

**2026**

## **Dog Project Handbook**

### **Clark County 4-H**

#### **Welcome to the 2026 Clark County 4-H Dog Project!**

This handbook outlines project expectations, offers guidelines for participation and contains important dates for training events and activities. Please retain for reference until December 2026.

Our main training areas of focus are obedience, showmanship and agility. We look forward to an exciting project year with the ultimate goal of creating a better working relationship between member and dog.

#### **Project Checklist:**

- ✓ Current health papers for Rabies, DHLPP and Bordetella vaccinations
- ✓ Training fee of \$20.00 per 4-H/FFA family
  - Health papers and fee must be submitted prior to start of training
- ✓ \$25.00 Per Non 4-H/FFA family
  - Health papers and fee must be submitted prior to start of training
- ✓ Six (6) foot training lead for obedience and agility
- ✓ Showmanship lead, training collar for obedience, flat collar for agility (no tags or other attachments)
- ✓ Clean up bags
- ✓ Training treats in a treat bag, vest or sweatshirt pocket with easy access
- ✓ Treats should be soft, no hard kibble
- ✓ **CLOSED TOE SHOES** for members (no flip flops, sandals, heels or barefoot allowed)
- ✓ **Parents must be available for duration of training sessions**

Health papers and training fees must be submitted to the Extension office or the project leaders before or by the first meeting.



#### **Project Leaders**

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#### **Training Cancellations**

Training sessions are held rain or shine. Please dress appropriately for weather conditions. If a cancellation is necessary for any reason, a text message and/or Facebook messenger text/post will be sent to all project members.

## **Training Sessions Sites**

Clark County Fairgrounds  
1121 E Division St  
Neillsville, WI 54456

## **Orientation Meeting**

Sunday Evening, May 3rd  
Parent and Youth: 6:30 PM in the Fairgrounds Dining Hall

## **Clark County Shows**

DANISH JUDGING  
Clark County Fair Grounds Dairy Arena  
Wednesday, August 5th @ 9:00 a.m.

## Project Requirements

1. Member must be willing to work as a team with their dog. Daily practice at home is strongly encouraged.
2. **Member and dog must attend a total of six (6) obedience and showmanship training sessions. First meeting will be Mandatory with no dogs to discuss Rules and Regulations.**
3. If member chooses to participate in agility, member and dog must attend a total of seven (7) agility training sessions.
4. Members who have been in the dog project for more than three (3) years and are unable to make the required number of classes due to work may speak with the dog project Superintendent to discuss alternatives. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
5. All members must participate in obedience classes and the obedience show in order to take part in agility. Showmanship is optional but strongly encouraged.
6. All dogs must be current for Rabies, DHP, and Bordetella vaccinations. It is strongly encouraged that dogs be tested and treated for heartworm. Three-year vaccination records are allowed for Rabies and DHP. A blood titer screen for vaccines will also be accepted.
7. A member may exhibit two dogs in obedience if the dogs are at different training levels. Member must attend at least seven (7) training sessions with both dogs. Only one dog per member may be shown in showmanship.
8. Under special circumstances, a dog may be shown by two members of the same family. Arrangements must be made with Superintendent prior to the start of project year.
9. No dogs having any legs toward a CD degree can be shown in Pre-Novice or Novice class. No dogs having any legs toward a CDX degree can be shown in Pre-open or Novice class.
10. At the Fair show, dog must be shown in the class in which it has been trained during the current project year.
11. If you received a qualifying score the previous year, you must advance to the next level of training. Exemptions must have prior approval from Superintendent.
12. All dogs must be equipped with a martingale, smooth chain, or buckle collar with no tags or attachments and a six (6) foot nylon or web leash with nothing other than a metal snap attached. No dogs will be shown in a prong collar or head collar. Dogs will not be permitted off leash except while showing. Member must keep dog under control at all times.
13. A parent or guardian must be available for the duration of all training sessions.
14. The safety of training session attendees is of utmost concern. Trainers have the right to remove aggressive dogs from training sessions and at the Fair show. This includes aggressiveness towards another member, trainer or dog.
15. Members are required to wear tie shoes for training and showing.
16. All dogs must be at least one (1) year of age by April 30th to participate in agility classes.
17. Agility training sessions will include 1 year of obedience and advanced members. No one is allowed in the agility yard without a trainer's supervision. The agility yard will be open after obedience training for practice of agility participants only.

18. A current copy of your dog's health papers and a training fee of \$20.00 per family must be submitted to project leader before you are able to train.
19. Fees must be paid by check made out to the Clark County 4-H Dog Project.
20. Training sessions are held rain or shine. In case of severe weather, check for text or messenger notice of cancellation or delay.
21. Rules subject to change per Dog Project Superintendent/4-H Educator.

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Please refer to Clark County Fairbook for 2026 rules and requirements for showing at the fair.

IDENTIFYING DOG BODY PARTS

