



# 4-H Dog Record Guide

Check Project Taken:

Wiggles and Wags

Canine Connection

Leading the Pack

Your Animal's Photo Here!

Year 20\_\_ \_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Date project completed \_\_\_\_\_

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## Introduction

The 4-H Dog project begins when you start your 4-H project year in October. Some sections of the record book require you to establish some goals to meet. It is important to do that at the start of the project year. If you need help understanding the material, contact your 4-H leader or county Extension agent.

This project is for those who want to learn how to feed and care for their dog companion, keep their dog(s) healthy and contented, train their dog(s) to be a good neighbor, know the costs involved in raising a dog, and become responsible dog owners. In addition, project participants will practice important life skills such as decision-making, communicating with others, leading self and others, planning and organizing, and accepting responsibility.

This record guide is designed to be used with the dog project. It is suggested that each project be used for three years before moving to the next level. After your first year in the dog project, you will need to reorder only the Dog Record Guide until you move to the next level.

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## Project Guidelines

- ✓ Complete at least seven main chapter activities or Begging for More activities in the Dog Achievement Program each year.
- ✓ Finish each level within three years.
- ✓ Complete 21 activities (11 from the required activities and 10 from the Begging for More activities) in each level before advancing to the next level.
- ✓ If you choose to do Begging for More activities, record in a notebook or portfolio the what, when, where, and how you accomplished each selected canine activity. Include your notebook or portfolio with your project book for grading.
- ✓ Practice and develop life skills as you increase your knowledge about dogs and become a good dog owner.

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# Information About My Dog

Name of dog \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of dog \_\_\_\_\_

Purebred \_\_\_\_\_ Crossbred \_\_\_\_\_

My dog is registered in: American Kennel Club \_\_\_\_\_ American Field \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Sex of dog: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

My dog's age is \_\_\_\_\_ Year of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown; estimated age \_\_\_\_\_

I assumed ownership of my dog on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

My dog was (check all that apply) \_\_\_\_\_ Already the family dog

\_\_\_\_\_ Gift

\_\_\_\_\_ Purchased

Value when purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Where purchased \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of store, breeder, animal shelter, or pound)

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (explain)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date I started my project \_\_\_\_\_

Date I completed my project \_\_\_\_\_

Description of my dog (include size, weight, color, and other identifying characteristics of your dog)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Average time I spend with my dog each day (observing, playing, exercising, caring, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Feeding Records** (Use this chart to record all foods purchased for your dog for the year. Include dry, canned, treats, etc.)

| Name of Food Purchased                          | Date Food Was Purchased | Cost of Food Purchased | Amount (weight oz. or lb.) of Food Purchased | Quantity Purchased | Comments  |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|---|
| <i>Example:</i><br>Puppy Original Formula (Dry) | 10/1/2007               | \$8.00                 | 8 lbs.                                       | 1 bag              | I do not feed more than what my dog will clean up in 15-20 minutes. I discard any uneaten food and wash the food container after each meal. |
| Treat Bones for Small Dogs                      | 10/1/2007               | \$3.50                 | 5 lbs.                                       | 1 box              | My dog gets a bone in the morning, evening, and bedtime.  |
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| <b>Total Cost of Food Purchased</b>             |                         |                        |  |                    |   |

What does your dog like to eat? \_\_\_\_\_

What food is nutritionally good for your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How often and how much do you feed your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

How often and how much does your dog drink? \_\_\_\_\_





## Annual Canine Health Care Practices

For your dog to achieve and maintain optimal health, your local veterinarian should carry out the following health care practices each year.

| Vaccinations       | Date  | Parasite Control          | Date  |
|--------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| Distemper          | _____ | Fecal Exam                | _____ |
| Hepatitis          | _____ |                           |       |
| Leptospirosis      | _____ | Deworm                    | _____ |
| Parainfluenza      | _____ | Product: _____            |       |
| Parvovirus         | _____ |                           |       |
| Coronavirus        | _____ | Heartworm Check           | _____ |
| Rabies             | _____ | Preventive: _____         |       |
| Kennel Cough       | _____ |                           |       |
| Lyme Disease       | _____ | External Parasite Control | _____ |
|                    |       | Product: _____            |       |
| Physical Exam      | _____ |                           |       |
| Dental Prophylaxis | _____ |                           |       |
| Blood Work         | _____ |                           |       |

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog have any medical conditions that require special medication(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

What medication(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you administer? \_\_\_\_\_



## Miscellaneous Expenses

(List purchases other than food and health products or practices; examples: equipment, bedding, grooming supplies, entry fees, and toys.)

| Date                  | Item Purchased or Service Performed | Reason for Item Purchased or Service Performed | Cost    | Comments                                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------|--|
| Example:<br>10/1/2007 | Dog Crate                           | Crate to house train and transport my puppy    | \$50.00 | My puppy is crated when I am away from home. |
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| <b>Total Costs</b>    |                                     |  |         |  |



## Time with My Dog

*(Record the time you spend training, grooming, exercising, or just being with your dog.)*

I spend \_\_\_\_\_ hours/day in training my dog.

I spend \_\_\_\_\_ hours/day in grooming my dog.

I spend \_\_\_\_\_ hours/day in exercising my dog.

I spend \_\_\_\_\_ hours/day in just being with my dog.

Other things I do with my dog. Explain.

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## Income Record *(Complete if applicable to your project.)*

*(If you raised puppies for sale or made money caring for other people's dogs, list below.)*

| Date                | Source of Income (sale of puppy, pet sitting, other) | Amount Earned |
|---------------------|--|---------------|
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| <b>Total Income</b> |  |               |





# Training Your Dog

(Check commands your dog obeys and tricks it has learned. List any additional commands, tricks, or stunts.)

## Commands

- Heel on leash
- Heel off leash
- Come when called
- Sit
- Sit and stay
- Lie down
- Down and stay

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## Tricks

- Sit up
- Play catch
- Carry
- Fetch
- Roll over
- Jump
- Don't touch it

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Did you and your dog attend a dog obedience training class? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

If you show your dog, in what way did you exhibit your dog?

Bench Show \_\_\_\_\_

Sanctioned Match \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience Trial \_\_\_\_\_

County 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Club Tour \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Field Trial \_\_\_\_\_

Stock Dog Demonstration \_\_\_\_\_

Agility Trial \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



## Show Record

Record the results of all shows and showmanship events your dog enters during the year.

| Name and Place of Show/Fair                | Date     | Class       | Placing | Premiums/<br>Ribbons |
|--|----------|-------------|---------|----------------------|
| <i>Example:</i><br>EZ County Fair Pet Show | 12/14/07 | Showmanship | Second  | \$5 / Blue Ribbon    |
|  |          |             |         |                      |
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| <b>Total Value of Premiums Won</b>         |          |             |         |                      |

## Record of Demonstrations, Talks, and Activities During the 4-H Year

Record your participation in events such as judging contests, project workshops, visits to farm operations, demonstrations, etc.

| Date | Location | Activity | Comments |
|------|----------|----------|----------|
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# Financial Summary

## Income

Price received for any animal(s) sold \_\_\_\_\_

Show / fair premiums won (Page 8) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Explain; example: care for your neighbor's dog while they were away.) (Page 6)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Income** \_\_\_\_\_

## Expenses

Cost of your project animal(s) (Page 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Total feed cost (Page 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Total health care costs (Page 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Total other expenses (Page 5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Expenses** \_\_\_\_\_

Total Income \_\_\_\_\_

Total Expenses \_\_\_\_\_

(Total income minus total expenses)  
(Circle One) **Profit or Loss** \_\_\_\_\_ (amount)

The exercise reflects only the financial commitments you have made in caring for and loving your dog.





## 4-H Project Evaluation

Now that you have finished this project, it is time for you to think about what you have learned. We also would like to know what you have learned and if the project needs to be improved. Your comments will help the people write the projects. Please write answers to the following questions. Then give this form to your 4-H leader or mail it to:

**Project Evaluation  
State 4-H Office  
Knapp Hall, PO Box 6031  
Morgantown, WV 26506-6031**

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Girl    Boy    (circle one)    Age \_\_\_\_\_    Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_    Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was this your first project in this subject? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why did you pick this project? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What was your favorite part of this project? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. By doing this project, what did you learn that you didn't know before? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Did you do the activities in the project book? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. What activities did you like doing? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. How would you change this project to make it better? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Would you tell others to take this project? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. What other 4-H projects have you taken? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. If you have something else to say, write it on the back.





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# Dog Project Score Sheet

- ★ If you are taking this project without an animal, check with your Extension agent for approval. It is suggested that the Self-Determined project be used with the National 4-H Curriculum Dog project book as a resource. Consult with your Extension agent to plan your project work.

## Dog Project Book

- ✓ Complete seven activities (from the main required activities and the extra Begging for More activities) in the Dog Achievement Program of the National 4-H Curriculum Project Book (*Each activity is worth 5 points ~ Total 35 possible points*)

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- ✓ Complete Planning Guide in National 4-H Curriculum Project Book on pages 3 and 4 (*Worth 5 points*)

\_\_\_\_\_

## Dog Record Guide

*(Worth 20 points)*

\_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibit/Production Score *(Total 20 possible points)* ★

- ✓ This may be the actual exhibition of your dog or other designated project or service determined with your Extension agent.

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## Activity Record

*(Worth 20 points)*

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total**

\_\_\_\_\_

Comments:



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