

2024 Clinton County 4-H/FFA Dog Workshops

You are receiving this letter because you are interested in the dog project.

Dog Orientation Meeting

When: March 25 at 6 pm

Where: Fairgrounds Auditorium (south room)

Who: 1st year exhibitors and Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend.

About: The dog committee will discuss expectations, equipment you'll need, what workshops will look like, and answer questions. Do not bring your dog to this meeting. If you are a first-year exhibitor who cannot attend, please let us know!

Dog Workshop Dates

Workshops will begin April 1 at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds and continue until July 15. No workshop will be held on Memorial Day (May 27). We will start in the auditorium. As the weather improves, we'll move outside and eventually the beef arena. Beginners meet together and more advanced exhibitors meet together. Plan for 45-minute obedience classes the first couple of weeks. Then 30-minutes. From 6:30-7:00 will be showmanship and agility practice. You must attend 8 workshops to show at the fair!

Dog Department Rule Updates

-Agility Division – changed all “rally” to agility in class descriptions. This was an oversight from last year’s rule change.

-a copy of the dog department rules is included with this letter. They are also available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair

Reminder regarding aggressive/biting dogs

From the Dog Department General Rules

9. *To protect exhibitors and dogs from aggressive/biting dogs during workshops and at the fair, the warning system is as follows:*
 - a. *First offense- the exhibitor will receive one written warning from a member of the dog committee.*
 - b. *Second offense- the exhibitor will receive one written warning from an Extension Staff member.*
 - c. *Third offense- the dog will no longer be able to attend workshops or the dog show for the remainder of the year. Exhibitor will be notified in writing by a member of the Extension Council.*

Important Deadlines!

Before you attend workshops:

Since the Extension Office needs to have copies of rabies certificates on file while workshops are going on, we're asking that all members identify their dogs **before** you attend workshops. *This saves you a step of sending us your paperwork and then identifying the dog.*

- A. If you want to exhibit as a **4-H member**,
 1. Log into 4hOnline (<https://v2.4honline.com>)
 2. Identify your dog under the member's animal tab on the left side.

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3. You'll need to provide rabies/distemper vaccination information.
4. Make sure you hit submit! You'll receive an email confirmation.
- B. If you want to exhibit as a **FFA member**,
 1. Log into FairEntry with a previously created account. If this is your first year AND you are not a 4-H member, create an account. If this is your first year and you ARE a 4-H member, use your 4hOnline login information.
 2. Website: <https://clintoniowa.fairentry.com> You'll see a Spy Your Potential logo.
 3. You'll register as an exhibitor and then be able to identify animals.
 4. You'll need to provide rabies/distemper vaccination information.
 5. Please note, you won't select your FFA chapter yet. That will happen in the next step. FairEntry does not send you a confirmation email. If you'd like to confirm your animal is identified, ask your advisor or contact me.

Before May 15:

1. 4-H members, must enroll in 4hOnline (<https://v2.4honline.com>)
2. 4-H members, must pay enrollment fees
3. 4-H AND FFA should review 4H 202 (Animal Identification, Weighing and Exhibiting Requirements) found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>
4. Identify your dog (if you haven't already!)

Between June 1 – July 1:

Both 4-H and FFA members must **create the entries** to exhibit. Creating an entry tells staff which class you plan to exhibit your animal in.

1. Log into FairEntry at: <https://clintoniowa.fairentry.com> You'll see a Spy Your Potential logo.
2. Your dog's information will be there. Sign up for which class each specific dog will be entered in.

Additional Notes for Dog Exhibitors

Record Book Entries

The record book process starts today! For Clinton 4-H record book overview, please visit www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/record-keeping. For the dog lifetime record visit, store.extension.iastate.edu/product/327.

Continue Learning

More resources to develop your dog project are available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/dogs. Find tips to expand your knowledge and start working on an indoor exhibit in the Dog Project Guide (store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15271)!

As always, reach out with questions.



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