

TAILWAGGERS DOG PROJECT REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

- Member must be old enough (8 to 9 years old) to enroll in the project or Third Grade in the fall of the current year.
- Dogs must be at least 6 months old to train in obedience.
- All dog waste must be picked up and placed in a trash can, provided in the building. You must clean up after your dog....both inside the building and on Brown County Fairgrounds' property.
- Females in heat and sick dogs should be left home, but the member should attend the class to learn the exercises taught.
- Bring your dog to class clean, brushed and healthy.
- Don't feed your dog before class!
- Remember to train for at least 15 minutes every day.
- Any dog posing a threat to trainers, members, or other dogs will be excused at the discretion of the trainers/project leader.
- Members are required to work a shift at the PKC Dog Show and Fair Food Booth
- Dogs must be current on distemper/parvo and rabies vaccinations, and have a negative stool check for parasites. Until we have proof of vaccinations and stool check the dog will not be allowed to train, see new form. This is a 4-H policy and we cannot make exceptions.

EQUIPMENT

Obedience/Rally- 6 ft. leash, flat buckle collar or choker chain collar. Please no chain leashes as they are very hard on your hands. Prong (or pinch) collars and head halters will be allowed for training classes but not on the night of Graduation. If you have any questions on the proper fit of the collar, our instructors will be glad to help.

Advanced obedience students may wish to start working with dumbbells for the retrieve exercises. The club has several sizes available for purchase.

Showmanship- Show lead appropriate for dog's breed. The instructors will be glad to help you make the right choice. The club has available for purchase.

Agility- 6ft. leash and a flat buckle collar.

All Classes- small pieces of your dog's favorite food, treats or toy as a motivational reward can be used. As the weather gets hotter a bottle of water and dish would also be a good idea. If you have more than one dog that you are working with, please plan to bring a crate to keep the extra dog in when you are not working with it.

BC 4H Dog Project Aggressive Dog Policy

This policy shall apply to all members, handlers and dogs present at and participating in any of the BC 4H Youth dog training, including but not limited to training class, demonstrations and informal training sessions.

Definition of Aggressive Behavior:

An Aggressive dog is one who makes or repeatedly attempts to make negative physical contact with any person or another dog. "Negative physical contact" is that which is potentially harmful or dangerous to person or pets. Actual physical contact is not necessary to constitute aggressive behavior.

Any person who believes s/he experiences or witnesses an act of dog aggression may fill out a written report, which must be signed, dated and presented to the dog project leader.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

1. All training class participants will receive and sign a copy of the Aggressive Dog Policy.
2. In class situations, the instructor may request that the handler/owner remain to discuss any incident and determine options for further classes with the dog project leader. Such actions might be but not limited to, snapping, growling, barring teeth, charging or lunging, raising hackles or biting at another dog. This may require the project to take such action include but not limited to a separate training schedule, being separated from the group when applicable, additional training requirements outside of 4H.
3. Any dog that exhibits an overt act of aggression is to be excused immediately and taken from the training area. The instructor, handler/owner and dog project leader will complete a written report of the dog aggression and will forward to the county agent. The owner/handler and dog must complete behavioral training outside of 4H and provide certification of completion of class with acceptable review to return to class the following year. Action taken regarding an individual dog shall not affect the handler's training/showing status with other dogs.

Review Process:

Dog project leader and trainer may request such information to understand and assist in discussion after an in class situation to determine next steps and modified training schedule. If after modifications have been made and dog continues to act out stronger action may be taken up to dismissal.

- Neutering
- Private Training
- Environmental Circumstances changed
- Other extenuating circumstances
- Any other review questions deemed necessary to assist with corrective action.

Yellow Bandana Club

The Yellow Dog Project is a global movement for owners of dogs that need space. It hopes to educate the public and dog owners to identify dogs needing space, promote appropriate contact of dogs and assist dog parents to identify their dog as needing space. They are not necessarily aggressive dogs but more often are dogs who have issues of fear; pain from surgery; are a rescue or shelter dog who has not yet had sufficient training or mastered obedience; are in training for work or service; are in service; or other reasons specific to the dog. If you see a dog in class wearing a yellow bandana, please give this dog space. It may be shy, not like other humans/dogs, fearful, recovering from surgery, in training for a special purpose. If you feel your dog may benefit from a yellow bandana, please let your instructor know.

4-H Member Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Initials _____