

# Dog Project Resources



## Dog Care & Training Projects

*LET'S GET THOSE DOGS UP AND GOING!!! COME PARTICIPATE IN THE 4-H DOG PROJECT!!*

Mixed breed or purebred, all kinds of dogs are welcome in the 4-H Dog Care and Training Project. You can have a better, well-mannered family member in about 6 weeks with any basic obedience training class. After obedience training, you can set your sights on Canine Good Citizenship Certification.

You will also learn about daily care and health of your dog and being a “dog foster parent.” Even community service and competition you can do with your dog. Most important of all is having fun as you build a bond with your dog and make friends who love dogs too!

Teach your dog new tricks! Bring your dog and complete a basic obedience course in about 6 weeks. Have fun and build confidence as your dog improves.

You can do all sorts of activities, like:

- Foster dogs, therapy or guide dogs,
- Competitions such as rallying, agility, obedience, showmanship or conformation
- photography

- career exploration
- canine good citizenship testing

You can learn of several statewide opportunities by visiting the [Texas 4-H Dog Care & Training](#) site.

### **Things to Learn/Do in the Project**

#### *Ages 7-9*

- Choose the right dog for your family
- Explore dog behavior and body language
- Learn grooming basics
- Begin obedience training

#### *Ages 10-13*

- Select nutritious dog foods
- Identify dog breeds and their purposes
- Show your dog in showmanship

#### *Ages 14 and Older*

- Continuing advanced obedience training
- Learn local dog laws and ordinances
- Explore the value of assistance dogs and careers with working dogs

## **Member Materials**

Reasonably priced materials are available for the dog project. You can order the materials for your project online or contact your local Extension Office.

### **Dog Care & Training (DG100)**

- [Wiggles 'n Wags \(ages 7-10\)](#)
- [Canine Connection \(ages 11-13\)](#)
- [Leading the Pack \(ages 14+\)](#)

### **Learning About the Dog Breeds**

- [AKC Dog Breed Channel](#) – This cool site has great information about each dog breed. The videos are educational and really give an insight to the breed and the history of the breeds.

***Quizlet Study Resource – [Link](#) – Go to the Quizlet to practice about breeds, showmanship, basic dog knowledge and more!***

***KaHoot! Competition!*** – Starting in September fun KaHoot games will start to test the knowledge that you are learning. Prizes will be given in each age division. Let's have some fun!!

## Video Resources

- [Introduction to the 4-H Dog Project](#)
- **Dog Obedience Series**
  - [Introduction to Obedience](#)
  - [Heeling](#)
    - AKC – [Teaching a Dog to Heal](#)
    - AKC – [How to Walk on a Leash](#)
  - [Figure 8](#)
  - [Recall](#)
  - [Drop on Recall](#)
  - [Dumbbell Recall](#)
  - [Recall Over Broad Jump](#)
  - [Retrieve Over High Jump](#)
  - [Long Sit](#)
  - [Long Down](#)
  - [Determining Jump Height](#)
- Dog Showmanship Series
  - [Overview of Dog Showmanship](#)
  - [Introduction to Dog Showmanship](#)
  - [Stacking](#)
  - [Gaiting](#)
  - [Individual Examination](#)
  - [Courtesy Turn](#)
  - [Triangle Pattern](#)
  - [L Pattern](#)
  - [T Pattern](#)
  - [Grooming Part 1](#)
  - [Grooming Part 2](#)
- [Rally](#)
  - [What is Rally?](#)
    - AKC – [How to Train at Home for Rally](#)