



## WELD COUNTY 4-H DOG PROJECT

Welcome to the Weld County 4-H Dog Project for 2017. This packet contains information that you will need to help you with your project throughout the 4-H year. If you have any questions regarding the dog project please contact: **Denise Miller Key Leader 970-396-9744 [denmile@hotmail.com](mailto:denmile@hotmail.com), Amanda Miller 970-412-7266 [quinnsshelties@gmail.com](mailto:quinnsshelties@gmail.com) or Kim Sterkel, 4-H Youth Development Agent, (970) 400-2079**

### GENERAL PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

**Members may not be left at the training facility without prior knowledge of the Key Leader.** Parents are required to stay and observe and encouraged volunteer to assist with the training class. At the training sessions, children may not run around in the buildings or training area. Please closely supervise children that are not in the Dog Project class. *Playing in the front rooms of the Exhibition Building is strictly prohibited.*

*Mentors will be assigned to each project member and they will answer your questions and guide you with project needs.*

Dogs with prior training cannot be used as project dogs unless the enrolled 4-H member or family member completed the training. The member and dog will be moved to a class level appropriate due to the prior training. The only exception to the rule is if the dog was used by a sibling as a project dog in the beg-novice class only, and will be treated as a dog with prior training. *If you have any questions regarding the use of a dog with previous training, please contact the Key Leader to see if the dog is eligible.*

- The dog and member must be entered in the level of training the **dog** has completed, and is not based on the training the member has completed.
- The project dog must be owned by the 4-H member or an immediate family member.
- The dog must live in the home of the 4-H member.
- The dog must have vaccinations current at the time of county training.
- A Dog ID Form must be filled out through 4-H Online for all dogs you want to use this current year. This includes any dog ID's from previous years. The Weld County deadline for the **Dog ID Form is May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.** 4-H Online will remember all of the Dog ID's you have entered. *You will need to edit the age of the dog every year and vaccinations.* There are step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the dog ID Form at the end of this packet.
- Training of the dog by anyone other than the 4-H dog project member is not allowed. Learning coaches, family members, and trainers may assist the project member when necessary, but the dog must be under the control of the project member.
- Refer to Colorado 4-H for specific project requirements.

[http://www.colorado4h.org/project\\_resources/StateFairContestRequirements.pdf](http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairContestRequirements.pdf)

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Proper training equipment is required. Dogs with special training collars such as Prong, Halti, or Gentle Leaders will not be allowed at the Fair. The use of any collar other than a flat buckle collar or a slip collar must be approved by the Key Leader prior to use in classes.

### **Dog obedience and rally obedience members need to bring to class:**

- A 6-foot leash preferably made of cotton or leather, but nylon is acceptable.
- A fitted buckle collar, martingale, or a slip collar. (Slip collars should just fit over the head.)
- Small soft treats such as hot dogs or a small toy that the dog likes (not balls or squeaky toys).

### **Dog showmanship members will need a show lead.**

- The show lead and collar ideally should match the color of the dog as closely as possible.

The lead can be sized by either telling the clerk at a pet store the size of the dog's neck and the dog's breed (or the breed the dog most resembles), or by taking the dog to a pet store and having the clerk help you obtain the show lead most appropriate for your dog.

## County Dog Training Classes

Dog Training Classes are offered at Island Grove. Classes will be held on **Monday** evenings on the dates listed below. Showmanship beginning 6:00 and advanced 6:30, Obedience advanced at 6:00 beginning obedience at 6:30, and Rally Obedience starts at 7:00. *Please arrive 5 to 10 minutes prior to the start of class and be ready to start on time.*

**Project dogs must be under control at all times and never off leash, unless instructed by a dog project leader for the purpose of training.**

**Training Dates - All dates are currently scheduled in the Exhibition Building unless otherwise noted. *Members are expected to miss training in order to attend 4-H Club Meetings that fall on Monday nights.***

February 13 no dogs orientation

March 6

March 20

April 3

April 17

May 1

May 15

June 5

June 19

March 13

March 27

April 10

April 24

May 8

May 22

June 12

July 11

**Training Dates for State Fair Qualifiers Only; August 7, 14 and 21.**

### **Other Important Dates:**

Saturday, May 13: Paws and Tails 4-H Open Dog Show

Sunday, July 23: Obedience, Rally Obedience, and Showmanship Trials, Weld County Fair

Monday, July 24: 4-H Dog Project Record Book Interview Judging. You must schedule your interview.

**August 26 & 27: 2017 State Fair 4-H Dog Show**

## **TEMPERAMENT TEST and CGC/CGCA Testing- June 5 and June 12, 2017**

Dogs are required to pass the Weld County Temperament Test. The Temperament Test is not an obedience test, and does not ensure the behavior of a dog. It is an attempt to protect the safety of all concerned, and places the dog in a variety of normal circumstances and evaluates the dog based on normal, expected responses. A CGC certificate within 3 months of the Temperament Test will be accepted in lieu of the test provided a copy of a passing test or a copy of the certificate is provided. If anyone is interested in getting a CGC/CGCA for their dogs, please ask about being tested.

### **BEHAVIOR RULES**

Dogs that have an aggression problem towards either other dogs or humans cannot be used as project dogs. Dogs can be excused from the training sessions and/or the Weld County Fair at any time for behavior that in the opinion of the leader and/or superintendent puts people and/or other dogs at risk. Temperament Test Certificates received may also be revoked at any time for such inappropriate behavior. **All 4-H members must keep their dog on a leash at all times, unless directed otherwise by a training leader, superintendent, clerk, or judge.**

**Members must keep their dog at a reasonable distance  
(Approximately 6 feet) from other dogs.**

Dogs not entered or non-project dogs will not be allowed at the Weld County Fair Dog Trials or at the county training sessions. Refusal to comply can result in dismissal from county dog sessions and/or Weld County Fair Dog Trials.

### **RECORD BOOK**

A completed 4-H Dog Project e-Record is required in order to complete the dog project and to compete in dog trials at Weld County Fair. You can download e-records from the state website. Click on the link to Projects & Record books. Then click on the link to Livestock Projects. Then click the link for Dogs. This will take you to the link for Dog e-Records. Choose the appropriate record book: Dog (Junior), Dog (Intermediate), or Dog (Senior). Download the document to your computer or print a copy.  
[http://www.colorado4h.org/project\\_resources/index.php](http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php)

Your record book must include proof of current parvo and rabies vaccinations. Include:

- date vaccination was given or expiration date of vaccination
- dog's name
- owner's name
- rabies tag number
- Must be signed by the veterinarian giving the vaccination or provide a document on the vet's letterhead.

Your record book must also include a Temperament Test certificate that can be obtained by passing the county 4-H temperament test. If you need assistance filling out a record book, please contact your key leader.

## WELD COUNTY FAIR

**In May you will receive a copy of the Weld County Fair Book. Entry deadline for fair is June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

Review it carefully. It contains information and rules that can affect your ability to show at the Weld County Fair. Three things to know:

- You must enter in **Dog Records** in order to participate in Dog Obedience, Rally Obedience, or Dog Showmanship
- **Dog Obedience, Rally Obedience, and Dog Showmanship** are **three separate classes** and you must enter in each one individually that you plan to compete.
- **You must also sign up separately to schedule a time for the Interview Judging.**

To compete in the Dog Trials

1. Enter in Dog Records
2. Schedule your interview for Interview Judging Day
3. Enter in Dog Obedience, Rally Obedience, and/or Dog Showmanship. You may contact your key leader to see which classes you are ready to compete in.
4. There will be a mandatory written test taken from the Showmanship Questions from the State 4-H website under the State Fair Packet: 4-H General and Contest Information. This section also includes Dog Trial rules and score sheets.

### Obedience and Showmanship

All classes with the exception of the Senior Class can be found on the Colorado State 4-H website at [www.colorado4h.org/events.../state.../DogContestRequirements.pdf](http://www.colorado4h.org/events.../state.../DogContestRequirements.pdf)

(Note: The 2017 requirements are not currently available, but 2016 can be reviewed.)

**Senior Class:** This class is for older seniors that are not capable of training or competing in regular obedience classes. The purpose of this class will be to work on obedience commands without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will introduce the senior to dog training and shows in a positive manner. Older/Senior dogs may enter this class if they are not able to perform the exercises in other classes, but must have approval from the Key Leader. Senior dogs in this class will train along puppies that are working in the Puppy Class also.

### Rally Obedience

All classes may be found on the Colorado State 4-H website at:

<https://www.colorado4h.org/events.../Colorado4HRallyRules.pdf>

### Premier Exhibitor for Dogs

Premier Exhibitor is available for members for each age group. If you would like to participate you sign up when you sign up for fair. Refer to the rules in the fair book for details.