

Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Program Guidebook



What is the Dog Patch Program?

The Dog Patch Program is designed to recognize the personal achievements of individuals participating in the 4-H Dog Program. The program has been in existence since 1987 and provides youth with goals to work towards in this project area. In this guidebook, you will find digital recreations of the available patches, descriptions, and their qualifications. Patches received may not be identical to the below graphics. Ordering instructions can be found at the end of this guidebook.

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Available Patches

General and Specialty Project Patches

G1. Dog Project Patch - for 4-H members who have been in the Dog Project for six months. The dog must participate in a competitive event, at which time its participation is evaluated. This patch is available to all members in the Dog Project.



G2. Education Patch – for youth who have attended at least 3 separate dog related sessions at a workshop, or 3 individual classes on the same subject.

G3. 4-H Working Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has placed in three working events by two different judges. Dogs must compete in events such as hunt tests, field trials, herding, coursing, etc.



G4 4-H Leader Dog Puppy Patch - Participation in three public exhibitions or demonstrations with the Leader Dog Puppy. These must be confirmed in writing by the 4-H Leader Evaluator.



A. While the puppy is in training as a Leader Dog, a member may fulfil a remaining patch requirement by giving a talk, demonstration or exhibit about the puppy program.

B. The evaluation a puppy receives when turned into the Leader Dog School will count as one patch requirement whether the dog is accepted or rejected.

G5. 4-H Service/Leader Dog Puppy Patch - Participation in three public exhibitions or demonstrations with the Service Dog Puppy. These must be confirmed in writing by the 4-H Leader Evaluator.

A. While the puppy is in training as a Service Dog, a member may fulfill a remaining patch requirement by giving a talk, demonstration or exhibit about the puppy program.

B. The evaluation a puppy receives when turned into the Service Dog School will count as one patch requirement whether the dog is accepted or rejected.



G6. 4-H Visiting Pet Patch - for a 4-H dog who has visited a nursing home, Juvenile Home, or facility for physically or emotionally challenged individuals. Requires five separate visits confirmed in writing by the 4-H Leader.

G7. - 4-H Tracking Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who is certified or who has passed on a track with the A.K.C. Tracking Test requirements by two different judges.



Junior Showmanship Patches

S1. 4-H Junior Showmanship Champion Patch - for 4-H members who have placed first, second or third in a Dog Showmanship Class three times. There must be at least four exhibitors in this class to qualify as a win.





S2. 4-H Junior Showmanship Champion Excellent Patch - for 4-H members who have placed first in a Junior Showmanship Class three times. There must be at least four exhibitors competing in this class. If no 4-H Jr. Showmanship Champion class is offered, or there is less than four exhibitors competing in the Champion Class, winning Best Junior Handler will qualify as a win.

Obedience Patches



O1. 4-H Pre-Novice Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Pre-Novice Obedience.

O2. 4-H Beginning Novice Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Beginning Novice Obedience.



O3. 4-H Companion Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Novice Obedience.

O4. 4-H Companion Dog Excellent Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Open Obedience.



O5. 4-H Graduate Novice Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Graduate Novice Obedience.

O6. 4-H Advanced Graduate Novice Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Advanced Graduate Novice Obedience.



O7. 4-H Pre-Utility Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Pre-Utility Obedience

O8. 4-H Utility Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Utility Obedience.



Agility Patches



A1. 4-H Beginning Agility Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Beginning Agility

A2. 4-H Intermediate Agility Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Intermediate Agility.



A3. 4-H Advanced Agility Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Advanced Agility.

Rally Patches



R1. 4-H Rally Novice Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Rally Novice

R2. 4-H Rally Intermediate Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Rally Intermediate.



R3. 4-H Rally Advanced Novice Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Rally Advanced.

R4. 4-H Rally Excellent Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Rally Excellent.



R5. 4-H Rally Master Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in Rally Master.

Freestyle Patches



F1. 4-H Beginner Freestyle Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying beginner scores by two different judges in either Heel-to-Music or Musical Freestyle.

F2. 4-H Intermediate Freestyle Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying intermediate scores by two different judges in either Heel-to-Music or Musical Freestyle.



F3. 4-H Advanced Freestyle Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has three qualifying advanced scores by two different judges in either Heel-to-Music or Musical Freestyle

F4. 4-H Freestyle Brace Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog(s) who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in the Brace category.





F5. 4-H Freestyle Pair Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog(s) who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in the Pair category.

F6. 4-H Freestyle Team Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog(s) who has three qualifying scores by two different judges in the Team category.



Cloverbud Patches

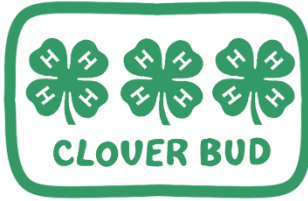
Because Cloverbud is a non-competitive age group, Cloverbud patches are awarded based on years of participation, rather than on qualifying scores or merits.



C1. 1st year Cloverbud – for youth who have been in the 4-H Dog Project for one year. This award may be earned by youth who had a 4-H age of 5, 6, or 7 in the year this patch was earned.

C2. 2nd year Cloverbud – for youth who have been in the 4-H Dog Project for two years. This award may be earned by youth who had a 4-H age of 6, or 7 in the year this patch was earned.





C3. 3rd year Cloverbud – for youth who have been in the 4-H Dog Project for three years. This award may be earned by youth who had a 4-H age 7 in the year this patch was earned.

How to Order Patches

All Michigan 4-H members, clubs, committees, and County MSU Extension offices are eligible to order 4-H Dog Patches. To do so, please complete and return the form found on page 10, or the fillable PDF version found on our website: https://www.canr.msu.edu/companion_animals/

Individual 4-H members are encouraged to coordinate patch orders with their Club, Committee, or County MSU Extension office, but may submit their own form if necessary.

Patches cost \$3.50/each + 6% Michigan sales tax. Shipping is included in the final price.

Payment may be made via check or direct invoice to county MSU Extension offices. Please contact the Michigan 4-H Dog Program Coordinator for assistance.

Make all checks payable to: Michigan State University

Mail to:

**Attn: 4-H Dog Program
MSU Extension - Livingston
2300 E Grand River Ave #111
Howell, MI 48843**

Michigan 4-H Dog Program Coordinator:

**Kat VanDouser
Krollkat@msu.edu
517-552-6903 (office)**

Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Order Form

County		Mailing Address	
Name		City	
Email		State	
Phone		Zip	

Patch		Quantity	Patch		Quantity
G1	Dog Project		A1	Beginning Agility	
G2	Education		A2	Intermediate Agility	
G3	Working Dog		A3	Advanced Agility	
G4	Leader Dog Puppy		R1	Rally Novice	
G5	Service Dog Puppy		R2	Rally Advanced	
G6	Visiting Dog		R3	Rally Excellent	
G7	Tracking Dog		R4	Rally Intermediate	
S1	Jr. Showmanship Champion		R5	Rally Master	
S2	Jr. Showmanship Champion Excellent		F1	Beginning Freestyle	
O1	Pre-Novice		F2	Intermediate Freestyle	
O2	Beginning Novice		F3	Advanced Freestyle	
O3	Companion Dog (C.D.)		F4	Freestyle Brace	
O4	Companion Dog Excellent (C.D.X.)		F5	Freestyle Pairs	
O5	Graduate Novice		F6	Freestyle Teams	
O6	Advanced Graduate Novice		C1	Cloverbud year 1	
O7	Pre-Utility		C2	Cloverbud year 2	
O8	Utility		C3	Cloverbud year 3	

Number of patches		\$3.50/ea	\$	Method of payment
Michigan Sales Tax 6%	\$			Check #
Total payment	\$			County Invoice acct #

All checks must be made payable to "Michigan State University".

Mail to:

MSU Extension – Livingston
 2300 E Grand River Ave, #111
 Howell, MI 48843

Date received by 4-H Dog Program Staff