

4-H EVENT/OPPORTUNITY:

Ohio 4-H Dog Expo

DATE/DEADLINE:

Event date: Saturday, April 18, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, April 10, 2015

Same day registrations will NOT be accepted!

LOCATION: Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave. NW, Canton, Ohio 44708

<http://starkcountyfair.com/>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE INFORMATION:

Registration is \$20.00 per youth for a whole day and \$10.00 per youth for a half day, and due Friday, April 10. There is no day-of-event registration, so participants must register by the deadline. Volunteers and parents can attend for free without their dogs. Youth who want to just watch and are not bringing dogs may attend for free.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Ohio 4-H Dog Expo is for 4-H members enrolled in dog projects, as well as 4-H volunteer leaders and parents. Sessions are grouped by skill and are appropriate for all skill levels; however this event is geared toward beginning and intermediate dog-handler teams. In addition to sessions, other activities will be offered as noted on the registration information. Food will be available for purchase on the grounds. Displays and vendors will also be present.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

4-H Dog Expo is designed to:

- Teach youth foundation building and skills needed to be successful in showmanship, obedience, rally, and agility performances.
- Teach participants dog handling and attention techniques to help ensure participant's and dog's safety.
- Teach participants positive training techniques to improve their performance as youth-dog teams.
- Provide a venue for 4-H dog volunteers to increase their knowledge of preparing youth and dogs for 4-H dog shows.

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About Stark County Fairgrounds: Find information about the Stark County Fairgrounds at: <http://starkcountyfair.com/>.

Driving Directions: The address for the Stark County Fairgrounds is: 305 Wertz Avenue NW, Canton, Ohio 44708. A map of the Fairgrounds can be found at: <http://starkcountyfair.com/fair-info/map-of-fairgrounds/>. Once entering the Fairgrounds, follow the signs to 4-H Dog Expo Registration held in the Exhibition Hall (E6 on the map).

Concessions: Lunch, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase on site.

What to Bring:

Buckle Collar, head halters, front attach or H style harnesses

6' leash (no retractable or chain leashes)

Treats

Clean up bags

A non-squeaky toy (if your dog likes toys)

Water bowl and water

Wide-mouth treat pouch (such as a \$2 cloth nail apron from a hardware store)

Folding chair for parents (optional)

Any questions!

Optional:

If you are doing Stacking or Gaiting sessions, bring a showmanship collar and lead if you have one.

Notes:

- For skill training, we request you use buckle collars. You may use a slip collar for run-through sessions.
- Treats: Bring 4-5 different types of treats. Test your treats at somewhere other than home to be sure your dog will eat in a new location. Pre-cut your treats into pea-sized pieces. Think about different types of plain cooked meat and small pieces of cheese as good examples of high value treats.

Additional Activities:

- Grooming – see description below
- AKC Canine Good Citizen and Community Canine Testing will be available throughout the day. Testing is \$5.00 for 4-H members, payable on site. The general public is welcome to come for CGC testing for a fee of \$10.00 per dog. To see the amount of training required for these tests (must have CGC before taking the Community Canine Testing), please refer to the AKC website: http://www.akc.org/dogowner/training/canine_good_citizen/index.cfm.
- Skillathon Stations from the Dog Learning Laboratory Kit will be set up for testing your knowledge
- Selected agility equipment will be set up for supervised use
- Dog-Related Displays will be available

Crafts: You will be able to make dog items (tug toys) for a nominal fee. Cost will range from \$2.00 to \$10.00 each.

Session Descriptions

Sessions are grouped by skill rather than project. Unless otherwise noted, sessions are appropriate for different skill levels; however this event is geared toward beginning and intermediate level teams. Once you arrive at your session location, attendees may be divided into smaller groups based on skill level.

Grooming: For the health of your dog, it is important to understand the basics of daily grooming, care and upkeep. These skills will also add to the success of your 4-H dog project work especially for You and Your Dog and Showmanship. In this session you will learn grooming techniques from professionals to help your dog not only look, but be, his or her best. This session is a lecture and demonstration. Participant dogs may be used for portions of this session. There is no pre-registration.

Showmanship Stacking: Knowing how to properly stack your dog is very important in Showmanship. Learn tips and tricks for great hand stacking, stacking on the table and free stacking.

Showmanship Gaiting: Learn to appropriately move your dog in the showmanship ring. Professionals will help you and your dog learn how to properly gait and look your best. This will help your showmanship patterns look smooth, efficient, and proficient.

Heeling: Heeling is essential for obedience and rally. Moving together is important in freestyle and agility. Learn how to get good position, attention, and more.

Stays: You only have to look at score sheets to see how important stays are for obedience...long stays, stays for recalls, stand for exams, and more. Stays can help your dog hold a stacked position in showmanship, keep your dog still at the start line in agility, and at various places throughout a rally course. Activities will focus on developing and improving stays.

Sit/Down/Stand: These behaviors are important for obedience and rally. Getting a sharp response to cues is helpful in obedience, agility, and rally. Work on getting a strong, fluent, and precise behavior in response to your cue. Learn about getting the behavior, fading the prompt, and advanced variations.

Polite Greetings: Dogs need to learn to calmly greet people for great manners as well as many 4-H projects. Obedience dogs learn a sit or stand for examination. In Showmanship dogs should be comfortable holding still for the judge. In the Canine Good Citizen test your dog will need to hold still while the evaluator approaches, shakes your hand, pets your dog, and brushes him/looks at feet. This session will help prepare your dog for these exciting challenges.

Attention Games: It's hard for many dogs to learn how to be attentive and it is especially important for 4-H dogs who have to focus in a busy environment at the fair. This session includes games and activities to improve your dog's attention. Appropriate for teams of all levels that need some work.

Tricks: Tricks are great for learning how to be good at training and for your dog to become a better learner. They can be helpful tools for body awareness, physical conditioning, and as part of a warm up and cool down routine. Tricks are also great for keeping your dog busy while waiting for your turn in the ring or between obedience exercises.

Agility Handler Cues or Cuing Your Dog in Agility: What cues can we use to tell our dog where we are going on the agility course? Learn when to use the right cues to give your dog the best advantage. **Beginner** sessions are for dogs in their first or second year in agility. **Intermediate** sessions are for dogs in the second or more years of agility.

Barn Hunt: The exciting sport of Barn Hunt allows the dog to put his drive and sense of smell to work. Barn Hunt is a sport for any breed or mix breed of dog who can fit through an 18" wide gap between two bales of straw. You will have a chance to introduce your dog to the rat and learn how your dog indicates he has found the rat...vocalizing, wagging tail quickly, freezing like a statue, etc. <http://barnhunt.com/>

Judged Run-Throughs (Beginner Novice Obedience): In these sessions, the instructor will give a critiqued run-through to each team. These sessions are best suited for members with more experience and are not good choices for first year members with no prior show experience at this time in the 4-H year. Watching other teams, and listening to the scoring and thought processes of the instructors, will help teams better understand what to expect when showing.

Advisor Session – General: Members of the State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee will discuss topics relevant and important to advisors and answer questions. If attending, please complete a registration form. Session is Free.

Advisor Session – Body Language: Learning how to "read" the body language and communication signals of 4-H'er's dogs is one of the most reliable ways to ensure safety and improve the quality of the work session. Understanding how behavior patterns and the learning processes are affected by fear and anxiety can help you make appropriate recommendations and support your members through the training process. If attending, please complete a registration form. Session is Free.