

DOGS #201D**4-H DOG PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

To complete a project in 4-H, member must annually:

- Enroll in 4H Club by March 1
- Sign up for the project in 4Honline by April 1
- Be 4-H member in "Good Standing" by completing county and club requirements
- Complete Project Book and Livestock Record Book
- Complete Livestock Skillathon

✿ **IMPORTANT: This project (201D) is evaluated on 4-H Project Judging Day. Read page 2 for details. It does NOT get judged at the Ross Co. Jr Fair 4-H Dog Show!**

Want more info? Ohio 4-H Dog Program: <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog>

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
- **Skillathon Dates:**
 - Location: Fairgrounds
 - July 9, 5pm-7pm
 - July 20, 9am-11am
- **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)
- **PREMIER SKILLATHON** (all ages): An optional contest 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 *Ross County Fair Book*.



#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:***
 1. “Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims” form (this form is part of your 4honline enrollment)
 2. “Ross County ID Form/Vaccination Certificate”
- ✿ Dog must be a family pet (owned by family).
- ✿ **This project (201D) does NOT get judged at the ROSS COUNTY FAIR 4-H DOG SHOW!**
- ✿ For project COMPLETION and GRADE, Member MUST participate in either:
 1. **County 4-H Project Judging Day** – Ross County Fairgrounds
Member is eligible for County Awards (Judges’ Choice, Outstanding, Honorable Mention) and State Fair Selection (if applicable)
 2. **Early 4-H Project Judging** – Ross County Service Center
Members unable to attend County Project Judging Day should plan to attend Early Judging. Member is eligible for County Rosettes (Outstanding, Honorable Mention).
** Exception for State Fair selection at Early Judging - If there is only one member judged in a project, then the judge has the option to select a state fair representative.*
- ✿ Complete “Thank You” note activity (see copy of instruction sheet included in your project book)
- ✿ To receive Fair Premiums, your project must be displayed at the Ross County Fair in a Jr. Fair Building booth.
- ✿ **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>

Requirements:

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 information in the *Dog Resource Handbook*.
4. 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.

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. **DOG. 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. **PROJECT & RECORD BOOK.** Bring completed '4-H Dog Project & Record Book' to interview on 4-H Project Judging Day.
3. **FORMS.** Bring completed **2024 ROSS County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate**. Junior Fair exhibitors must list their dogs' license tag numbers on the **2024 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.
 - a. Dogs must have a current county dog license.
 - b. 4-H'ers must have a Certificate of Vaccination signed by a veterinarian and county dog license paperwork available for examination at judging.
 - c. All required vaccinations must be current through **August 3, 2024**.
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. **EXHIBIT.** Bring your educational exhibit to interview on 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.

JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBIT:

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

OHIO 4-H 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
<p><u>(NOTE: This will be the first section of judging.)</u></p> <p>EXHIBIT Time Limit = 5 minutes</p> <p>Must be from current project year, show some knowledgeable phase of project work, presented to educate, not merely inform. Exhibit judged on:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Educational Content = 20pts Neatness & Appearance = 5pts Originality = 5pts Presentation = 10pts</p>	40		
<p>INTERVIEW</p> <p>Demonstrates knowledge of dogs and dog care and welfare; accurately responds to age-appropriate questions taken from the Ohio 4-H <i>Dog Resource Handbook</i>, ©2016 and ©2018 (6 questions worth 10 pts. each will be asked)</p>	60		
<p>4-H DOG PROJECT & RECORD BOOK, ©2017</p> <p>Must be current year records; All applicable sections must be complete and accurate. (See Evaluation Areas explanation.)</p>	40		
<p>MEMBER'S APPEARANCE AND ATTITUDE</p> <p>Presents with appropriate dress; demonstrates courtesy, poise, and good sportsmanship.</p>	40		
<p>DOG'S APPEARANCE AND MANNERS</p> <p>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.</p>	50		
<p>TOTAL POINTS</p>	230		

*A dog that snaps, bites or attempts to bite must be immediately excused from the judging area.
Fouling the Ring (25-pt. deduction; judges MUST confer with show committee if pt. value differs)

OHIO 4-H YOU AND YOUR DOG SCORE SHEET EVALUATION AREAS EXPLANATION

EXHIBIT – 40 POINTS (5-minute Time Limit) (NOTE: Exhibit will be the first section of judging.)

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.

INTERVIEW – 60 POINTS

The member is required to answer 6 questions from the *Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook, 2018 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

You are expected to complete the ENTIRE 4-H Dog Project and Record Book prior to judging. This *4-H Dog Project & Record Book* can only be used for one year. A new *4-H Dog Project and Record Book* must be purchased the following year. BRING ENTIRE BOOK TO JUDGING. Please DO NOT separate the pages. **Note:** You MUST complete the 2017 Edition of the *4-H Dog Project and Record Book*. Previous editions WILL NOT be accepted.

Answer all applicable questions/sections. If you do not know or it does not apply, then say that in your answer. All applicable sections must be completed.

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 sections not completed.

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.

If your dog fouls (urine, feces, vomit) in the area while being judged, a 25-point deduction will be made on your score sheet.