

OHIO 4-H DOG EXPO
May 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Fairfield County Fairgrounds, Lancaster, Ohio
May 1 Registration Postmark Deadline
POSTMARK DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 3!
INFORMATION

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 skills 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. Experienced 4-H dog volunteers and resource people will be present to help 4-H members work with their dogs. There will be a session for advisors to ask questions and learn how to better help 4-H'ers with their dog projects.

Where will Ohio 4-H Dog Expo be held? Dog Expo will be held at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds, Lancaster. There will be several buildings devoted to the different sessions. Just follow the signs! Find directions to the Fairfield County Fairgrounds at: www.fairfieldcountyfair.org

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. 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. No puppies please!! Advisors can attend for free, as well as parents and siblings. Advisors need not pre-register.

When is Registration due? Registrations must be postmarked by Monday, May 1. You must send your money along with the registration form to the address at the bottom of the form.

Confirmation: 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 9am and classes 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 drawing.

Concessions: The Licking County 4-Paws 4-H Dog Club will have lunch, snacks, and drinks available for purchase on site. You may also bring your own.

What to Bring:

- Vaccination Records – An Ohio State Fair form can be found at the Ohio 4-H Dog Program Resources page at www.go.osu.edu/dog or you may use your county vaccination records for Dog Expo.
- Buckle Collar. Head halters or harnesses are permitted. No prong or electronic collars, please.
- 6' leash (no retractable leashes)
- Clean-up bags



What to Bring, continued:

- A non-squeaky toy (if your dog likes toys)
- Water bowl and water
- Wide-mouth treat pouch (such as a \$2 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.

Additional Activities:

- AKC Canine Good Citizen and Community Canine Testing. Testing is \$5.00 for 4-H members, payable on site. Test only if dog has experience with test items. **THIS IS NOT FOR TRAINING!** To see the amount of training required for these tests (must have CGC before taking the Community Canine Testing), please refer to the AKC website: <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/>
- AKC Farm Dog Certified Testing. \$5.00 for 4-H members, payable on site. Test only if dog has experience with test items. **THIS IS NOT FOR TRAINING!** Refer to: <http://www.akc.org/events/herding/farm-dog-certified-test/>
- Skillathon Stations from the Dog Learning Laboratory Kit will be set up for testing your knowledge
- Selected agility equipment will be set up for supervised use

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.

Polite Greetings: Dogs need to learn to calmly greet people showing great manners wherever they are taken. Obedience dogs learn a sit or stand for examination. In Showmanship dogs should be comfortable holding still for the judge. In the Canine Good Citizen test your dog will need to hold still while the evaluator approaches, shakes your hand, pets your dog, and brushes him/looks at feet.

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 that need 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 warm up and cool down routine. Tricks are also great for keeping your dog busy while waiting for your turn in the ring or between obedience exercises.

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 instructor 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.

Advisor Session – General: Members of the State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee will discuss topics relevant and important to advisors, answer questions and offer support.

Questions?

Contact a Dog Expo Committee member: Jennifer Newell, NewellFarmJenn@gmail.com, Kristen VanNess, vanness.5@osu.edu, Barb Cline, tricolorcollies@aol.com or Sonja Hyer, onlyrecall@aol.com

Ohio 4-H DOG EXPO REGISTRATION FORM

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4-H'er's Name _____ County _____

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

Phone _____ Email _____

Your years in dog project (total): _____ Years in dog project with this dog: _____

Dogs Name: _____ Age: _____ Breed: _____

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

- You and Your Dog _____
- Showmanship _____
- Obedience (including Rally) _____
- Performance (including Agility, Freestyle) _____
- Working _____
- Assistance Dogs _____
- 4-H PetPALS _____
- Other: _____

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 the Ohio 4-H 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)

• Agility _____	• Tricks _____
• Attention and Focus _____	• Freestyle (Tricks set to music) _____
• Obedience - Stays _____	• Obedience Run Through _____
• Obedience - Polite Greetings _____	• Showmanship Run Through _____
• Obedience - Heeling _____	• Grooming _____
• Obedience - Stand/Sit/Down _____	• First Year In 4-H Dog Program _____
• Showmanship _____	• Barn Hunt (Straw Search) _____

My dog is ready and I want to be tested for (check those that apply): AKC CGC _____ AKC Community Canine _____
 AKC Farm Dog Certified _____

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

Mail this registration form with payment to:
Registration Postmark Deadline MAY 3, 2017
 Please make checks payable to:
The Ohio State University
\$10 Half-Day or \$20 Whole-Day

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 Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center
 2201 Fred Taylor Dr. Room 310
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