Dear Friends,

In 2015, Ohio 4-H members ages 9-18 enrolled in 5,745 4-H dog projects. Many of these youth show their dogs at their county fairs. Youth representing 47 counties entered the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show in 2015. There were a total of 1,512 entries including the dog skillathon.

This year the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show will be held July 30 (agility) and August 1-4 (all other classes) at the Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus. 4-H members show in agility, showmanship, rally, obedience, drill team, and canine freestyle. Those who raise puppies for assistance dog organizations can also exhibit at the State Fair. 4-H’ers who take the 4-H PetPALS pet therapy project demonstrate how animal-assisted activities help others. Youth are judged on their knowledge and creative achievement with their dogs in the You and Your Dog project. 4-H members also participate in educational poster and skillathon contests.

To continue to recognize our youth for their successes, we are seeking sponsors for Ohio State Fair Dog Show classes as well as State Fair Championship Title awards, Exhibitor Versatility awards, and the Ohio State Fair Dog Show programs. The cost to sponsor one trophy is $35.00. The cost to sponsor one class is $75.00 (this includes the class trophy). Your company, organization, or club will be recognized by being listed in the program and on thank-you signs posted in the Dog Show area. You will also be recognized on the acknowledgement page of the Dog section of our Ohio 4-H website: www.go.osu.edu/dog. All donations are tax deductible, go through the Ohio 4-H Foundation, and will be credited as a gift to the Ohio 4-H Dog Program.

Should you choose to donate, your sponsorship would be supporting your local youth as well as youth from throughout the state. We hope many of these 4-H members will continue their interest in dogs as they graduate from our program and give their time and talents back to their communities and the dog industry.

To be a sponsor, please complete the enclosed Ohio State Fair Dog Show Sponsor Form and return to Lucinda B. Miller, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, 310 Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lucinda B. Miller, Ph.D.
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enclosure
2016 Ohio 4-H Dog Program Sponsor Form

Name of Contact Person ____________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________

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Phone ____________________ E-mail ________________________________________________

_____ I (We) wish to sponsor _______ trophy/trophies at $35.00 each.

_____ I (We) wish to sponsor _______ class/classes at $75.00 each (includes trophy).

Total Amount of Sponsorship_____________________________________________________

Receipt Requested:   Yes   No   All donations are tax deductible.

Please list your organization’s name as you want it to appear for recognition:

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Please make checks payable to: The Ohio State University. On the memo line, please write Ohio 4-H Dog Program.

Send to:  Lucinda B. Miller, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development
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Thank you for your support!