

4-H Dog Care Project Notebook



Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

4-H Project Record Form

ProjectArea:_____ This is my _____ year in 4-H and _____ year(s) in the project.

Complete a new 4-H Project Record Form for each project, each year.

By keeping 4-H records you can:

- Learn how to set goals
- Record what you do and learn, and evaluate.
- Feel good about your 4-H experience.
- Learn how to share information with others.
- Learn how to be more organized.
- Learn responsibility by getting the job done.

Goals -Goals are like a road map, they help you decide how you get to where you want to go. My goal is to:

I plan to reach this goal by: _____

What do you like best about participating in this project?

What would you change or do differently next time? What would you like to learn to impact your participation in the project next year?

Project Knowledge (This section is to be completed after the project is complete)

Describe two things you have learned while doing this project. Be Specific.

List awards, placings, ribbons and recognition earned in this project area this year.

Life Skills (This section applies only to 4-H members 12-19 years old) Choose two life skills from the diagram attached and describe how you have developed each of the life skills through your 4-H project.

How have those life skills helped you outside of 4-H?



Kalamazoo County 4-H
Dog Project Registration Form

Today's Date (including year) _____

4-H Members Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ Years in the dog project: _____

Community Club Name: _____

Dog Information Breed of Dog: _____ Dog's name: _____

Color/ Markings _____

Dog's age _____ Male _____ Female _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form must be turned in to the dog project superintendent prior to May 1 with proof of
vaccinations and included in your Dog Science Notebook.

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Subject Description

Section or Page

My Personal 4-H Story

Include photographs and labels with your story.

1. Describe 2 collar types or 2 leash types. Use pictures and words.
 - a. Size
 - b. Uses
2. Identify 2 common substances that are harmful to dogs. Describe the below information.
 - a. Affects/symptoms
 - b. Treatment
3. Describe 2 of the 6 basic body language cues. Use pictures and words.
4. Identify 2 different species of animal that dogs can contract diseases from, describe below information.
 - a. Types of disease the dog can contract from the species
 - b. Transmission method between species
5. Describe the purpose and penalties of 2 laws in your community relating to your dog.
 - a. Ex: Number of dogs allowed, leash laws, animal attacks, etc.
6. Describe 2 “tricks” you could train your dog.
 - a. How you would train them
 - b. What use they may have in an everyday or emergency situation. Ex: crawling, opening a door, retrieving the remote, etc.)
7. Describe 2 different methods you can use to exercise your dog. Include below information.
 - a. Precautions or time restrictions to implement
 - b. Proper equipment to use for each exercise
8. Describe what breed you would choose if you started over with a new dog. Consider/discuss the below information regarding the breed that would fit your lifestyle.
 - a. Space you must exercise or active you are or what you plan to compete in
 - b. What temperament best fits your personality.
9. Identify a training method you are unfamiliar with.
 - a. How it is used
 - b. What sports or behavior it may be beneficial for. Ex: Clicker, Monks of New Skete, etc.
10. Describe how you groom your dog and tools needed to do so. Use pictures and words.

1. Describe how you care for your dog, include the below tasks and the tools needed to complete them. Use pictures and words.
 - a. Feeding
 - b. Exercising
 - c. Shelter
2. Describe the below information concerning spaying/neutering your dog.
 - a. 1 health benefit to your dog
 - b. 1 economical benefit to yourself or your community
 - c. 1 program that assists qualified individuals with the cost of the procedure
3. Describe 1 genetic disease and 1 fault common in your dog's breed, including below information.
 - a. Possible Cause
 - b. Symptoms
 - c. Treatment
4. Describe the recommended nutritional needs for your dog.
 - a. Caloric intake needed per day or volume of food this equates to
 - b. Desired percent daily values for necessary nutrients such as protein, fat, fiber
 - c. Preferred ingredients (ex: lamb vs. chicken, corn vs. rice, etc.)
5. Describe correct conformational structure of the dog. Give 1 undesired example for each structure listed below. Describe why the incorrect structure you chose is not desired. Use pictures and words.
 - a. Forequarters
 - b. Rear Quarters
 - c. Foot Structure
6. Describe basic skills needed to enter an AKC obedience trial at the level you are currently showing at the fair. Include the below information.
 - a. Exercises you would perform in order (Include jump height regulations if required)
 - b. Equipment needed
 - c. Basic rules to observe while performing your course
7. Describe basic skills needed to enter an AKC Jr. Showmanship competition. Include the below information.
 - a. Compose a diagram of the appropriate pattern listed below with hand changes.
 - i. First Year: Down & Back
 - ii. Second Year: L
 - iii. Third Year: T
 - iv. Fourth Year: Triangle
 - b. How to appropriately stack your breed of dog
 - c. Equipment needed
8. Describe what you would need to put together a dog first aid kit. Include the below information.
 - a. What items you would put in the kit
 - b. Where you can purchase the needed items
 - c. What each item is used for
9. Describe basic skills needed to enter an AKC Agility course at the level you are currently showing at the fair. Include the below information.
 - a. Acceptable collars and leashes
 - b. Pictures of 3 obstacles you may encounter and description
 - c. Basic rules to observe while performing your course
10. Identify a volunteer opportunity you and your dog could participate in together.
 - a. Describe how you can become involved/what type of events you would contribute to
 - b. Explain the benefit of volunteering for yourself and your dog
 - c. Explain the benefit of volunteering for your community

1. Describe the proper way to introduce your dog to a new animal and a new person (method varies for animals and people), include the below information.
 - a. How/if the dog should be restrained
 - b. Where the meeting should take place
 - c. How they should be approached by the new animal/person
 - d. What precautions to take during the meeting
2. Describe your dog's breed in detail, include the information below.
 - a. Country of Origin
 - b. Breeds used to create it
 - c. Purpose of Breed
 - d. Desired weight/height/temperament
 - e. NOTE: If you have a mixed breed, pick the dog most like your own. See a project leader if you need assistance.
3. Describe 2 internal parasites.
 - a. Prevention
 - b. Symptoms
 - c. Transmission
 - d. Treatment
4. Describe 2 external parasites.
 - a. Prevention
 - b. Symptoms
 - c. Transmission
 - d. Treatment
5. Choose a dog-related sport that we do not compete in during 4-H, describe the below aspects. Ex: bike joring, sledding, lure coursing, dock jumping, etc.
 - a. Skills needed to compete
 - b. Equipment needed to train and participate
 - c. A club that recognizes this sport
 - d. Location of an event hosted this year
6. 6. Describe the below body parts desired for your dog's breed. Use pictures and words. NOTE: If you have a mixed breed, pick the dog most like your own. See a project leader if you need assistance.
 - a. Hair Coat Type and Color (Include variations of hair coat (ex: curly, wiry, double coated etc.) and colors that are acceptable for your breed)
 - b. Ear Type
 - c. Tail Type
 - d. Bite Type
7. Interview a dog related professional and write an overview of the below information.
 - a. Education
 - b. Daily responsibilities
 - c. Salary
 - d. Job Availability
8. Create a breakdown (diagram or spread sheet) of yearly costs to care for your dog. Explain how you contribute (does not have to be monetarily). Include below categories.
 - a. Food, treats, or toys
 - b. Equipment (ex: leashes, collars, bowls, clothing, etc.)
 - c. Preventative Medication, vet visits or vaccinations
 - d. Special Medication or Supplements

9. Identify one local rescue, describe the aspects below.
 - a. How they accumulate funds
 - b. How they get supplies
 - c. Different ways you could volunteer
 - d. Methods used to find homes for the rescued dogs
10. Explain how you prepare your dog for travel. You can describe what you do if you are taking your dog with you or taking them to a boarding kennel.
 - a. Items you pack for your dog
 - b. Precautions taken incase of emergency (ex. locating a vet in the area you are traveling to or along the way, having a friend/relative on call if the boarding kennel requires assistance with your dog, etc.)
 - c. If the dog is traveling with you, requirements you have for your hotel/plane/route you take to get to your destination. If the dog is staying at a kennel, requirements you have for the facility
 - d. Vaccinations your dog should have prior to traveling and extra medication you should bring incase of emergencies

Level 1 Question and Answer

Please choose one question from level 1 each year. Each year a new question should be chosen so as to not repeat questions.

Level 1 Question: _____

Level 1 Answer (may include photographs/illustrations/drawings with labels): _____

Level 2 Question and Answer

Please choose one question from level 2 each year. Each year a new question should be chosen so as to not repeat questions.

Level 2 Question: _____

Level 2 Answer (may include photographs/illustrations/drawings with labels): _____

Level 3 Question and Answer

Please choose one question from level 1 each year. Each year a new question should be chosen so as to not repeat questions.

Level 3 Question: _____

Level 3 Answer (may include photographs/illustrations/drawings with labels): _____

