



Rules for 4-H Dog Classes

Classes will start next Monday night March 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Fairgrounds in the West End of Activity Building at the Fairgrounds. All Classes will be held at the fairgrounds all the way till fair with a few exceptions. Please follow the schedule at the bottom of the page.

All Vaccination records must be current and turned in to the extension office and fees must also be paid before attending any classes. No exceptions. Please keep flea & tick preventatives on your dogs as we are using a building at the fairgrounds and want to keep it clean.

A 6 ft leash and properly fitted choke collar are required for obedience classes. Other collars and leashes are used for showmanship and agility and will be explained and demonstrated.

All 4-Her's are to be reminded that if their dog makes a mess the 4-Her is responsible for cleaning up the mess and the instructors or parents will hold the dog for them. This applies inside all buildings and outside no matter where we are holding practice. No female dogs in season/ heat will be allowed at class or the show.

A parent needs to be present during classes so that if a 4-Her needs help at home the parent is available and has understanding of what is taught in class following the 4-H model.

Dress comfortably to attend classes but tennis shoes are required. **No sandals, flip flops or crocs allowed** you will be doing a lot of walking and moving during the class.

Abuse of any animal will not be tolerated or allowed.

Classes for Showmanship, Rally and Agility will be announced when starting. Showmanship will follow Dog obedience on Monday nights. Agility and Rally will be held on Sunday afternoons.

Dog Judging Contest will be on the Sporting & Stock Found/ Misc. R-W for 2023. 4-Hers may use the AKC Dog book for breed study or the AKC website. They may also use the Dog 4-H books (ex. Wiggles and Waggles). The junior division uses only the first book, the Intermediate uses the first and second book, and the senior division uses all three books.

Age divisions are the Age as of Jan 1. Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, and Senior 14-18. Clover Kid classes will Start Monday May 13, 2024 at 7:00. Clover kids will not be allowed to practice until their scheduled start date. These classes will also be held at the Fairgrounds and follow the same schedule below. All of the above rules apply to clover kids.



Please note the following dates for times that we will not be at the fairgrounds or are changing locations. All practices are held in the west end of the activities building unless noted.

May 27th - No Practice

July 8th – Brickyard Park

June 15th – Brickyard

Park

All 4-Hers will be needed to help clean equipment for the show. A date will be announced in July.

Help to set up the show will be needed Friday night July 19th, 2024. Time will be announced.

County Fair is Saturday July 20th, 2024. Check in is at 8:00 am and the Show starts at 9:00 am in the North end of the Activities Building.

For those attending State Fair Practices will resume on Monday, July 29th at 7:00 pm at the Fairgrounds at Windmill Park.



Aggressive Dogs Guidelines

Due to Aggressive Dogs in the past the Adams County 4-H Council established guidelines that are in the Adams County 4-H Fairbook and given yearly with the 4-H Dog Program's Rules for 4-H Dog Classes.

They state that the superintendent and/or Extension staff will evaluate the dog's behavior at the practice classes based on the following criteria:

- Is the 4-H'er able to handle the dog for the majority of the class period?
- Is the dog being uncontrollably aggressive with other dogs or people?
- Can the instructors or helpers assist with the dog or approach it?
- Does the dog snap at the instructors or helpers that would also make it dangerous to others in the class if they are too close?
- If showing dog aggression can the dog learn to tolerate others within a close distance or not?

Failure to meet these criteria will result in dismissal of the dog for the current 4-H year to include practices and shows.

Thank you for understanding and abiding by the rules and guidelines established for the protection and safety of everyone.

Best of luck with your Dog and have a great time learning.

Thank you!