

# DOG PROJECTS - 201 Project Guide Sheet

## Project Description

The dog project will help you get to know all aspects of dog care and welfare while keeping complete records of your experience as a dog owner. The Dog Project & Record Book & Dog Resource Handbook are used for all of the dog projects. These include: 201D You & Your Dog, learning basic care of your dog; 201O Obedience, learning beginning & advanced obedience training; 201S Showmanship, learning the basics of dog showmanship; 201P performance, learning about agility, drill team and other performance events; and 201W working dogs, learning about & working with assistance dogs. This project is appropriate for dogs who are family pets and for dogs who are used for show.

## To Complete the Project

Use your project book as a guide to do the following:

1. Identify your project goals & objectives
2. Complete the Member Project Guide section of this book, including 1 or more topics of interest and 5 or more new learning activities.
3. Take part in at least 2 project learning experiences.
4. Take part in at least 2 citizenship/leadership activities.
5. Complete the Dog Care & Welfare section.
6. Complete the Animal Records section.

If you choose not to participate in judging at the fair, make arrangements to discuss and review completion of your project with your advisor.

## Judging of 201D You & Your Dog

201D You & Your Dog will be judged as part of Special Interest Judging;  
at the Richwood Fair Wednesday, August 27, 10:30 a.m.

Or  
at the Union County Fair on Sunday, July 20, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Your advisor will tell you a more specific judging time later in the summer. At the specific judging time assigned to you, **bring your completed project book, your dog, your project display, complete & current inoculation records.** You will participate in an interview judging and then leave your exhibit (a display of your project) on display the entire week of the fair. **The interview judge will use the State Fair's 4-H Dog Care Judging Score Sheet.** You will find a copy on page 48 of your project & record book. Be sure to read the areas you will be judged on. A new area is the Creative Achievement of Member & Dog.

## Project Display for 201D You & Your Dog

Prepare a display that shows the judge and fair visitors what you have learned and accomplished in your project. Your display could be a scrapbook, poster, item you created, or any method of showing what you have done. **If you choose to make a poster, the maximum size is 22"x28". Use regular poster paper, not foam board or a tri-fold board.** You may need to walk a distance from your parked vehicle to judging, plan accordingly. You may choose to bring additional items to show the judge your project work, that you do not leave on display. This is acceptable. You must however, leave something on display the entire week. **Your project book cannot serve as your project display.** Plan your display item carefully: fragile, valuable, or items that will be damaged by dust are not a good idea.

At the Union County Fair Special Interest Projects will be displayed in the Armory. At the Richwood Fair these projects will be displayed in the Booth Building.

## Project Pick-Up

You must pick up your project display at the end of the fair, or arrange for someone to get it for you. At Union County Fair Special Interest Projects will be released on Sunday, July 27, at 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Projects not picked up by 4 p.m. will be disposed of or donated to charities. At the Richwood Fair all Special Interest Projects will be released at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 1, and should be removed by 9 p.m.

## Award Presentation

Union County Fair Special Interest Project Awards will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program on Saturday morning, July 26, 9:15 a.m. in front of the Grandstand. Richwood Fair Special Interest Project Awards will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program during the fair. Check the fair paper for the day, time, and location of this program.

### **Judging of 2010 Obedience, 201S Showmanship, 201P Performance & 201W Working Dogs**

These projects have the opportunity to participate in the Union County Junior Fair Dog Show to be held July 12 beginning at 8:30 am in the Sheep Barn on the Union County Fairgrounds. The show will be guided by the rules of the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. Members may obtain a copy of these complete rules by request or online at <http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog>. Awards will be presented at the dog show. **There is no Dog Show at the Richwood Fair. Any 4-H member taking these projects who wants an opportunity to participate in a judging must participate in the Union County Jr. Fair Dog Show.**

### **Dog Skill-a-thon**

You may choose to participate in the Dog Skillathon at the Union County Junior Fair. A Dog Skillathon Study Guide is available at the Extension Office. Also resource materials, which you may borrow from the Extension Office, are available for studying. The Dog Skillathon will be held on Wednesday, July 23 at 1 p.m. in the Armory. **Do not bring your dog to the skillathon. No Dog Skillathon will be offered at the Richwood Fair**

### **Ohio State Fair Opportunity**

This project **Does** have the opportunity to participate at The Ohio State Fair in 2008. **The State Fair has an open entry policy for the Dog Projects. If you wish to participate in The Ohio State Fair in this project, you must enter yourself. You must complete an entry form, have it signed by your Extension Professional, & send the entry form directly to The Ohio State Fair Entry Department. Entry fees are \$2 per dog per class entered. The entry deadline is Friday, July 11. Information & entry forms are available online at <http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog>.** If you choose to enter in the You & Your Dog Class at the State Fair Dog Show, you cannot enter any other dog show class with any dog, but you can enter the Poster Contest and participate in the Dog Skillathon.

### **State Fair Dog Poster Contest**

Any youth enrolled in a dog project may enter a poster at The Ohio State Fair without first being judged at the county level. **Youth must complete an entry form, have it signed by their Extension Professional, and send the entry form and poster to Lucinda Miller at the OSU Extension Center at Piketon, 1864 Shyville Rd., Piketon, OH 45661 so that it is received no later than Friday, July 11. The entry form and rules may be viewed & printed at the following website: <http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog/index.htm>**

### **State Fair Dog Poster Guidelines:**

Posters must be made using size 22" x 28" poster board, displayed horizontally. Poster boards are not to be mounted on any type of stiff backing. Shadow boxes, overlays, or three-dimensional posters are not permitted. Posters don't need to be laminated or tightly covered with a thin plastic material. Each poster must be labeled in the lower right hand corner, in a space no larger than 3" x 5" with the exhibitor's name, county, and age as of January 1, 2008.

Posters will be judged on Educational Content (50 pts), Neatness/Appearance (30 pts), and Originality (20 pts).