

## Dog Achievement Program (DAP) General Information

Refer to the Instructions in the DAP Manual.

**Project Completion** – To earn a certificate, select 3 topics (i.e. Socialization) within a category (i.e. Basic Training), and complete the 5 activities required within each selected topic, for a total of 15 activities. Earn a minimum of one certificate per year to complete this project.

**Dog Ownership Rules** – The dog is to be a family pet.

### FAQ's:

Q: Can I take this project with our dog while my mother/father/co-owner show this dog?

A: Yes, because DAP is a non-competitive project. You can do the activities with this dog. You would not be permitted to show this dog at the county or state level in 4-H.

Q: We foster/rescue dogs. Can I take this project with one of these dogs?

A: If this dog is a part of your family for your 4-H project year, then yes.

Q: I want to take this project but do not have Internet at home. Can I still take it?

A: Yes, provided you can get online at the library, school, friend's house, etc.

Q: I don't have the capabilities of printing off the DAP project and records. What should I do?

A: Ask your county Extension professional to print off a copy for you. You can also purchase the DAP Manual and Record Book for \$21.25 at <http://estore.osu-extension.org/4-H-C1044.aspx>.

Q: How do I select an experience level?

A: If you have no or little experience with dogs, then you would be at the beginning experience level. You might already know a lot about breeds of dogs, their characteristics, etc. in the *My Dog and Me* category, and for that, choose to do some Intermediate activities, but Beginning activities in a category you have no or little experience.

Q: What do I need to purchase to take this project?

A: The *Dog Resource Handbook*, 201R, which you can purchase through your county Extension office or at <http://estore.osu-extension.org/4-H-C1044.aspx>. This is a one-time purchase. You will keep this Resource Handbook for the entire time you take dogs in 4-H.

Q: I have completed the requirements for a certificate. How do I get it?

A: Once you meet the minimum requirements for a certificate you must verify the completion of each DAP category by filling out an online DAP project summary questionnaire at [www.go.osu.eduDAPprojectsummary](http://www.go.osu.eduDAPprojectsummary). Once completed and verified by your county 4-H professional, you will then receive your DAP certificate(s) and be notified of recognition at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show for the relevant year.

Q: I have completed the requirements for a pin. How do I get it?

A: We will track your completion requirements from the completion of your online summaries, and notify you when requirements for a pin have been met. Earning a pin is a big accomplishment and big deal – like earning a gold medal in the Olympics! Earning a pin will take two or more years for most youth.

Q: Is there any additional recognition?

A: Recognition for earning certificates and pins may be done within your 4-H club or at the county level depending on county rules. We will recognize any youth who have earned a certificate by July 15 (provided they have completed and submitted the Project Summary) on Thursday during the Ohio State Fair Dog. They will receive an admission pass to get into the Ohio State Fair that day, if not already exhibiting on the Fairgrounds.