

**BARRON COUNTY 4-H**



**DOG PROJECT**

**2019**



**Handbook**

*We would like to dedicate this 4-H year*

*to longtime leader,*

*Mike Powell,*

*who passed unexpectedly on November 15th, 2018.*

*He will be greatly missed.*



## Dog Project Board Members and Training Center Leaders

Dog Project Committee consists of elected leaders and project superintendents.  
(\*denotes Committee Members)

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## 2019 Educational/Kickoff Meetings

- Thursday, January 17th, 7 pm, Government Center Auditorium-**All Members Invited**
- Thursday, February 14th, 7 pm, Government Center Auditorium – **All Members Invited**
- Thursday, March 14th, 7 pm, Government Center Auditorium– **All Members Invited**

**NO DOGS** at these meetings! Guest Speakers TBA.

## Meet & Greets (WITH DOGS)

These classes are for new members and any dog new to the project. Must attend 2 of the three classes with dog to be eligible to participate in training centers.

These are all held at the Northwood's Animal Learning & Wellness Center, 2775 8th Ave., Chetek, WI 54728 at 6:30 pm.

- Tuesday, April 9th
- Tuesday, April 16th
- Tuesday, April 23th

## 2019 Training Centers (All Members with dogs)

- **Cumberland**  
**Obedience classes begin** – Tuesday, April 30th, 6:30 pm - at the beach (*On-leash work only*)
- **Rice Lake**
  - **Obedience Classes begin** – Wednesday, May 1st - at Barron County Fairgrounds.  
Start Times: Beginners 6:30p.m.; 2nd and 3rd Year 6:30 p.m. and/or 7:00 p.m.; 4th year and up 6:00 p.m.  
  
**\*Showmanship times to be announced at the Rice Lake Center**
  - **Agility Classes Begin** – Wednesday, May 1st at Barron County Fairgrounds  
6:00 pm – First year  
7:00 pm – Second year and up

## 2019 Other Events

Barron County Fair Agility Show (at fairgrounds) – Wednesday, July 10th, 6:00 pm start time

Barron County Fair Obedience/Showmanship Show – Wednesday, July 17th, 9:00 am start time

State 4-H Dog Obedience & Showmanship Show-TBA

State 4-H Agility Show-TBA

Potluck Awards Banquet – At the Barron County Fairgrounds - August 7th

# Dog Handbook

The 4-H Dog Project encourages youth to set goals and by doing this, helps to develop self-confidence, problem solving techniques, self-discipline, and a feeling of self-worth in members. The dog project teaches good communication, sportsmanship, patience and empathy for others, while emphasizing the skills and accomplishments of each individual.

## General

1. Open to all 4-H members enrolled in the dog project in grades 3 through 13. Members must be a minimum of 9 years of age on April 1st of current year to participate. All handlers and dogs participate at their own risk.
2. Open to all breeds of dogs that are at least six (6) months of age as of April 1st of the current year.
3. The Barron County 4-H Dog Project and training program is run by volunteers. The dog committee consists of up to nine (9) dog project leaders including the superintendent(s).
4. The Barron County 4-H Dog Project is accountable to the Barron County 4-H Youth Development Educator and the Barron County 4-H Association.
5. The Barron County 4-H Dog Project shall elect or appoint a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer at the first organizational meeting in the fall of each year.
6. 4-H Dog Project Board members in attendance at a board meeting have the authority to vote on the items of business requiring a vote. A majority vote or consensus of the board will be the determining factor.
7. The secretary will record all business conducted in the form of minutes and make the minutes available to Dog Project Board members; project members may request copies of the minutes of meetings.
8. By participating in this program, parents/guardians, members, and any other people in attendance at any dog project event are agreeing to abide by the rules, decisions, and directions of the dog committee and instructors. Failure to cooperate could result in removal of the member from the program.
9. The dog committee, leaders, and judges reserve the right to dismiss any dog if they feel it is in the best interest of the class, child or dog. Member may substitute another dog per leader's approval. Dog owners will be responsible for any person or dog injured by their dog.
10. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times from the member and their families. Parents, family, and friends are encouraged to watch, providing there is not interference or disruptions during class or competition. Questions and comments are welcome, but please refrain until after class session is complete.
11. Do not bring any other dogs/animals to class that are not participating in the dog project.
12. A parent or responsible adult must stay at training centers and any other project events with non-driving age participants. In addition, a parent or adult must be present when any member has multiple dogs or the member and/or dog has special needs.
13. Appropriate clothing and shoes must be worn at all training and show competitions. For safety reasons sandals, flip-flops, open toe, or open heeled shoes are not allowed at any time. Member will be asked to sit out and be counted present the first time only. Further violation of proper attire will result in being marked as absent for attendance.
14. Dress for the weather as we practice outside. Wear coats and gloves if necessary.

15. A fee of \$30.00 for each member enrolled will be collected to help defray the cost of awards, programs, etc. You may get a person or business to pay the \$30.00 membership fee as a sponsorship. See sponsorship handout for details.
  - a. All registration forms, vaccination certificates and dues must be received at the 4-H Extension Office on or before April 1st. No paperwork will be taken after April 1st!
  - b. Vaccinations must be valid through July of current calendar year.
16. Dogs must be on leash at all times unless under the direction of a certified 4-H dog leader.
17. Each member is responsible for cleaning up after his/her dog and keeping the training grounds clean. Please bring proper clean up materials.
18. Any training center cancellations will be notified by e-mail, the Dog Project Facebook page, and WJMC radio.
19. All complaints concerning dog project activities shall be directed to the Dog Project Committee in writing through the County 4-H Agent.
20. Female dogs in season are not to be brought to training centers; the member should still attend. Dogs in season are allowed to show at the county fair in Obedience only in a special area. Notify training center leaders or ring steward(s) prior to unloading dog at the fair.
21. Dog must be solely trained by the 4-H member enrolled in the project and shown in the class for which it received training for in that year.
22. Member may have a total of two (2) dogs in the project per year.
23. Only the member may approach the dog show superintendent or judge with questions or objections to the judging and/or scoring at the county fair.
24. Dogs learn by repetition therefore members are encouraged to practice with their dog each day for 10-15 minutes. It is also recommended that the member be responsible for the feeding and general care of the dog.
25. Upon dissolution of the Barron County 4-H Dog Project all assets will be turned over to the Humane Society of Barron County or current county humane organization.

## Attendance

26. **First and second year members** must attend a minimum of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of scheduled training meetings for each discipline to be eligible to show at the County Fair. **Third year and above members** please discuss attendance requirements and options to make up training sessions with your individual training center leader(s).
  - A. It is the member's responsibility to make sure they check in every week.
  - B. Training center leaders shall be the authority on exhibition eligibility regarding attendance.
27. A minimum of six (6) members and one certified leader are required to start a new training center. Approval of a new center will be made by the dog committee at the fall meeting prior to the upcoming year. The curriculum taught shall be the same at all centers.

28. Members are expected to arrive 5-10 minutes prior to their scheduled class. This will allow for bathroom breaks before class for dogs and/or youth. There will be a folder/clipboard at each training area for signing in and for handouts. **It is your responsibility to sign in at your Obedience AND Agility class, so that we have an accurate record of your attendance that is required to be able to show at fair.** It is up to the discretion of the instructor to give credit for the session based on participation.
29. First year Obedience members are encouraged to attend **all** designated training sessions. The first eight weeks are critical in learning all the exercises.

## **Health & Vaccinations**

30. **All dogs exhibited and/or trained must have the following vaccinations:**

### **I. Required Vaccinations:**

- a. Canine Distemper, Adenovirus Type A (Hepatitis) and Parainfluenza and Parvovirus.
  1. Required a minimum of every three years in previously vaccinated dogs
- b. Rabies
  1. Required a minimum of every three years in previously vaccinated dogs
- c. Leptospirosis and Bordetella (kennel cough)
  1. Required yearly in all dogs

### **II. Strongly Recommended:**

- a. Monthly Flea and Tick Control that is veterinarian approved. If fleas are found on your dog, they will be excused for the calendar year.
- b. Regular De-Worming Schedule
- c. Lyme's disease vaccination
- d. Canine influenza vaccination
- e. Please discuss with your veterinarian your dog's health and vaccination needs

Proof of current vaccinations must be turned in **EVERY** by April 1st. Two signed certificates of vaccination from a licensed veterinarian to be turned in to the 4-H Extension office on or before **April 1st**. Vaccination certificates must include; type of vaccination, date given and expiration date. All vaccinations must be valid **THROUGH** the county fair. **\*Absolutely no dogs will be allowed in class without current year's vaccination papers on file. Copies of medical records or receipts are not valid proof of vaccination.**

Any variances of the dog project vaccination requirements must be addressed by a licensed veterinarian in written format and delivered to the dog project board for review before April 1st of current year.

31. Dogs must be healthy and free of parasites. If your dog is sick or injured leave them at home and consult your veterinarian. Member should still attend class.

## **Obedience**

32. American Kennel Club (AKC) rules will be followed with modifications for 4-H. Visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)
33. A dog that receives a blue ribbon at the county fair must advance to the next higher class the following year.

34. Member may have no more than two (2) Obedience entries, but only one dog per class. (Excluding Brace and Team).
35. If a new handler is beginning with a previously trained dog they may only compete in one class below that in which the dog received a blue ribbon.
36. Dog training center leaders will assist members in choosing and have final determination of appropriate class(es) to enter for county fair.
37. Obedience (A) Classes-The handler and dog are both training at this level for the first time whether inside or outside of 4-H.  
Obedience (B) Classes-The handler has had previous experience training a dog, but is now showing an untrained dog. Or an inexperienced handler is showing a previously trained dog. Or, the same handler/dog combination are repeating a class.
38. Equipment needed (Leaders will assist you in obtaining and fitting proper equipment) flat buckle collar or training collar of either fabric or chain, with nothing attached and a 6 foot leather or fabric leash. *(First year members may use a prong/pinch collar **at the leaders discretion** for training or at the fair)*

## Agility

39. Agility Criteria for Participation:
  - A. Dog and handler must have completed a minimum of one (1) year of Obedience training as a part of the county 4-H program and are encouraged to continue training in Obedience.
  - B. Dog/handler teams must adhere to all attendance guidelines as stated above and check in each week with the Agility leader for attendance.
  - C. Dogs are assumed to be in good health; dogs with any questionable health issues such as blindness, lameness, severely overweight, etc. may want to consult a veterinarian before participating.
  - D. Since the dogs will be working on and off leash, dogs must be under good voice control.
  - E. **Member will be expected to help with set up and take down of equipment.**
  - F. United States Dog Agility Association Junior Handler (USDAA) rules will be followed with modifications for 4-H. See [www.usdaa.com](http://www.usdaa.com)
  - G. **No dogs are allowed on the agility equipment outside of class time.**
  - H. Member may have up to two (2) agility dogs.
  - I. Dogs in season are not allowed at agility classes or to show at county fair.
  - J. It is especially important for beginner agility members to attend the first four (4) training sessions to get comfortable on the equipment.
  - K. Equipment – flat buckle collar with nothing attached and a six (6) foot leather or fabric leash.
  - L. Agility training center leaders will assist members in choosing and have final determination of appropriate class(es) to enter for county fair.

## Showmanship

Showmanship demonstrates teamwork between the handler and the dog, so the dog appears posed, alert and under control, while at the same time the handler appears confident and in control. Judging is based on the member's presentation of their dog, grooming of their dog, and knowledge of dogs. Conformation of the dog is not evaluated.



1. It is recommended that members have one (1) year of Obedience before taking showmanship.
2. Training session times for showmanship will be announced.
3. Leaders will assist with proper equipment on an individual basis.

## Department J-9 Dogs

### DIVISION A – DOG OBEDIENCE

#### CLASS NUMBER:

1. Beginner Pre-Novice: Exhibitors grades 3-7 as of January 1.
2. Beginner Pre-Novice: Exhibitors grades 8-13 as of January 1.
3. Pre-Novice A: Exhibitors grades 3-7 as of Jan. 1
4. Pre-Novice A: - Exhibitors grades 8-13 as of Jan. 1
5. Pre-Novice B: Exhibitors grades 3-7 as of Jan. 1
6. Pre-Novice B: Exhibitors grades 8-13 as of Jan. 1
7. Novice A
8. Novice B
9. Graduate Novice
10. Graduate Novice B
11. Pre-Open
12. Open
13. Pre-Utility
14. Utility
15. Costume Class – the dog or handler and do may be in costume.
16. Best Tricks Class – Handler to have their dog show off its best trick.

#### PREMIUMS FOR DIVISION A-1-12

Blue \$4.50; Red \$3.50; White \$2.50; Pink \$1.50

### DIVISION B – SHOWMANSHIP

DOGS IN SEASON NOT ALLOWED TO SHOW IN SHOWMANSHIP

#### CLASS NUMBER:

1. Junior – Grades 3-5
2. Intermediate – Grades 6-8
3. Senior – Grades 9-13

#### PREMIUMS FOR SHOWMANSHIP

Blue \$3.00; Red \$2.50; White \$2.00; Pink \$1.50

### DIVISION C – TEAM OBEDIENCE/BRACE/AGILITY

TEAM OBEDIENCE: A team consists of 4 Handlers and 4 dogs. They will compete in either Pre-Novice or Novice Class. A team member and/or dog can only compete on

one team. All four handlers should dress alike. The team will elect a team captain who will enter the ring first with a list of team members. To qualify as a Pre-Novice Team, three of the four members must be at the Pre-Novice level. For Novice Teams, all members must be a Novice Level or above.

#### CLASS NUMBER:

1. Team Obedience: Pre-Novice
2. Team Obedience: Novice

#### **BRACE**

Brace class consists of one handler and two dogs. Both dogs must be trained and shown by handler at the County Fair. Dog may be shown unattached or coupled, the coupling device to be not less than six inches in overall length. The brace team will compete at Novice level exercises.

#### CLASS NUMBER:

3. Brace Class - Novice

#### **AGILITY**

Member may have up to two agility dogs. Dogs in Season the day of the show are not allowed to perform in agility. One completed year obedience required.

#### CLASS NUMBER:

4. Standard Agility – Starters
5. Standard AGility – Intermediate – second year of agility at fair.
6. Standard Agility – Advanced – third year of agility at fir.
7. Standard Agility – Masters – four years of more of agility at the fair.
8. Relay Agility – Starters
9. Relay Agility – Intermediate
10. Relay Agility – Advance
11. Gamblers Agility – Starters
12. Gamblers Agility – Intermediate
13. Gamblers Agility – Advanced

#### PREMIUMS FOR DIVISION C – CLASS 4-7

Blue \$3.00; Red \$2.50-; White\$2.00; Pink \$1.50

## **DIVISION C – CLASSES 8-13 NO PREMIUMS**

**DIVISION D: Grades 3-5**

**DIVISION E: Grades 6-8**

**DIVISION F: Grades 9-13**

### **EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS:**

Posters must be no smaller than 11" X 14" and no larger than 22" X 22" in size. White tag board or poster board is to be used for mounting posters.

Youth will be required to bring their poster to the Youth Expo Building on Tuesday of the Fair Week between 1 and 6 pm for conference judging by the Vet Science Area Judge. Posters will be placed on display in the youth Expo Building.

#### **CLASS NUMBER:**

1. Poster summarizing a nutritionally balanced ration that you have determined is suited for the animal.
2. Poster which explains health and sanitation principles important in health care.
3. Poster describing a favorite breed. Include information on color, uses, bloodlines, history, and popularity, whatever can be found.
4. Poster of any of the following topics: Care, Training, Health, Nutrition, Psychology, Breed, History of Breeds, Colors and Markings, Anatomy, Careers, Safety, Reproduction, Youth Leadership in the project.
5. Any other poster related to the project (this may include a caption photo story of an animal you have raised – minimum of 3 pictures and 1 paragraph about project work).
6. Display of homemade articles for dog related use, such as a house, bed, collar, lead or other items.

#### **PREMIUMS FOR DISPLAYS:**

Blue \$2.00; Red \$1.75; White; \$1.50 Pink \$1.50

## **ANIMAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

**DIVISION G: GRADES 3-5**

**DIVISION H: GRADES 6-8**

**DIVISION I: GRADES 9-13**

Open to anyone enrolled in the dog project.

- All pictures must contain dog(s) and dog related scenes.

- Pictures may have a caption and each entry may have a title.
- Pictures may be black and white or color and secured on an 11" X 14" white tag board or poster board.
- Entries will be judged on the basis of technical quality, composition and storytelling ability of the picture.
- Entry tag to be completely filled out and mounted on upper right corner of tag board or poster board.

#### **CLASS NUMBER:**

1. Single photo – any size up through 8" X 10".
2. Four pictures related to project on larger than 4" X 6".

#### **PREMIUMS FOR ABOVE:**

Blue \$2.00; Red \$1.75; White \$1.50; Pink \$1.25

**All entries will be conference judged on Tuesday of Fair Week between 1 and 6 pm by the Vet Science Area Judge in the Youth Expo Building and displayed in the Youth Expo Building.**