

2024 Ashland County Dog Project Requirements

Revised 1/2024

2010	Obedience (includes Rally)	201S	Showmanship	201D	You & Your Dog
201P	Performance (includes Agility)	201W	Working Dog (Assistance, Service, Companion)		

Reminders For 2024

- **NEW: Members MUST attend at least 5 county 4-H dog practices to be eligible for the county judging.**
- **Quality Assurance training must be completed before June 1.**
- **Animals must be entered and identified in the member's 4Honline profile by MAY 1.**
- **State Fair: Must have paper copy of Certificate of Vaccination form filled out and signed by vet. State Fair entry deadline is MAY 21! State Fair Agility deadline is June 21.**

Possession Date is MAY 1, 2024

Dog must be in the care and possession of the member by MAY 1, 2024.

No one other than the junior fair exhibitor is permitted to show the project dog at any type of dog show, including agility, rally, field trials, as well as fun shows, on or after MAY 1, 2024.

Required to Complete Project/Show at Fair

1. **Must be a 4-H member in good standing enrolled in one of the above projects or a FFA member taking a dog project.** 4-H members can enroll and projects can be registered at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Deadline to enroll in 4-H to be eligible to show at the Ashland or The Ohio State Fair is April 15.
2. **Prior to participating in 4-H dog activities with a dog, a Permission to Participate form must be signed by the 4-H/FFA member and a parent/guardian each year.** 4-H/FFA Members sign this electronically during 4Ho
3. **Must complete Quality Assurance training by June 1.** Ashland County will offer this training in several dates in March-April.
4. **Dogs must be entered and identified in the member's 4Honline profile by MAY 1. FFA Members may also identify their dog in 4Honline. Vaccinations and county dog license information must also be entered here.**
5. Rabies and DHLPP vaccinations must be current through the Ashland Fair dog show date. Bordetella is recommended but not required. **Dogs must have a current County dog license.**
6. **Members MUST attend at least 5 county 4-H dog practices to be eligible for the county judging.** You may meet this requirement by attending the Ashland County 4-H dog practices held at the Fairgrounds on Monday evenings. Contact the Extension Office for schedule.
7. **Must complete the Ashland County Dog Skill-a-thon requirement.**
8. **Must complete interview/project book judging.** A large portion of this score comes from the completeness of your project book. You may use the project book for more than one year,



But you must complete a new record section each year.

9. The **dog project and record book is required** for all dog projects. There is an optional Dog Resource book available. It is a one-time purchase and is highly recommended for all dog projects as it can help you with completing your project book, skill-a-thon, and Showmanship questions.
10. Ashland County Fair Show Day: There will be an opportunity for dogs to take the Canine Good Citizen and/or Trick Dog test. A Dog Quiz Bowl and possible other events will also be done.
11. **Printable rally and obedience signs are posted at <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-requirements/dog-projects>**
An explanation of Rally signs is also available there to print. These will help you practice at home.

Outstanding Dog Member Award

- An outstanding dog exhibitor award will be presented to the dog member with the most points. Points will be given earned throughout the year for attendance at dog practices, Skill-a-thon score, State Fair and Ashland Fair classes entered, State Fair and Ashland County Fair classes placed in, and community service. See the Outstanding Dog Member Award form for details.

General Dog Project Rules

Only domestic dogs may be taken to 4-H practices or shown. Wolf/ hybrids are not permitted.

1. Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior *at any time before, during, or after exhibition*, will be immediately excused and will not be permitted to attend workouts, judging or the demonstration at the fair.
2. Pronged collars are not allowed at any practice or judging. A 6-foot leash is required for obedience, leather is preferred.
3. Participation at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show for Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, and Agility is open to all members.
4. Female dogs showing signs of heat should NOT come to practice but will be permitted at county judging at the owner's risk. **Please notify the Extension Office at 419-281-8242 DAYS IN ADVANCE of the show if you anticipate you will be in this situation.**
5. Please do not bring a sick dog to practice or a show. 4-H Volunteers reserve the right to send home any dog that appears sick.

For more detailed information or rules, please refer to:

- The Ohio State Fair Dog Show General Rules. at <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog/dog-resources>
- 2024 Ashland County Jr. Fair book

**If you have questions, please contact
the Extension Office at 419-281-8242**

Ashland County Outstanding Dog Member Award

1. Any Ashland County 4-H/FFA member enrolled in a dog project is eligible for this award.
2. Members are responsible for turning in their community service verification to a 4-H Dog Volunteer. This may be done at any time, but deadline is by the START of the Ashland County 4-H Dog show.
3. The dog member with the most points after the Ashland County 4-H Dog show will receive this award. In the event of a tie, the member with the highest total Skill-a-thon score will receive the award.
4. Community service must be verified with a signature of a 4-H Volunteer or an employee of the organization the member volunteered with. In general, Community Service should involve at least an hour of the member's time. Member may only count the same act of community service once, even if done multiple times. Ex: walked dogs for the Humane Society once a week for 3 weeks would only count as one act of Community Service.
5. Points will be accumulated as follows:

Attendance at Ashland County Dog Practice

5 Points for each practice attended as verified with the official sign in sheet from each practice

March	April	April	May	June	June	July	July	August	August	Sept.	TOTAL	

Participation and Placing at The Ohio State Fair 4-H Dog Show

10 points for each class member participated in

10 Points for each class member placed in

	Participated	Placed	Total
Obedience			
Rally			
Showmanship			
Agility			
		TOTAL	

Participation and Placing at Ashland County Fair 4-H Dog Show

10 points for each class member participated in

10 Points for each class member placed in

	Participated	Placed	Total
Obedience			
Rally			
Showmanship			
Agility			
		TOTAL	

Community Service

10 points for each Community Service

The Extension Office/Lead Dog advisor reserves the right to approve and verify any Community Service

List your Community Service	Date/Location	Signature of 4-H Volunteer or Employee of the Organization	Points
		TOTAL Community Service Points	

Signature of 4-H Member _____