



4-H DOG PROJECT WORKSHOP



Date: Saturday, October 19, 2013



Time: 8:00 to 5:30 p.m.



Schedule of Events

- 8:00 Check – in/ Dog Temperament Testing
- 8:30 Welcome/ Overview of Events
- 9:00 Session 1
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Session 2
- 11:15 Session 3
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Session 4
- 2:00 Session 5
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Health Care and Responsible Dog Ownership
- 4:00 Session 6
- 5:00 Wrap up and Question and Answer

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Our purpose for this dog project is to gain information and skill in owning and training a dog. In doing so, we hope to grow and develop a greater understanding of our dogs and ourselves. LET'S HAVE FUN!!!

Things to be aware of:

1. We will stress lots and lots of praise, immediate correction and then praise again when the dog has done it correctly. Be consistent.
2. If a member appears too small or young to handle their dog, a parent or guardian will be needed to help in double handling. A muzzle may be required.
3. The instructor reserves the right to remove any dog if he or she feels it is in the best interest of the class.
4. Abusive behavior will not be tolerated, and you will be asked to leave if repeated.
5. IF your female is in heat, you must keep her away from the others and always be last in the class. If your dog, or others in your household, are or have been sick, PLEASE DO NOT bring it to class.



SPECIAL NOTES!!!

PLEASE READ!!!

Things to bring

Rabies Certificate

Crate or plan for your dog during rest times.

Treats: DO NOT feed your dog right before class.

Low value treats: their regular dog food

High Value treats: soft, chewy bite size. (dog treats specifically designed for training or hot dogs, cheese, cooked chicken etc. cut into bite size pieces)

Bags/pooper scooper etc. to clean up after your dog

Water bowl and water

Closed toed shoes for participants.

4-H appropriate clothes: sneakers, t-shirts, and pants or shorts with pockets are recommended.

Parent/guardian

Collar (PLEASE see note on right)

Leash (PLEASE see note on right)

Collar: In addition to the dog's regular buckle collar, you should also have a metal training collar (commonly known as a slip collar) and should be fitted so that it is about 4" longer than the circumference of the dog's neck (providing it will slip over the dog's head easily), of appropriate ring size for the size of the dog. The collar should be put on with the loose end (the end that the leash is attached to) coming over the top of the dog's neck. The collar is put on in this way so that when it is jerked and released, the collar will not stay tight and hurt. Collars will be checked at registration.

Leash: The leash should be of soft leather or cotton webbing (nylon) 6 ft. long, of appropriate width for the size of the dog. No chain leashes will be allowed as it will hurt the member's hands, thus causing weak and inconsistent correcting of the dog. If you have a small child and a large dog, please bring an additional leash that is longer than 6 ft.

Do NOT Bring:

Full skirts

Open toed shoes, crocs, flip flops

Spike collars

Sick dogs



Topic Descriptions

OBEDIENCE: Obedience trials test a dog's ability to perform a prescribed set of exercises on which it is scored. All contestants in a class are required to perform the same exercises in substantially the same way so that the relative quality of the various performances may be compared and scored. The performance of dog and handler in the ring must be accurate and correct according to the Obedience Regulations. It is also essential that the dog demonstrate willingness and enjoyment while it is working and that a smooth and natural handler be given precedence over a handler moving with military precision and using harsh commands

CONFORMATION: The dog is judged based on breed standards, taking structural correctness, appearance, gaiting ability and other physical characteristics into consideration.

SHOWMANSHIP: The exhibitor is judged on their ability to handle a dog. The fine points of the dog do not count. The prime objective for the competitor is to demonstrate his or her ability in showing the dog to its best advantage. Throughout the various ring procedures and examinations, the competitor must strive to make his or her dog the most appealing. The member must demonstrate that they know the dog's faults and have learned to minimize them

RALLY: Rally is a type of obedience class in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the Rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace though a course of designated stations (10-20 depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Scoring is not as rigorous as formal obedience.

AGILITY: Patterned after equestrian show jumping, dog agility combines the elements of a dog's agility, briskness, confidence, and a handler's control over an obstacle course designed for dogs. Jumpers without and with weaves is only jumps, tunnels and weaves (for advanced competitors). Standard Agility is similar to jumpers, but also includes contact obstacles such as A-Frame and Dog Walk. It is a fun sport with great spectator appeal.

TREIBBALL: is a new way to play with your dog! It's a competitive sport for dogs of all ages and sizes—it promotes better teamwork and communication between a dog and his handler. It's great fun for any energetic dog, who works well off-leash and needs a job. [Playing the game](#) uses a combination of classic obedience and herding cues to herd exercise balls.

K9 NOSE WORK: starts with getting your dog excited about using his nose to seek out a favorite toy or treat reward hidden in one of several boxes, expanding the game to entire rooms, exterior areas, and vehicles. As your dog grows more confident with his nose, target odors are introduced, and competition skills are taught.

EXPANDING YOUR ACTIVITIES: What do you do after you complete your basic obedience classes? This session will cover ideas for community service projects, additional educational programs, promotional and recruitment ideas.

DOG CAREERS: An overview and broad discussion of careers available in the dog industry.

EQUIPMENT: Which collar do you use for showmanship? What kind of brush should I use on my Australian Shepherd? What are the basic things I need to care for my dog daily? These are the kinds of questions that will be answered in this session

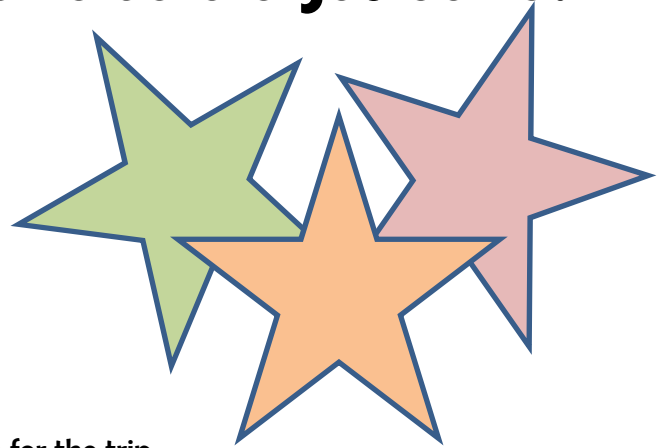
RECORD BOOKS: Why do a record book and what kind of information do you need to keep up with? We will also be discussing what kinds of activities you need to do to put in a record book.

DOG SHOW ENTRY PROCESS: Brief overview of what the classes are and how to decide which class and skill level you or your members need to enter.

BREEDS: An overview of the common breeds of dogs and how they fit into the AKC groups. Where does your dog fit. Maybe even some of the common characteristics of breeds and groups.

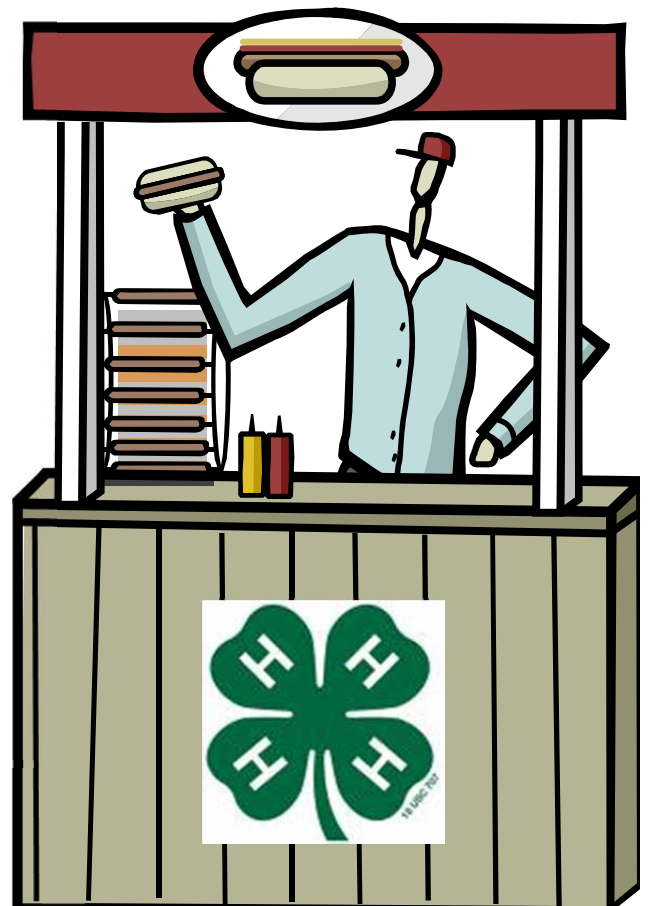
10 Things you can do at home before you come!

1. Can your dog recognize its name?
2. Can your dog sit on command?
3. Practice your happy voice
4. Practice playing with your dog.
5. Take over feeding your dog.
6. Practice walking your dog on a leash.
7. Expose your dog to a crate/ kennel.
8. Take a short car ride with your dog to prepare for the trip.
9. Take your dog around other dogs (with parental help) to see how it reacts.
10. Discover what type treats your dog likes best.



Food for You and your best friend!

Pizza lunch will
be provided
along with
snacks for
afternoon
break



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Saturday, October 19, 2013
Post mark by October 11, 2013

Registration Form




Participant Name (first and last) _____ County _____

Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Age _____

Breed* _____ (If mixed breed, list predominate breeds-what does it look like?)

 Dog's Age: _____ Dog's Experience: _____
 (Beginner: No training Intermediate: Basic training Advanced: Some Show Experience)

Topic (select 3)	Participant Skill level (mark skill level in each)		
Rally	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Obedience	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Showmanship/Conformation	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Agility	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Nosework	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Treibball	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced

Classroom topics (select 3)	
Expanding your activities	Record Books
Dog Careers	Dog Show Entry process
Equipment	Breeds

Attending Parent/Leader Name _____ County _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Relation to 4Her _____

Number of attendees:

- _____ \$15/person without a dog (4-H member, 4-H parent, 4-H leader, without a dog)
- _____ \$25/participant with a dog (Includes one child, one parent/adult and one dog OR one adult with a dog)
- _____ \$45/Family with two dogs (2 or more children one adult per child with dog is required)*

*Please fill out one form per child

_____ Total amount

Make checks payable to Galveston County 4-H

Send entry form, waiver, Rabies Cert copy, and payment to

Mail: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office, Attn: Bill Holcombe
 4102 - B Main Street (FM 519), Carbide Park,

La Marque, Texas 77568

Email: wcholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

Fax: 409-756-2904

**Questions? Call Bill Holcombe at
 (281) 534-3413 or**

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Registration Forms Continued

WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, AND MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

Exhibitor's Name: _____ County: _____ Dist.: _____

1. EXCULPATORY CLAUSE. In consideration for receiving permission for my/my child's participation in any and all activities of DOG Project Training (herein referred to as "camp"), which is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, (herein referred to as "sponsor"), I hereby release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes sponsor, The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents for The Texas A&M University System, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, Texas A&M University, and their members, officers, servants, agents, volunteers, or employees (herein referred to as RELEASEES or INDEMNITEES) from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me/my child while participating in such activity, while traveling to and from the activity, or while on the premises owned or leased by RELEASEES, including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of RELEASEES. I understand this waiver does not apply to injuries caused by intentional or grossly negligent conduct.

2. INDEMNITY CLAUSE. I am fully aware that there are inherent risks to my child, myself and others involved with this activity, including but not limited to routine activities and events, and I choose to voluntarily participate/allow my child to participate in said activity with full knowledge that the activity may be hazardous to me, my child and my property, and to the person and property of others. I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities. I know of no medical reason why I/my child should not participate. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, which may occur to myself, my child, other participants, and third-persons as a result of my/my child's participation in said activity, including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of INDEMNITEES.

3. NO INSURANCE. I understand that RELEASEES may or may not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my/my child's participation in this activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage. Organization may not carry general liability insurance to cover claims arising from this activity so it seeks a waiver of claims as additional consideration for the right to participate so organization, can (a) provide the activity at the lowest possible cost to participants; and (b) provide access to a greater number of participants by expending limited resources on program materials rather than on liability insurance.

4. BINDS HEIRS. It is my express intent that this agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

5. MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION, INDEMNITY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES, and WAIVER. I understand RELEASEES cannot be expected to control all of the risks articulated in this form and RELEASEES may need to respond to accidents and potential emergency situations. Therefore, I hereby give my consent for any medical treatment that may be required, as determined by a medical professional at the medical facility, during my/my child's participation in this activity with the understanding that the cost of any such treatment will be my responsibility. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES for any costs incurred to treat me/my child, even if an INDEMNITEE has signed hospital documentation promising to pay for the treatment due to my inability to sign the documentation. I further agree to release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes, RELEASEES from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me/my child while receiving medical care or in deciding to seek medical care, including while traveling to and from a medical care facility, including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of RELEASEES. I understand this waiver does not apply to injuries caused by intentional or grossly negligent conduct.

Registration Forms Continued

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6.VOLUNTARY SIGNATURE. In signing this agreement I acknowledge and represent that I have read it, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; sponsor has not made and I have not relied on any oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the terms contained in this agreement. I execute this document for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same, now and in the future. I understand I can choose not to sign this document and free myself and my child from its terms and the associated risks of the activity by simply not participating in the activity and choosing some other activity available to me/my child that has a lower level of risk to myself and my child. I further understand this is a voluntary, extracurricular activity. While I understand alternative activities are available to me/my child that do not have the risks associated with this activity I still desire to voluntarily engage/permit my child to engage in this activity.

**SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT INVOLVES THE WAIVER OF VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS.
CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.**

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 20____

Participant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

County _____

Participant's Date of Birth: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: (If participant is under 18 years old) _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed Name: (If participant is under 18 years old) _____

In case of emergency, contact _____

at the following number _____

If the participant has medical insurance, please indicate:

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Name of Primary Policy Holder: _____

Please list any special services your child may require: _____