

ATTENTION 2026 4-H Dog Project Members, Advisors & Parents

4-H Dog Project #	4-H Dog Project	County and State Fair Dog Class Eligibility	Number of Dogs Eligible to Show Per Member
200	All About Dogs	Must participate in Miscellaneous Project Judging, Tues., July 14 and be selected to participate at the Ohio State Fair and you may not show a dog in any dog classes.	May be taken with or without a dog. There are no dog show classes with this project at the county or state level.
202	Achievement	Non-competitive class to earn certificates and pins.	Any dog project member may earn certificates and pins.
201O	Obedience	Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Preferred Novice, Novice, Graduate, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, Rally and/or Brace and Pre-Novice or Advance Team	Obedience – One dog for Beginner, Pre-Novice, Preferred & Novice levels, two dogs in Graduate Novice, Open and Graduate Open Brace – two dogs performing at Novice level or above Rally – max., two dogs/class Obedience Teams – one dog at skill level
201S	Showmanship	Any Showmanship Class	One dog – may be same or different dog for obedience, agility, drill team, rally or brace.
201P	Performance	Agility Drill Team – Member may show on a 4-5 member team, 6-7 member team and a 8-9 member team with different dogs. Freestyle	Agility – No limit. May show dog(s) in other classes. Drill Team – one dog per member per team Freestyle – one dog in a maximum of two freestyle classes, dog(s) may show in other dog show classes.
201W	Working Dog	Assistance Dog Class Pet Pals Herding and Hunting	Assistance dog – dog may also be shown in You and Your Dog, but no other dog show classes. PetPals – May show in other dog show class as long as they meet requirements.
201D	You & Your Dog	You and Your Dog with dog – Must participate in Skill-a-thon Wed., June 24, 5-9 PM, Dog Barn, Fairgrounds You & Your Dog interview only Must participate in Project Judging Tues. July 14, 3 PM-7 PM, Annex, Fairgrounds to be considered for selection at the Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Day.	One dog per member.
210	Assistance Animals in Action	Must participate in Miscellaneous Project Judging, Tuesday, July 14, 3 PM-7 PM and be selected to participate in the Ohio State Fair.	May be taken with or without a dog. State Fair Selection competes on Companion Animal Day, Friday, July 31 at the State Fair.

Dog Project Enrollment = Dog Class Eligibility at Clark Co. Fair & Ohio State Fair

Permission to Participate in 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure & Release of Claims Statement –

Every 4-H dog project member and his/her parent or legal guardian must read, agree to and sign this statement form at time **of enrolling on-line in 4-H with any of the dog projects. This must be completed by April 15, 2026.**

CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a non-discriminatory basis. For more information: <http://go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity>. OSU Extension, Clark County and 4-H Youth Development educational programs provided with major support by the Clark County Commissioners.



Clark County Junior Fair Dog Show Entry: Visit clarkohjrfair.fairentry.com to enter in the 2026 Jr. Fair Dog Show Classes by July 1, 2026.

Dog Rules – Project Completion, Skill-a-thon/Project Judging, County and State Fair: Review in the 2026 Clark County 4-H Project Selection and Requirement Guide or on the web at <http://clark.osu.edu>

Dog Skill-a-thon/Project Judging: Required for participation in the Clark County and/or Ohio State Fair

When: Wed., June 24

Time: 5 PM to 9 PM

Where: Dog Barn, Clark County Fairgrounds

What You Need To Bring or Be Prepared For:

- **All 201 Dog Project Members:** Your completed Dog Project & Record Book, Dog's Certificate of Vaccination, Dog License & Tags
- **You and Your Dog Project Members:** Your Dog, Dog Project/Record Book, Dog's Certificate of Vaccination, Dog License & Tags and a 3 Minute Illustrated Talk or Demo explaining something you did or learned with your dog this year – may include a scrapbook, poster, model or other illustration to help in your verbal discussion.
- **Dog Ambassadors:** Your Dog, Dog's Certificate of Vaccination, Dog License & Tags
- **Skillathon Topics:** Breeds, Anatomy, Equipment, Health

Certificate of Vaccination Required:

All 4-H project dogs must show proof of a current county dog license to participate in 4-H events. Each 4-H project dog must have proof of current vaccinations given by a licensed veterinarian for rabies, distemper, hepatitis (CAV2), leptospirosis, parainfluenza and parvovirus. If a veterinarian has determined that a dog cannot receive a vaccination, the exhibitor must have a written statement from the veterinarian documenting the reasons. Any proof of current vaccinations from the veterinarian is acceptable. Titer tests are also acceptable. The rabies vaccine is not optional for any reason! To show at the county level, any proof of current vaccinations from the veterinarian is acceptable as long as vaccinations are showing current through the end of the dog shows.

To be eligible to show at the State Fair, a properly completed and signed State Fair Certificate of Vaccination for the 4-H Dog Show Project must be presented at dog skill-a-thon, showing vaccinations that are continuously current through the end of the dog shows.

Dog Poster Contest: Wed., June 24, 5 PM to 9 PM at Dog Skill-a-Thon

Who: Any 4-H Dog Project Member

Divisions – ages as of 1/1/26: Jr. (age 8 and in 3rd grade-11), Int. (age 12-14), Sr (age 15-18)

Requirements:

- Select a topic of your choice related to dogs and your dog project(s).
- Make poster using a 22 x 28 poster board, displayed horizontally. Posters may not be mounted on any type of stiff backing, shadow boxes, foam boards, overlays or three-dimensional posters are not permitted. Stick on letters and stickers are permitted. Posters that do not meet these requirements will not be judged.
- Poster must be clearly labeled in the lower right hand corner, with the exhibitor's name, club name, county and age as of January 1st of the current year.
- Poster and topic must be new each year.

Judging Criteria: Posters will be judged on Educational Content (50 pts.), Neatness/Appearance (30 pts.) and Originality (20 pts.).

Display: In your club booth during Fair Week.

Canine Ambassadors Contest:

Who: Youth, age 8 & in the 3rd grade to 18 as of 1/1/26 and enrolled with a dog project.

Entry: **Complete on-line application by midnight June 15, 2026. Go to**

<https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairanimalambassadorentry>

Judging: Wed., June 24, 6 PM at Dog Skill-a-thon. Must bring dog, vaccination record, license and tags.

State Fair Dog Opportunities:

Dog Agility: If you are enrolled with an agility dog project, you may want to consider entering this event.

Entry deadline by 1 PM, June 20. Entry form, fees and complete rules available at **ohio4h.org** and/or the Ohio State Fair **<http://www.ohiostatefair.com>**

State Fair Dog Show Classes: To show at the Ohio State Fair, you must make entry and pay the required fees by **1 PM, June 20.** You must be enrolled in the proper 4-H Dog Project to show at the State Fair – see table on the front page. Entry forms, fees and complete rules available at **<http://www.ohiostatefair.com>** or **ohio4h.org**.

Show Date	Ohio State Fair Dog Show	Entry Deadline & Location
7/19/26-7/21/26	State Fair Dog Show Classes	By 1 PM, June 20, http://ohiostatefair.com/livestock
7/31/26	Agility	By 1 PM, June 20, https://go.osu.edu/osfagilityentries

State Fair Dog Poster Contest: Entries must be mailed or delivered by **July 1** to OSF Dog Poster Contest, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43210 Attention Sara Deakin. Awards presented at the Ohio State Fair 4-H Dog Shows.

State Fair Dog Skill-a-thon: Any 4-H dog project member may enter the State Fair Dog Skill-a-thon. Awards will be given to the top individual in each division (8-18). Ages are as of January 1, 2026. You may participate in the State Fair Dog Skill-a-thon on 7/20/26. No skill-a-thon fee.

State Fair Rules: All of the State Fair rules may be accessed at **ohio4h.org**. If you do not have a computer access to use the web, please contact the Clark County Office for a hard copy.

If you have any questions about the enclosed information, please feel free to contact me, a member of the 4-H Dog Committee or your dog project club advisor.

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