# SECTION 15:   PROJECT REQUIREMENTS - Dogs

1) Dogs must be in the member's possession by June 1.
2) If a dog is leased the member must submit lease copy to the Extension Office by June 1.
3) All 4-H members taking a 201-series dog project MUST complete the Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims.  This form must be completed **annually**.  4-Hers who enroll in the relevant projects will be prompted to complete the form during online enrollment via 4honline.
4) All 4-H members planning to **exhibit a dog** at: any fun matches, 4-H exhibition shows, state fair, and/or the Fulton County Fair MUST complete the Fulton County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate.  This form must be completed **every year** and must be on file at the Fulton County OSU Extension Office.  Keep a copy for your own records.  Due date for this form to be submitted is, **August 1, current year OR Fulton County Dog Fun Show** (whichever comes first).  These forms can be obtained from the Fulton County Dog Program Key Leader, the OSU Extension Office, or at this link mid-page: https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources
5) All dog project participants wanting to enter the Junior Fair Dog Show **must attend a Quality Assurance session**. Dog project members have three options to certify for quality assurance 1) attend a regular Quality Assurance session 2) check out the "Safety Around Dogs" DVD from OSU Extension Office OR 3) attend the Fulton County Dog Kick Off meeting (see calendar in Section 2 for specific date) and view the video there.  The dog Quality Assurance video, "Safety Around Dogs," only allows for youth to show dogs at the fair.  It will not certify you for other fair animals.
6) Junior Fair Entries are due by August 1st and are required via "Blue Ribbon Fair Online" for **ALL ANIMALS** to exhibit at the Fulton County Fair.  The web portal will be open for registration from July 1, 2022 at 12:00am– August 1, 2022 at 11:59pm (EST).  **LATE ENTRIES ONLY ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 5th BY 4:30PM AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE WITH A $20 LATE FEE.**  The online link and instructions will be under the "Junior Fair Entries" section of our website at https://fulton.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair-forms. These instructions will assist you in completing your on-line entry.  Please read and follow the instructions before starting your online entry.
7) Appropriate dress for dog showing is professional with comfortable and safe shoes.  Wearing an outfit that matches the dog's coloration is preferred, but not required.  Various exercises will require the exhibitor to crouch, bend over, and/or jog.  It is strongly encouraged for exhibitors to wear clothing which modestly covers in these positions.
8) All dog projects, with the **exception of All About Dogs (200) and You and Your Dog (201D),** do not have a county-level selection process to participate at the Ohio State Fair.  Sign up to show at the Ohio State Fair by completing the form at this link https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-ohio-state-fair and mailing it by June 19.

**The Fulton County Dog Program Key Leader is Kathy Miller.  Please contact the Extension office if her contact information is needed.**  County-wide dog program practices will be hosted throughout the summer at the Fulton County Fairgrounds beginning in May.  Pure-bred dogs are not needed to show in 4-H!

**Ohio 4-H Dog Project Age Levels:**
**Junior Level-** Members with no experience in a project area or those who are 8-11 years old.
**Intermediate Level-** Members with some experience in a project area or those who are 12-14 years old.
**Advanced Level-** Members with experience in a project area or those who are 15 years old or older.

**Fulton County Junior Fair Dog Show Age Levels:**
**Showmanship** is based upon the age levels provided by state dog 4-H program, but are subject to change at the determination of the 4-H Youth Development Professional(s), the Dog Program Key Leader, and the Fulton County Senior Fair Board Director(s) in Charge.  Changes made are based upon dog project enrollment numbers and attempts to even class sizes.  4-H exhibitors can contact the OSU Extension Office **after August 1** if they do not know which age-level they will be assigned to at Fulton County Junior Fair dog show.
**Obedience, Rally, and Agility** is based upon dog experience and handler experience in training in that discipline.  Please contact the Fulton County OSU Extension Office or the Fulton County Dog Program Key Leader to determine which class is appropriate for a 4-H member and their dog.

**200 All About Dogs –** Excellent project for beginning level members who may or may not have a dog. Dog-less dog members will complete the entire project book. It is not required to bring a dog to the interview, but is allowed if the dog is prepared and able to handle the social experience appropriately.  **Project Requirements:** Read and sign the Safety First Pledge on page 3 then on page 4 complete all eight activities, a minimum of 2 learning experiences from page 5, do at least 2 leadership/citizenship activities and complete the project review on pages 6-7. **Judging Requirements:** Bring completed book and make a display of knowledge gained to July still project judging. **Fair Exhibit:** Display of knowledge gained.

**201D You and Your Dog-** This is a dog care project where youth learn to care for and groom their dog.  This project can be taken concurrently with any projects in the 201 project series.  Youth can take this dog project repeatedly in the appropriate age division: Junior, Intermediate, or Senior.  **Project Requirements:** Bring the completed 4-H Dog Project and Record book to July still project interviews.  Bring the groomed dog to county, **but not state** interviews.  Interview questions are taken from the appropriate age group Question Bank used for the You and Your Dog project.  A 5-minute exhibit must be

presented showing a knowledgeable phase of the project work, presented to educate not merely inform.  This exhibit could be a demonstration with or without the dog, a poster display, or other creative methods.  This project can be exhibited at the Ohio State Fair, but does not have a competition at the Fulton County Fair.  If appropriate, the 5-minute exhibit should be displayed in the Junior Fair Building at the Fulton County Fair either with the member's club booth or in the Miscellaneous Booth.

**201O Dog Obedience-** This is a dog obedience project where youth learn to teach their dog obedience activities. This is also the project for youth interested in Rally.  Dogs will be taught to heel, stand, figure eight, sit, down, stay, and complete other exercises on leash and off leash as handler and dog experience progress.  Obedience has pre-determined exercises based upon dog experience and handler experience in Obedience training.  Please contact the Fulton County OSU Extension Office or the Fulton County Dog Program Key Leader to determine which class is appropriate for a 4-H member and their dog.  Once class is determined, see Ohio Dog 4-H Obedience Score Sheets online.  Ensure Obedience Rules are reviewed for appropriate collars and leashes to use in the ring.  Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been determined the day-of by the rally judge.  **Project Requirements:** Complete project book. Obedience and Rally are eligible to exhibit at the fair.

**201S Dog Showmanship-** This project allows youth to showcase their dog's confirmation and their knowledge in responding to age-appropriate questions taken from the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook.  Scoring is on the handler's appearance and attitude; the general grooming and condition of dog; and owner handling.  See the Ohio Dog 4-H Showmanship Score Sheets online.  Ensure Showmanship Rules are reviewed for appropriate collars and leashes to use in the ring.  Ensure age appropriate and current year Question Set and Answer Key are studied.  Seniors may be asked questions from any of the three aged question sets.  **Project Requirements:** Complete project book.  Showmanship is eligible to compete at the fair.

**201P Dog Performance-** This project is for youth interested in participating in agility, AKC Trick Dog, or freestyle classes.  Dogs exhibited in agility must be 18 months or older on or before the Ohio State Fair Dog Show date of the current year.  See exercises in the 4-H Dog Project and Record book and the 4-H Dog Resource Handbook.  **Project Requirements:** Complete project book.  Agility is eligible to exhibit at the fair, trick dog is not.

**201W Working Dogs-** Assistance dogs are trained to help humans complete everyday tasks.  These are considered working dogs. These dogs are taught to progress towards passing the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test.  Some of these activities include: accept a friendly stranger, sit politely for petting, go for walks and walk through crowds. Dogs must sit and down on command and stay in place, come when called, remain neutral around other dogs and resist distractions.  See the Ohio 4-H Assistance Dogs Score Sheet online.  **Project Requirements:** Complete project book.  Assistance dogs do not show at fair.

**How to Complete the Dog Record Project Book:** Each year identify project goals (see page 5), complete the Member Project Guide section of this book including 1 or more topics of interest, five or more new learning activities each year, 2 or more learning experiences, and 2 or more leadership/citizenship activities.  Complete the Dog Care and Welfare section and the Animal Records section. Set goals and objectives on page 7.  Participate in a project review annually.
**Judging Requirements:**  Bring your completed book to club judging and be prepared to answer questions and discuss your goals.  If you plan on showing your dog at the Fulton County Junior Fair, bringing the dog to judging is strongly recommended and this would be an excellent time to receive tips and guidance from experienced dog handlers (judges).

**Junior Fair Dog show is Tuesday, Junior Fair Day at 8:00am in Sale Arena**

Dog projects not exhibited at the Junior Fair Dog Show may place a poster in the Junior Fair Building for premium.