

201 - DOG PROJECTS

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 and Record Book and 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 and 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 and working with assistance dogs. This project is appropriate for dogs that are family pets and for dogs that are used for show.

To Complete the Project

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

1. Identify your project goals and objectives.
2. Complete the 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 and Welfare section.
6. Complete the Animal Records section.

Take part in a project review. 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 Union County Fair on Wednesday – Friday immediately prior to the start of the fair
OR
at the Richwood Fair on Sunday immediately prior to the start of the fair

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 and complete and current inoculation records and dog license.** 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.

Project Display for 201D You

Prepare a display that shows the judge and fair visitors what you have learned and accomplished in your project. Your display could be a poster, item you created or any other method of showing what you have done. **If you choose to make a poster, use poster paper that is 22"x28". Use regular**

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poster paper, not foam board or a tri-fold board. Space is very limited. 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.

Display Area

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 Jr. Fair 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 Saturday of the fair from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Projects not picked up by 5 p.m. will be disposed of or donated to charities.

At the Richwood Fair all Special Interest Projects will be released at 3 p.m. on Monday of the Fair 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 Tuesday of the fair at the Armory. 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 Saturday, July 10, 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://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources>. **Current inoculation records and dog license are mandatory for all dogs entered in the show.** Awards will be presented at the dog show.

The dog show will include the following classes: Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, Pre-Novice, Novice A & B, Grad Novice A & B, Showmanship Classes (Junior A&B, Intermediate A&B, Senior A&B, Brace Obedience and Showmanship, Team Obedience and Rally Novice). **All members must bring their completed project book with them the day of 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.

Ohio State Fair Opportunity

This project **Does** have the opportunity to participate at The Ohio State Fair. **The State Fair has an open entry policy for the Dog Projects. If you wish to participate in The Ohio State Fair in this**

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project, you must enter yourself. You must complete an entry form, have it signed by your Extension Professional and send the entry form directly to The Ohio State Fair Entry Department. See entry form for entry fee information. The entry form must be postmarked by June 20. Information and entry forms are available online at <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources>

If you choose to enter in the You & Your Dog or All About Dogs 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

Each member must complete the Ohio State Fair Dog Show Entry Form and send (or bring) the completed entry form along with the poster to: The Ohio State Fair Dog Poster Contest Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus OH 42210. Posters must be postmarked the deadline.

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.

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