

Educational opportunities in the Dog Project

The **dog training skills** youth learn are:

- Agility – the handler directs their dog through a course of obstacles
- Rally – a sport for dogs based on obedience that uses signs put into a pattern that creates a course
- Showmanship – handling abilities, breed characteristics, dog care, and presenting different breeds in competition
- Obedience – heel, sit, sit-and-stay, stand-and-stay, and come when called. Obedience training teaches your dog how to behave in and away from home, as well as how to behave around other people and dogs.



Questions?

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Eau Claire County 4-H Dog Project



**Explore what kind of dog fits into
your family's lifestyle and how to
be an excellent trainer and
caretaker of your dog.**



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General Information

- Open to youth in grades 3 and up, enrolled in the Eau Claire County 4-H program.
- Youth who own dogs have access to a variety of trainings, the ability to compete in the County Fair, and opportunities to do community service work with their dog
- Youth who do not own dogs have access to activities such as dog photography, Animal and Veterinary Science projects, and can participate in the Dog Bowl and the County Fair.
- Youth gain life skills such as:
 - How to be a responsible dog owner and caretaker
 - Build a stronger relationship with their dog

Schedule

September

- The Eau Claire County 4-H Dog Project Informational Meeting

April

- Orientation Meeting

May through July

- Training Classes on Mondays and/or Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM
- Outside at the Eau Claire County Expo Center



Participation Rules & Regulations

Dog Handlers:

- Handlers will need to bring treats, a six-foot leather or nylon leash, training collar, water bowl and water, bags for cleanup
- Handlers need to wear rubber soled shoes and clothes that can get dirty

Canine Participants:

- Up-to-date distemper and rabies vaccinations (it is recommended that the dog be vaccinated for kennel cough and that they receive a parasite check)
- Female dogs who are in-season should not be brought to class
- Dogs that show aggression will be excused from class

