

April 6, 2020

Dear Dog Project Members:

The 4-H Dog Board would like to update you on our plans for 2020. Our goal is to offer the project with a shorter training season, starting classes for Obedience, Showmanship and Rally on Thursday, June 4, and Agility on Tuesday, June 9. We will follow State 4-H Covid 19 guidelines on meeting size, which may affect how we offer classes. Please continue to watch your email, weekly Crier and our Facebook page (Sheboygan County 4-H Dog Project) for information regarding our status.

With fewer days of classes, beginners may not cover all the skills needed for a traditional fair show, so beginner fair show competition may be more like a Fun Match. Even so, we encourage beginners to sign up, because you will be learning skills, having fun with your dog and making new friends. The Dog Board has not set minimum training attendance requirements at this time and will be setting the Fair Show requirements at a future date.

The reduced schedule brings some changes in the way the program will be managed this year:

- We will post the handbook, forms and information at the Extension Sheboygan County website at <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/sheboygan-county-dog-project/>
- We will not hold in-person orientation meetings. Families should read the handbook online and complete a quiz on the contents. Find the online orientation quiz here: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1dQ1P_KOLyQV0kEA3BCwokzsy9h9FX9vbQXipvUyMf9U/edit?usp=sharing. **Completing the quiz is mandatory to participate in training. Due date for completing the quiz is April 27, 2020.**
- In order to recruit trainers and organize classes, we are requesting members to complete an online registration form. Find the online registration here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_ehg6YEL6qJMLKjClefSuroGkVMMczkb09nMI621lg/viewform?edit_requested=true. **Online registration should be completed by April 27, 2020.**
- The Dog Health form (yellow form) should be completed after April 25, 2020. This will allow for a reasonably recent fecal test to be performed. Each dog participating must have a health form with a side view color photo and rabies certificate attached. Additional forms are available on the Extension Sheboygan County website. Completed forms can be mailed to Theresa Theobald, c/o Cedar Grove Veterinary Services, 23 HWY RR, Cedar Grove, WI 53013, or brought to the first night of training.
- Fees will not be collected until the first training session and are \$10 for the first class and \$5 for each additional class. For example, a child taking obedience and showmanship will pay \$15.

In summary, at this time, dog project members should plan to:

1. Read the handbook and complete the online quiz by April 27.
2. Signup online by April 27.
3. Complete fecal testing and dog health forms after April 25.

The 4-H Dog Board will have its regular monthly meeting on April 20, so please check for updates after that. Information can be found in the weekly Crier, on the Extension Sheboygan County website, and our Facebook page "Sheboygan County 4-H Dog Project". We appreciate your flexibility as we respond to 4-H, state and national directives as the pandemic unfolds.

4-H Dog Board