

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. 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.