and dogs may repeat this class, with the same or different dog, regardless of winning first place.

State Competition: Youth entered in this project are eligible to compete in the 2021 Ohio State Fair and Dog Poster Contest. Youth must be enrolled in the correct dog project to show in classes at the State Fair.

Info go to: <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources>

State Fair entry fees are \$4.00 per dog per class entered. All entry fees must accompany the official State Fair Dog Show Entry Form.

The State Fair entry deadline is June 20, 2021. You must mail entries directly to the Ohio State Fair Entry Department.

(NOTE: There is a possibility that registration will be available online and must be completed online. Check the website for further information.) All entries must be approved by the youth's 4-H advisor/FFA instructor and Extension Professional.

Dog Poster Contest: Each youth must complete a *2021 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Poster Entry Form* and send or bring the completed entry form along with the poster to Lucinda Miller, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43210. Posters Entries must be postmarked by **July 1, 2021**.

YOU AND YOUR DOG SCORE SHEET

Exhibitor's Name _____ County _____ Exhibitor's No. _____

Age (1/1) _____ Years in 4-H _____ Years in Dog Project _____ Dog's Breed _____

Check Correct Class Below:

8-11 Years - JUNIOR _____ 12-14 Years - INTERMEDIATE _____ 15-18 Years - SENIOR _____

AREAS TO BE EVALUATED*	MAXIMUM POINTS	POINTS EARNED	COMMENTS
INTERVIEW Demonstrates knowledge of dogs and dog care and welfare; accurately responds to age-appropriate questions taken from the <i>Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook, ©2016</i>	60		
4-H DOG PROJECT & RECORD BOOK, © 2017 Must be current; animal records section (pp. 24-36) cannot be photocopied for the You and Your Dog project dog. Complete, neat and accurate.	40		
MEMBER'S APPEARANCE AND ATTITUDE Presents with appropriate dress; demonstrates courtesy, poise, and good sportsmanship.	40		
DOG'S APPEARANCE AND MANNERS Presents with evidence of overall good health (consider age) and good grooming (pay special attention to eyes, coat, ears, teeth, and toenails); demonstrates good manners; allows examination without resistance; bond and teamwork between handler and dog apparent.	60		
EXHIBIT Time Limit = 5 minutes Must be from current project year, show some knowledgeable phase of project work, presented to educate, not merely inform. Exhibit judged on: Educational Content = 20pts Neatness & Appearance = 5pts Originality = 5pts Presentation = 10pts	40		
TOTAL POINTS	200		

*A dog that snaps, bites or attempts to bite must be immediately excused from the judging area. Ohio State University Extension, 4-H Youth Development, 2017

YOU AND YOUR DOG SCORE SHEET EVALUATION AREAS EXPLANATION

INTERVIEW = 60 POINTS

The member is required to answer 6 questions from the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook, 2016 edition. Questions are worth 10 points each. Partial credit may be given for multiple part answers. Question difficulty is appropriate to the age group. Refer to: www.go.osu.edu/dog for the current year's study questions.

2017 EDITION 4-H DOG PROJECT and RECORD BOOK = 40 POINTS

The Animal Records Section, pages 24 - 36, in the 4-H Dog Project and Record Book that apply to your project must be filled out completely including photographs. This 4-H Dog Project and Record Book can only be used for one year. A new 4-H Dog Project and Record Book must be purchased the following year. The Animal Records Section may not be photocopied for the You and Your Dog project dog. It may be photocopied for additional project dogs. Do NOT separate this section from your 4-H Dog Project and Record Book and put it in sheet protectors or 3-ring binders. Bring the ENTIRE book to judging. Note: You MUST complete the 2017 Edition of the 4-H Dog Project and Record Book. It will have a 2017 mark on the inside front cover. Previous editions WILL NOT be accepted.

All the applicable questions must be answered. If you don't know or it does not apply then say that in your answer. All applicable sections must be completed. If a section does not apply then say so in that section.

For example: If your dog is a stray and the question is, "How old is your dog?" rather than leaving it blank because you don't know write, "My dog is a stray and I don't know the age," or simply "unknown."

Points will be deducted for incomplete 4-H Dog Project & Record Book Animal Records Section.

MEMBER'S APPEARANCE AND ATTITUDE = 40 POINTS

Exhibitors should be neat, clean, and well groomed in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for the dog show class. Clothing should not distract, limit or hinder the judge's view of the dog. Inappropriate clothing includes T-shirts, jackets or other apparel with slogans, 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, or dog club names, etc., halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, blue jeans and shorts, sandals, clogs, high-heeled shoes, open-toed shoes, and other similar footwear. Colored dress jeans and dress shorts are appropriate.

Member should demonstrate courtesy, poise and good sportsmanship.

DOG'S APPEARANCE AND MANNERS = 50 POINTS

The judge looks at the general health of the dog (consider age), and checks for evidence of good grooming. It is preferred the dog be groomed by the member. Professionally groomed is not necessary. When getting your dog ready for the show pay special attention to eyes, coat, ears, teeth, toenails. Dogs should be clean, well brushed and in good physical condition appropriate for the dog's age. The coat should be free from mats and loose hair. Ears should be clean and free from hair in the ear canal. The eyes should be free from matter, and teeth should be free from tartar. Some staining on the teeth of older dogs is permissible. Toenails should be trimmed and the 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.

The dog should demonstrate good manners and be able to be controlled by the handler. The dog should allow examination without resistance or aggression. A dog that snaps, bites or attempts to bite will be immediately excused from the judging area. There should be a noticeable bond between handler and dog. Teamwork should be evident.

EXHIBIT = 40 POINTS (5-minute Time Limit)

For this section, the exhibitor is to bring something visual to show the judge, created during the current project year. Educational Content-20pts (The exhibit should show some knowledgeable phase of project work related to the project, show evidence of research beyond the scope of the project, be applicable and timely, and presented to educate, not merely inform.) Neatness & Appearance-5pts (Exhibit should present the message in a pleasing manner.) Originality-5pts (Exhibit captures attention & holds interest, shows creativity in presenting pertinent facts & information, topic/subject arouses interest & curiosity.) Exhibitor's Presentation-10pts (Ability to communicate educational concepts, ability to answer judge's questions.) Examples of exhibits: Illustrations, artwork, poster, scrapbook, computer-generated slides, video, models, specimens, etc. Exhibitor may use computer for exhibit presentation. There is not a wireless Internet connection available. Exhibitors will have a maximum of 5 minutes to present their exhibit.