

## 4-H DOG PROJECT CODE OF ETHICS

It is a privilege and an honor to be able to participate in 4-H activities and represent the Sheboygan County 4-H Clubs. PRIVILEGES ALWAYS CARRY RESPONSIBILITIES. In keeping with the philosophy that 4-H is a place for learning and social skill development, the following discipline guidelines have been established.

### BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Parents and trainers expect 4-H participants to earn and keep the privilege of participation in dog project activities by demonstrating proper behavior and attitudes. Any unacceptable behavior will put a child's participation in jeopardy. The Dog Project Board shall determine if the unacceptable behavior should result in suspension from an activity.

### SUSPENSION

The purposes of suspension are to preserve an effective atmosphere for instruction, to rehabilitate participant attitude, to protect other participants and provide a time to consult with parents. It may be imposed when other means of correction have failed or when keeping the participant in training would be detrimental to the training session.

The participant would be given three written warnings before a suspension would be enforced. Written warnings would also be mailed to participant's parents.

### RULES

- ☐ There shall be no defacing of public property. Any damages to property must be paid by the individual(s).
- ☐ Participants should be prompt and prepared for all activities.
- ☐ Participants should be financially prepared for all possibilities.
- ☐ No alcoholic beverages, tobacco product of any kind, or narcotics in any form shall be possessed by participants at any time, under any circumstances.
- ☐ No use of profanity or displaying an inappropriate attitude.

### CONSEQUENCES

- ☐ May be sent home or asked to sit out the session.
- ☐ No refund of any money for the event.
- ☐ May be denied privilege of showing at County Dog Show.
- ☐ May be denied privilege of showing in any state qualifying show.
- ☐ May be denied privilege of showing at the State Dog Show.
- ☐ May be denied privilege of applying to be nominated for any 4-H awards.
- ☐ A permanent record may be placed on file with the County 4-H Executive Board, County Extension Office, and made available to other county or state offices.

This applies to any participant in the Sheboygan County 4-H Dog Project. The participant and his/her parent/guardian must sign this form for the participant to be eligible to participate in this activity.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a participant in the Sheboygan County 4-H Dog Project, agree to the guidelines as stated in this letter.

All participants participating in activities shall be responsible for their own actions and must abide by rules set up for that activity.

I have read and fully understand the rules for behavior and agree to comply with these conduct rules. Furthermore, I am aware of the consequences that will result from violation of any of the rules listed.

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Participant Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

