

April 13, 2016

To: Dog Project Members & Leaders

From: Barbara Barker  
4-H Youth Development Agent

Subject: Dog Obedience Training

Thanks to Abby Haese, April Jenks, and Kim Gropp for volunteering to provide leadership to the Dog Obedience program this year. They have scheduled the following dates for training at the Fairgrounds in Wautoma. Obedience training will be from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and showmanship/individual help will be from 7:00 to 7:30 pm.

Training: June 8, 15, 22, 29 July 6, 13, 20

Dog Show/Judging: July 27

Dog project members and at least one parent are encouraged to attend all of the trainings; however we realize families may have plans already in place on some of these dates. Please let the leaders know the week before to find out what you should be working on if you cannot attend a training session. Parents are asked to attend to become aware of what the member is learning so they can assist in coaching them between practices. As with any 4-H experience, we find that members whose parents participate in 4-H activities with them typically have a better learning experience. In order to participate in the dog show at the end of dog obedience practices, the handler and the dog has to have participated in the classes. Please note that the dog judging is a fair premium event and we ask that you enroll the appropriate classes on your fair premium list that is due early July in order to participate in this event.

Please return the enclosed enrollment form prior to the first session to the UW-Extension office or bring to the June 8<sup>th</sup> training. There is an \$ 8/member registration fee. Checks should be made payable to Waushara County 4-H. If you are unsure of what class to enter, please review the following descriptions:

Pre-novice A: For the first time handler. You can enter in this class once.

Pre-novice B: For the handler that has competed previously but has a new dog OR a new handler who has a previously trained dog. The trainer may elect to keep you in this class for a second year.

Novice: Both the handler and the dog have previous training experience. The trainer may elect to keep you in the class until the skills required are mastered.

Graduate Novice: Has successfully completed the novice classes.

Over, please

Pre-open: Has successfully completed graduate novice class.

Open: Has successfully completed pre-open class

You will need a 6 foot leash and a choke-chain collar. Please bring plastic bags to pick up your dog's feces. We recommend bringing water and treats for your dog as well.

Additionally, there will be a Oshkosh Kennel Club, AKC Show in Oshkosh at The Winnebago County Fairgrounds on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about your dog project. If members are interested in attending or have questions regarding these shows please contact Kim Gropp at 920-279-2805.

**Waushara County 4-H Dog Obedience Training**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years the dog has received training (private or 4-H) \_\_\_\_\_

Last level of training completed by dog (private or 4-H) \_\_\_\_\_

Check classes desired (you can choose obedience and showmanship or just obedience): (Please check the letter for definitions).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Obedience (Please indicate level)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Open               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-novice                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Utility        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novice                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Novice                          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novice                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Showmanship</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Open                                 |   |

**Vaccination Record** - A copy of the vaccination record/veterinarian certificate stating proof of vaccination must be turned in with this enrollment form. Before each shot, please indicate the date the shot was administered:

Rabies  Hepatitis  Parvovirus  Distemper  Leptospirosis

**4-H Project Waiver, Assumption of Risk and Agreement to Hold Harmless**

I understand that attendance at dog training classes is not without risk to myself, members of my family or guests who may attend, or my dog, because some of the dogs to which I might be exposed may be difficult to control and may be cause of injury even when handled with the greatest amount of care.

I hereby waive and release the sponsoring organization, its members, volunteer leaders, and agents from any and all liability of any nature for injury or damage which I or my dog may suffer, including specifically, but without limitation, any injury or damage resulting form the action of any dog, and I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury while attending any training session or other function of the sponsoring organization, or while on the training grounds or the surrounding area thereto.

In consideration of and as inducement to the acceptance of my application for training, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the sponsoring organization, its members, volunteer leaders and agents for any and all claims, or claims by any members of my family or any other person accompanying me to the training session or function of the sponsoring organization or while on the grounds or the surrounding area thereto as a result of any action by any dog, including my own.

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Signature of member

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Signature of parent/guardian

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Date