

## January/February 2004

Dear 4-H Dog Project Leaders,

The State 4-H office is proud to bring to you the second edition of the 4-H Dog Project Leader newsletter. This newsletter has been designed to give you some helpful information as you enter the training and showing season. Please feel free to share with us other helpful hints that you have found successful.

Sincerely,

Mary Clancy - 4-H Ag Program Specialist



### The Truth About Dog Training Donna Duford – trainer and behaviorist

- **Dogs are honest**
- **Dogs do what works**
- **Dogs are obedient to the laws of learning**
- **If you want your dog to do something, find a way to make it pay off for him.**
- **The floor is often more exciting than you are**
- **You must be more exciting than the floor, other dogs, or someone else's treats.**
- **You are the trainer – your dog's success depends upon you.**

## DOG GAMES

Submitted by Cindy Smith

### *Simon Says*

The regular routine commands are given but with a “Simon Says” in front of the command. If the command is given without “Simon Says” and the 4-H’ers follow it – they are out. It is a perfect way to break the same old routine and make the participants listen to what is being said. The most fun has been doing the commands on a recall. You will be surprised how many 4-H’ers will call their dog anyway.

### *Rally Obedience*

This one takes a little preparation but can give the 4-H’ers some independence in working. Fill old coffee cans with sand, place a stick in the can with a command or routine flag attached to the stick. The cans are then scattered around the work area and the participants are asked to do what is on the stick. Mix things up so the routine is not the same as in a show. For example, “Drop your dog and walk around him three times”, the dog still has to stay but is getting to watch something differently.

### *Egg Race*

Each 4-H’er is given a plastic spoon with an egg. The dog must heel and do the commands while the 4-H’er must keep the egg in the spoon. Fast, followed by an about turn is really fun to watch. This also makes the 4-H’ers sit their dogs without the aids of sitting them or jerking on the leash, (the egg can really fly in a good jerk). This one can be used to aiding the 4-H’ers to stop double commands, let the dog make the decision.

Enjoy these games and make your own alterations to fit your group. They can be useful for the beginners or advanced.

## 2004 Iowa State Fair 4-H Dog Show

Friday, August 20

8-9:30 a.m. – Check-in

9:45 a.m. – Exhibitor Meeting

10:15 a.m. – Dog Show

### OBEDIENCE

Here is a brief class description indicating the requirements for each class. Greater detail can be found in the 2004 Iowa State Fair 4- H Premium book, available at your local county extension office in June.

#### 3001 Pre-Novice “A” – Obedience

This class is only for dogs and exhibitors in their first year of 4-H dog obedience training. Dogs will heel, stand for examination and do the figure 8 all on leash. They will recall on leash and do sits for one minute and downs for three minutes on leash.

#### 3002 Pre-Novice “B” – Obedience

For exhibitors who are in their second year or greater of dog obedience. Dogs will heel, stand for examination and do figure 8 all on leash. They will recall on leash and do long sits for one minute and long downs for three minutes on leash.

#### 3003 Sub-Novice

For dogs and handlers with two years or less of obedience training. Exercises: heel on leash, figure-8 on leash, recall OFF leash, stand for examination OFF leash, sit-stay (1 minute) and down-stay (3 minutes) OFF leash.

#### 3004 Novice A – Obedience

For exhibitors with three years or less of dog obedience who have achieved a qualifying score in a 4-H dog obedience show in a Pre-Novice A or Pre-Novice B class at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair. Dogs will heel and do figure 8 on leash and heel off leash, stand for examination off leash, recall off leash, do long sits for one minute and long downs for three minutes off leash.

#### 3005 Novice B – Obedience

For exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in Novice A at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair. Dogs will heel and do figure 8 on leash and heel off leash, stand for examination off leash, recall off leash, do long sits for one minute and downs for three minutes of leash.

#### 3006 Graduate Novice A – Obedience

This class is open to project exhibitors of three or more years who have achieved a qualifying score in a 4-H dog obedience show in the Novice A or B at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair. Dogs will open heel free, figure 8 exercise, moving stand and examination, moving drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over broad jump, and long down with handlers out of sight for three minutes.

#### 3007 Graduate Novice B – Obedience

For exhibitors who have or have not achieved a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair. Dogs will open heel free, figure 8 exercise, moving stand and examination, moving drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over broad jump, and long down with handlers out of sight for three minutes

#### 3008 Open A –Obedience

This class is open to project exhibitors of three or more years who have achieved a qualifying score in the Graduate Novice class B at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair. However, a qualifying score in Pre-Novice, Novice or Graduate Novice is not required to enter this class. Dogs will heel and figure 8 off leash, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, over the high jump and perform the broad jump and do three minute sits and five minute downs off leash and with exhibitor out of sight.

#### **3009 Open B –Obedience – NEW in 2004**

This class is open to project exhibitors of three or more years who have achieved a qualifying score in the Graduate Novice class A at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair. However, a qualifying score in Pre-Novice, Novice or Graduate Novice is not required to enter this class. Dogs will heel and figure 8 off leash, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, over the high jump and perform the broad jump and do three minute sits and five minute downs off leash and with exhibitor out of sight.

#### 3010 Utility – Obedience

This class is open to project exhibitors of three or more years and for those who have achieved a qualifying score in Open class B at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair. However, a qualifying score in open is not required to enter. Dogs will do scent discrimination (selection of articles handled by the owner) directed retrieve, the moving stand for examination and directed jumping. Dogs entered in this class may enter class 3009 as the one other obedience class. Dogs may have a U.D. Degree.



**STATE FAIR HANDLING (SHOWMANSHIP)**

*Please note the new class numbers and descriptions for 2004.* Handling classes will be judged using the following Showmanship Score Card:

Exhibitor (appearance, attitude).....	15 points
Dog grooming and condition .....	25 points
Handling .....	30 points
Questions.....	30 points
Total 100 points	

**Class Listing**

- 3101 Junior "A" Handling – Junior Handler (grades 5-6) in first year of handling training.
- 3102 Junior "B" Handling – Junior Handler (grades 5-6) in second year or beyond of handling training.
- 3103 Intermediate "A" Handling – Intermediate Handler (grades 7-9) in first year of handling training
- 3104 Intermediate "B" Handling – Intermediate Handler (grades 7-9) in second year or beyond of handling training.
- 3105 Senior "A" Handling – Senior Handler (grades 10-12) in first year of handling training.
- 3106 Senior "B" Handling – Senior Handler (grades 10-12) in second year or beyond of handling training.

**Beginning in 2004, a top handler will be awarded in each division – Junior, Intermediate and Senior.**

**New in 2004 - J and J Dog Supplies will provide a \$15 gift certificate to the state fair division winners in both obedience and handling.**



**4-H Dog Project Lab Kits Available for Check Out**

Contents Educators' Resource Materials Set contains masters of the learning laboratory kit contents - situation/task statements, charts and diagrams, identification tags, and instructions.

- \* Animal part identification poster
- \* Animal conformation posters
- \* Care and grooming equipment identification diagrams and cards
- \* Animal handling, management, and restraint diagrams, prints, and activity components
- \* Common external parasites poster
- \* Common internal parasites poster
- \* Vaccination record poster
- \* Normal animal awareness/handling activity components
- \* Grooming activity components
- \* Animal safety and sanitation issues poster
- \* Color breed identification prints with name tags and trait descriptions and much more!

To borrow a Learning Lab Kit from the State 4-H Office fill out the rental form located at this web site

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/kits.html>

or by contacting Carol Tierney at the state 4-H office by phoning 515-294-3760. The rental fee is \$10.00.

## We Want to Hear From You!

Are you interested in another newsletter? Would you attend a regional leader training for dog project leaders? Would you like to volunteer at the state fair 4-H dog show? Are there other questions or comments that you would like to share?

If you said yes to any of the above, please contact Mary Clancy at the state 4-H office, via the phone at 515-294-8617 or via e-mail at [clancy@iastate.edu](mailto:clancy@iastate.edu).

### 4-H Dog Judges

If you are looking for judges, the state 4-H office maintains a state wide judge's database. Contact your local county extension office to either find a judge or have your name added to the list.



## Can You Find These Activities in Your 4-H Project Materials?

### *Telltale Tails*

Animals use body language as their main way of communicating. Dogs have conversations among themselves just by the way they hold their tail or tilt their ears. There is a great activity in one of the 4-H Project guides that demonstrates body language in dogs. Do you know where it is?

### *Jazzing Up Training Classes*

This chapter provides a variety of games that can be used to reinforce concepts that you are working on in training classes. These activities allow members to exchange speed for precision in their enthusiasm to play.

### **Resources Used:**

Level 1 – Wiggles and Wags, # NCR 418  
4-H 403 LDR - Dog Group Activity Guide for Leaders.



## **Dog Owner's Pledge**

Source: Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

### **I am acquiring a pet dog to love and enjoy**

- It is a privilege to own a pet
- I have a responsibility to care for my pet during its whole life.

### **I am not impulsively obtaining a dog**

- I have consulted the other members of my household
- I have considered how having a dog will affect my lifestyle
- I know it is my responsibility to feed my dog, and to give it water, housing, medical care and training. There will be some cost in my time and money.

### **I am aware of society's animal surplus problem and my part in it.**

- I will control my dog's ability to produce offspring by having it neutered.
- I will obtain information on correct training of my pet dog.
- I will have my dog tattooed or have identification tags on my dog at all times.
- I will follow state and local laws about owning pet dogs and prevent my dog from infringing on the rights of others

### **I will not abandon my dog.**

- If I cannot properly care for my dog, I will try to find it a good home.
- If there is no other choice, I will take it to an animal shelter for possible community placement.

Or

- I will take the responsibility myself and have it humanely euthanized by a veterinarian.