

OHIO 4-H DOG EXPO

April 28, 2018 9:00am-2:30pm

Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ohio

April 16 Registration Postmark Deadline

What is Ohio 4-H Dog Expo? Dog Expo is an opportunity for 4-H members (AND their dogs) to learn skills to help them be more successful with their 4-H dog projects. Teamwork between the 4-H member and his/her dog is emphasized throughout the skill sessions. Dog Expo is open to all 4-H dog project members and their dogs, whether this is their first year or they have been taking dogs for several years. Activity sessions without dogs will help 4-H'ers learn about dogs and prepare for show experiences. Experienced 4-H dog volunteers and resource people will be present to help 4-H members. Dog project members are welcome to attend at no cost if they are not bringing a dog. Dog advisors are welcome to attend without dogs at no cost.

Where will Ohio 4-H Dog Expo be held? Dog Expo will be held at the Clark County Fairgrounds. There will be several buildings devoted to the different sessions. You can find the directions at: <http://clarkcoag.com/>.

What is the cost? 4-H'ers can come for half a day or all day. It will cost each 4-H'er \$10.00 to participate for half a day, and \$20.00 to participate for a full day's worth of sessions with their dogs. **You MUST pre-register.** There are NO same-day registrations. We will NOT accept walk-ins. ONLY the 4-H member may bring his/her dog. Puppies under 6 months old are not allowed. Other dogs are not permitted on the grounds. Advisors can attend for free, as well as parents and siblings. Advisors and 4-H members attending without dogs need not pre-register.

When is Registration due? Registrations must be postmarked by Monday, April 16. You must send your money along with the registration form to the address at the bottom of the form.

Confirmation of Registration: You will receive an email before the event listing your sessions. Please make sure your email is accurate and legible on the registration form!

About the Day: Registration opens at 8:30am. You will come in and bring your dog to the "health check" lines and then the "registration" line. At health check we will look at your health papers and do a quick examination of your dog, just like at the Ohio State Fair. Have some treats ready to make this a wonderful experience for your dog! You will then go to the "Registration" line to get any additional materials and a name tag. We will have an introduction meeting at 9:00am and classes will start at 9:20am.

We will have six 30-minute sessions throughout the day. We will do our best to get you in as many of your preferred activities as possible. There will be 15-minute breaks between activities and a 40-minute break for lunch. At the end of the day we will have a few closing announcements and a door prize drawing.

Concessions: The Clark County 4-H Dog Committee will have lunch, snacks, and drinks available for purchase on site. You may also bring your own. You will not have time to leave the Fairgrounds and go into Springfield to eat lunch.

What to Bring:

- Vaccination Records. An Ohio State Fair Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate can be found at www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs or you may use your county vaccination records from your veterinarian for Dog Expo.
- Buckle Collar. Head halters or harnesses are permitted. No prong or electronic collars, please. Slip collars/choke chains are not needed for skills training.

What to Bring, continued:

- 6-foot leash (no retractable leashes)
- Clean-up bags
- A non-squeaky toy (if your dog likes toys)
- Water bowl and water from home
- Wide-mouth treat pouch (such as a \$2.00 cloth nail apron from a hardware store)
- Small lawn chairs/folding chairs (optional)
- Crate (optional for lunch, breaks)
- Small dog bed/mat/towel for settling activities

Treats: Bring 4-5 different types of treats. Pre-cut your treats into plenty of pea-sized pieces. Think about different types of plain cooked meat and small pieces of cheese as good examples of high value treats.

Optional: Showmanship collar and lead if you have one.

Crafts: You will be able to make dog tug toys for a nominal fee ranging from \$2.00 to \$10.00 each.

Sample Session Descriptions

First Year in 4-H Dog Program: If this is your first experience with 4-H dog training, we can help! Start being successful with your dog in this introductory class.

Grooming: For the health of your dog, it is important to understand the basics of daily grooming, care and upkeep. These skills will also add to the success of your 4-H dog project work, especially for You and Your Dog and Showmanship. In this session you will learn grooming techniques from professionals.

Showmanship Stacking: Knowing how to properly stack your dog is very important in Showmanship. Learn tips and tricks for great hand stacking, stacking on the table, and free stacking.

Showmanship Gaiting: Learn to appropriately move your dog in the showmanship ring. Professionals will help you and your dog learn how to properly gait and look your best.

Heeling: Heeling is essential for obedience and rally. Moving together is important in freestyle and agility. Learn how to get good position, attention, and more.

Stays: You only have to look at score sheets to see how important stays are for obedience...long stays, stays for recalls, stand for exams, and more. Stays can help your dog hold a stacked position in showmanship, keep your dog still at the start line in agility, and at various signs in rally.

Sit/Down/Stand: These behaviors are important for obedience and rally. Getting a sharp response to cues is helpful in obedience, agility, and rally. Work on getting a strong, fluent, and precise behavior in response to your cue. Learn about getting the behavior, fading the prompt, and advanced variations.

Skillathon: Skillathons are learning events for youth to practice and demonstrate their knowledge and skills in different species of animals. This session is for 4-H'ers to get hands-on practice with the dog skillathon and learn study strategies. Dogs will get a rest during this session.

Rally Signs – Novice: This session is for humans only (dogs get a rest). Learn about the rally signs, how to move through a rally course, and important handler skills.

Canine Good Citizen Prep: For 2nd year and up members, this session will help you and your dog prepare for the AKC Canine Good Citizen test. Test information can be found in the 2018 OSF Junior Fair Dog Show Rules for AKC Trick Dog and AKC Canine Good Citizen at www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs. Information can also be found at <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/>, as well as in your 4-H Dog Project and Record Book. Canine Good Citizen classes will be offered at this year's Ohio State Fair Dog Show.

Attention Games: It's hard for many dogs to learn how to be attentive, and it is especially important for 4-H dogs who have to focus in a busy environment at the fair. This session includes games and activities to improve your dog's attention. Appropriate for teams of all levels needing some work.

Tricks: Tricks are great for learning how to be good at training and for your dog to become a better learner. They can be helpful tools for body awareness, physical conditioning, and as part of a warmup and cooldown routine. Tricks are also great for keeping your dog busy while waiting for your turn in the ring or between obedience exercises. Trick Dog classes will be offered at this year's Ohio State Fair Dog Show.

Agility: Sessions will be divided by experience levels. Some sessions will start with some very basics of training and other sessions may address handling and training specifics.

Judged Run-Throughs (Beginner Novice Obedience and Showmanship): In these sessions the instructors will give a critiqued run-through to each team. These sessions are best suited for members with more experience and are not good choices for first-year members. Watching other teams, and listening to the scoring and thought processes of the instructors will help teams better understand what to expect when showing.

Scent Work: This activity may be added to the 4-H Dog Program in 2019. Dogs learn to find a specific scent hidden in a specified area. In this session you will see a demonstration and do beginning level training activities with your dog.

Questions?

Contact a Dog Expo Committee member: Kristen VanNess, afmdog@gmail.com; Sue Westfall, swestfall7@yahoo.com, Lori Zakel, lori.zakel@sinclair.edu; or Cyndi Wallace, cyndiwallace62@yahoo.com.

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\$10 Half-Day or \$20 Whole-Day

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 4-H members wanting to observe may attend for free without your dogs.

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4-H'er's Name _____ Age (1/1) _____ County _____

Mailing Address _____
P.O. Box or Street No. City State Zip

Phone _____ Email _____

Total years in dog project (including 2018) _____ Years in dog project with this dog _____

Dog's Name _____ Dog's Age _____ Dog's Breed _____

What dog projects are you enrolled in this year? If you know your show level/class, please list that also.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> You & Your Dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Achievement Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H PetPALS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience (including Rally) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working Dog (including Assistance Dogs) | |

Are you attending with a friend? If so, and you would like to be in the same sessions, list their name(s) here. We will do our best to put you in the same sessions. _____

What kinds of activities would you most like to participate in at Dog Expo? Rank EACH activity as a 1 (I really want to do this!), a 2 (somewhat interested), or a 3 (I am not interested). Please put a ★ next to the activity you most want to do.

____ Agility	____ Tricks
____ Attention Games	____ CGC Prep
____ Obedience-Stays	____ Skillathon
____ Obedience-Heeling	____ Rally Novice
____ Obedience-Stand/Sit/Down	____ Judged Beginner Novice Run-Through
____ Showmanship Stacking	____ First Year in Dog Program
____ Showmanship Gaiting	____ Grooming
____ Judged Showmanship Run-Through	____ Scent Work

Is there something else you would really like to learn about? _____

Mail this form with payment to:

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 310 Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center
 2201 Fred Taylor Dr.
 Columbus, OH 43210

Make checks payable to:

The Ohio State University
 Half Day = \$10.00
 Whole Day = \$20.00

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Monday, April 16

