

# 2020 Erie County Dog Fact Sheet

Ohio State University Extension  
Erie County 4-H  
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## Project Numbers

201D – You and Your Dog  
201O - Dog Obedience  
201S - Dog Showmanship  
201P - Dog Performance  
201W- Working Dogs

## Interview/Book Check/Show

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Judging begins 10am – Fairgrounds  
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\*\*\*A Judging Schedule will be released in early July with specific times\*\*\*

\*\*\*All About Dogs (#200): This project is for members who have little or no experience with dogs and who may or may not have a dog – a dogless dog project! This project will be judged with Stills projects and can be found on its own factsheet.

\*\*\*Dog Achievement Program #202 (DAP) – In this non-competitive program, 4-H members have fun, learn more about dogs, and earn certificates and pins by completing categories of achievement such as basic training, exercise, and health and safety. More information about DAP is available at [ohio4h.org/DAP](http://ohio4h.org/DAP)

## Other Important Information:

Dog Project Identification Form & Vaccination Certificate and Certificate of License Due – June 8<sup>th</sup>

All individuals taking dog projects can display a small board at the fair.  
Displays should be dropped off Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 5-8 pm.

Jessica Castello at The Chelsea Dog is very knowledgeable about the 4-H Dog Program and is a wonderful resource for exhibitors. Additionally, the Chelsea Dog, 4515 Columbus Ave., in Sandusky hosts dog work-out and learning sessions. Anyone enrolled in a dog project is welcome to attend. Contact Jessica Castello for details and questions at 419-370-6737 or [THECHELSEADOGLLC@gmail.com](mailto:THECHELSEADOGLLC@gmail.com).

**Extension Professionals Responsible - Mary Beth Albright & Jessica George**

## Book Requirements

### Projects

201D - You and Your Dog  
201O - Dog Obedience  
201S - Dog Showmanship  
201P - Dog Performance  
201W - Working Dogs

### Required Book(s)

#201 Dog Project & Record Book & #201R Dog Resource Handbook  
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**#201R Dog Resource Book** needs to be ordered once and can be used for several years. It contains essential subject matter information for members taking ANY dog project. This book was **REVISED in 2016**

Please visit <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog> for details regarding project information, scoring (scoresheets will have show and interview requirements) and project requirements.



## Exhibit Rules and Requirements

### A. General Rules pertaining to ALL dog projects.

1. The exhibitors must be currently enrolled in one or more of the following 4-H Dog Projects: 201D, 201O, 201S, 201P, 201W
2. **The Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims form must be signed by the participant and their parent or guardian and submitted to the Extension Office by May 15th EACH year a member enrolls in a 4-H dog project. This form can be found attached to this factsheet.**
3. *Dogs must be in the continual care of the youth no later than April 1.*
4. **The 2020 Erie County Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate is required. Please submit to Jessica Castello or the Extension Office by June 8<sup>th</sup>. This form can be found on-line at <http://erie.osu.edu/4-h>**
5. All dogs MUST have current rabies vaccinations. Your veterinarian must document on this form that your dog's Rabies vaccination is current by filling in the "Date Expires" blank. Additionally, the Ohio 4-H Dog Program requires all dogs be vaccinated yearly for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, *unless otherwise noted below by veterinarian*. Bordetella vaccination is recommended, but not required. Veterinarian protocol for vaccinations will be followed. All vaccinations must be administered by a licensed veterinarian. **\*\*If your veterinarian feels that administering the Leptospirosis vaccination would jeopardize your dog's health, it may be waived. The administering veterinarian must initial the applicable box on the 2020 Erie County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate.**
  - a) For Erie County, all vaccinations must be current through July 25th and for the Ohio State Fair Dog Show all vaccinations must be current through August 8, 2020.
  - b) All 4-Her's must have the **2020 Erie County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate** completed and turned into Jessica Castello or the Extension Office by June 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - c.) The **2020 Erie County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate** signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian is required. **Other certificates of vaccination, computerized vaccination records, pet record cards, or kennel records will NOT be accepted.**
  - d.) Upon 4-Her's arriving at the dog show area, a veterinarian or dog committee member will check dogs. Veterinarian and committee members can dismiss dogs.
  - e.) These are the vaccinations requirements for showing a dog in Erie County. If showing at the State Fair, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure that these vaccinations meet State Fair requirements.
6. All dogs exhibited must be 6 months of age by the show date (July 25th).
7. Lessons, instruction, and advice for members is encouraged. As long as the member is present in the learning situation, and handles or trains the dog the majority of the time present, such assistance can include occasional handling or training by another person. Only the member can train the dog at any type of training class on or after April 1, 2019.
8. No one other than the member is permitted to show the project dog at any type of dog show, including fun matches, on or after April 1, 2019.
9. Each exhibitor will keep their dog on a leash while at judging except when participating in obedience activities.
10. Exhibitor will provide their own leash, collar, water dish, clean up equipment, and any special equipment needed in their particular class: ie; scent discrimination objects, dumb bells.
11. Females in season are not permitted to show. \*Note- Home judging can be arranged through the Dog Committee.
12. All exhibitors are required to clean up any part of the show area dirtied by their dog.
13. **Please note**, if you are considering showing your dog at the Ohio State Fair, the State Fair has very specific ownership rules for all dogs.

**2020 Erie County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate can be printed from the Erie County 4-H website at <http://erie.osu.edu/4-h> or can be obtained from the Extension Office.**

**B. Projects:**

201 O : OBEDIENCE

Beginner Novice

Pre Novice

Novice

Advanced Obedience

201 D : YOU and YOUR DOG

201 S : SHOWMANSHIP

Brace

201 P : PERFORMANCE

Agility

Drill Teams

Rally

Canine Freestyle

201 W : WORKING DOGS

**C. Erie County Classes**

1. All dog classes will be divided into the following divisions.

a.) **A Division** - Shall include those exhibitors and dogs not previously entered in that class and have no experience at that level.b.) **B Division** - Shall include those exhibitors and dogs entered in that class the previous year at fair or other sanctioned match.**D. Show Disciplines**

**1. Obedience 201 O** - Covers beginning and advanced obedience training and rally. The purpose of obedience is to demonstrate the dog's usefulness as a companion. Youth train their dogs to behave in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs in a manner that will reflect credit in the sport of obedience at all times and under all conditions. 4-H obedience competition demonstrates the handler's ability to work as a team with his/her 4-H dog project, following specified routines in the obedience ring and emphasizing the usefulness of his/her dog as a companion. All participants should be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship both in and out of the ring. All exhibitors in a class are required to perform the same exercises in the same manner so that the quality of the performances may be scored.

***Beginner Novice A***

- Beginner Novice A is for the first-year member and first-year dog with no prior show experience.
- Beginner Novice A youth are not permitted to show the same or different dog in any other obedience class.
- This is like any other "A" classes and can never be repeated by youth or dog. Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice A.

***Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice***

- Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice, decided upon according to skill level and preference.
- A youth cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year with the same or different dog.
- A dog cannot be shown in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year.
- Youth may show the same dog in other non-obedience classes and/or a different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.
- Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.



### **Novice**

- Youth may show one project dog at the Novice level, provided the youth and dog meet class eligibility requirements.
- Youth may show the same dog in other non-obedience classes and/or a different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.
- Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

### **Advanced Obedience**

- Youth may show two project dogs in each of the following Obedience classes: Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, and Utility provided youth and dogs meet eligibility requirements.
- Youth showing two dogs in "A" classes must meet the requirements if neither the youth and/or dogs having any previous experience at that respective obedience level.
- Youth and/or dogs cannot repeat the "A" class, and must move to the "B" class in that respective level at the very minimum. If a youth and/or dog wins the first place trophy, s/he must move to a higher level with the same dog; however, can continue to show at the same "B" level with the other dog, providing meeting eligibility requirements. Exception: Youth/dog team winning Open B may repeat this class until ready to move to Graduate Open A. Youth winning Graduate Open B may repeat this class until ready to move to Utility A.
- Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other non-obedience disciplines and/or a different dog in other obedience levels provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

**2. You and Your Dog 201 D** - Recommended as a first-year dog project and also as a complement to other dog projects. This project can be taken every year. You and Your Dog classes are based on the age of youth. Therefore, an exhibitor and dog can show in ONE You and Your Dog class only. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

**3. Showmanship 201 S** - Learn the basics of dog showmanship. The purpose of showmanship is to demonstrate teamwork between the handler and the dog, showcasing the handler's skills. Regardless of the breed of dog, or mixed breed, youth learn the skills required to present their dogs to the best of their abilities, bringing out the finest qualities in their dogs. The youth's presentation of the dog is being judged, not the dog's conformation. Youth learn breed characteristics for the breed their dog represents. They learn the anatomy and physiology of the dog, and how to move as one with their dogs. In 4-H, the purpose of showmanship, also, is for youth to test their knowledge about dogs and responsible dog ownership by participating in an interview, which contributes to the overall showmanship score. Showmanship classes are based on age of youth and show experience of the youth and dog. Therefore, an exhibitor and dog can show in ONE Showmanship class only. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

### **Brace**

- Two dogs of the same breed and same ownership being shown together as a pair in order to display the breeder's consistency in their breeding program.
- Youth must show two project dogs that are capable of performing the Novice exercises.
- Youth may show the same dogs or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.
- Youth showing in Beginner Novice or Pre-Novice classes cannot show in Brace.

**4. Performance 201 P** – Includes Agility, Drill Team, and Freestyle. Dog and handler perform in dog sport and demonstrate their ability to perform together in advanced obedience tasks. Recommended for advanced or experienced handlers. Must also be enrolled in Obedience.

#### **Agility**

- 4-H Agility is a team sport that youth and their dogs participate in together. Patterned after the equestrian sport of show jumping, youth and their dogs learn to work together as a team to negotiate the course for standard classes or strategize a plan for optimum performance in games.
- Agility trials afford owners the opportunity to demonstrate a dog's physical ability and soundness, and willingness to work with its handler in a variety of conditions. This event requires conditioning, concentration, training and teamwork.
- Agility is a great form of exercise for both handlers and dogs, and a fun way to bond. 4-H Agility gives opportunities for handler and dog teams to develop confidence, problem solving skills, patience, and responsibility.
- Youth may enter any number of project dogs in Agility and are permitted to enter more than one dog per Agility class. Youth showing in Agility may show the same or different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

#### **Drill Teams**

- A drill team is a group of youth who perform together with their dogs. Drill teams engage in organized paraded drills, as well as choreographed routines that can be viewed by an audience.
- Youth may show a Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice project dog in the Pre-Novice Team class, and show a Novice level or above project dog in the Advanced Team class if having multiple dogs.
- Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

#### **Rally**

- In Rally, the handler and dog navigate a course, side-by-side, as you steer the dog through a course of 10-20 different signs. Each of these signs provides instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. The dog and handler move continuously throughout the course with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There is a clear sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during and between the numbered signs. Although each performance is timed, having a good race time is not the goal; it's all about working as a team while performing the skills, with the dog under control.
- Youth may show a maximum of two project dogs per Rally level. A level is Rally Novice, Rally Intermediate, Rally Advanced, or Rally Excellent.
- Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

#### **Canine Freestyle**

- Canine freestyle is an artistic form of choreographed dance or motion with handler and dog, often with music. This is a good choice for dogs who naturally like to stand on their hind legs, roll over, and do other tricks.
- Youth may show one project dog in a maximum of two Canine Freestyle classes.
- To show in a Canine Freestyle class, youth and their dogs must have practiced a routine and be prepared to perform the routine to the best of their abilities, as a result of training and practice.
- Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.



**5. Working Dogs 201 W (assistance dogs)-** A working dog assists people with disabilities providing physical and/or emotional support. This is a project for youth interested in raising or fostering puppies for Pilot Dogs, Inc., Canine Companions for Independence, Paws With A Cause or a similar assistance dog organization. Assistance dogs are guide dogs that assist people who are blind and visually impaired. Hearing dogs that assist people who are deaf and hard of hearing, and Service Dogs that assist people who are physically disabled and/or mobility impaired. Each youth enrolled in the Working Dogs Project will raise or foster a puppy according to that respective Assistance Dogs organizational guidelines using the Self Determined Project Guide and the Assistance Dog organization puppy raising curriculum.

- Dogs must be 6 months of age by show date.
- Youth taking Assistance Dog projects may show their Assistance Dogs in You and Your Dog classes. Youth must show in the appropriate age You and Your Dog level.
- Youth taking Assistance Dogs may show their Assistance Dogs in one Beginning Obedience level/class (Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, or Pre-Novice) that meets the exhibitor's experience eligibility. Youth showing Assistance Dogs may show a different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

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## State Fair Information for 4-H Dog Projects

It is **NOT** necessary for youth to “qualify” for the state fair with their 4-H dog project. **Any** youth enrolled in a 4-H dog project at the county level may enter the State Fair Dog Show class(es) for which he/she and his/her dog(s) are eligible. State Fair Dog Show entry forms can be obtained from the Extension Office or online at [go.osu.edu/dog](http://go.osu.edu/dog)

**Entry forms must be postmarked NO LATER than June 20<sup>th</sup>!**

\*\* If interested in State Fair Competition, get a complete set of rules. The State Fair has very specific guidelines, that are more strict than those in Erie County.

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\*\*Junior Fair projects may not be sold on the fairgrounds except through the fair project auctions. For sale signs may not be posted on projects.

**2020 Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities  
Disclosure and Release of Claims**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have chosen to participate in the Ohio 4-H Dog Program and its related dog activities. I understand that this participation will involve contact with dogs and may give rise to a risk of physical injury. I understand that participation in the 4-H Dog Program is strictly voluntary and is not a requirement for 4-H membership.

**I am aware that:**

1. Dogs have a tendency to behave in ways that may result in injury to me or other persons in the immediate vicinity;
2. Dogs may react in an unpredictable way to unfamiliar environments, sounds, strange odors, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, dogs, or other animals;
3. I am to listen to adult volunteers, trainers, coaches, and judges when working with my dog(s) in group settings, and when around other dogs and 4-H members, and people;
4. Other participants in the 4-H Dog Program may fail to maintain control over their dogs or fail to act within their abilities, thus causing harm to me, my dog(s), other participants, volunteers, or spectators;
5. Other participants in an activity, event, or program may act in a negligent manner which otherwise may result in harm to me and/or my dog(s);
6. **I should be aware of my dog's body language and stress indicators at all times while we are participating in 4-H activities;**
7. **I should be able to remove my dog from situations where he/she may respond in a reactive or aggressive manner;**
8. **If I cannot maintain control over a dog I am using for a 4-H project, I understand that I will not be able to use this dog for a 4-H project;** and
9. **If a dog I am using for a 4-H project has been or becomes aggressive toward other people and/or other dogs, I will not be able to continue to use this dog for a 4-H project.**

**As a parent or guardian**, I have discussed with my child the need to follow all safety procedures, behavior guidelines, and other protocols set forth by adult volunteers, and 4-H dog rules and regulations. I understand that my child will receive assistance from a 4-H volunteer leader when engaged in 4-H club workouts and other similar programs and activities involving 4-H members and dogs. I understand the importance of my child belonging to a 4-H dog club or seeking other socialization and training opportunities for my child's 4-H dog if not enrolled in a 4-H dog club.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in club, county, regional, and state 4-H dog activities, and the use of services and facilities made available through these 4-H dog activities, I do release and forever discharge for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, the Ohio 4-H Dog Program professional and volunteer leaders, educators, The Ohio State University and its Board of Trustees, its administrators, faculty and staff, from all claims, demands, and causes of action for personal injury or any other damage which may arise out of or be in any way related to my participation in this activity or program.

**I understand and agree that my child is capable of being in control of his/her dog(s) at all times. I understand and agree that if a dog my child is currently using, or plans to use, has been or becomes aggressive toward other people and/or dogs I will not allow my child to use this dog as a 4-H project.** I understand that my child is not required to participate in any 4-H dog activity, but grant permission for my child to do so, despite the possible risks. I recognize that by participating in this activity, as with any activity involving live animals, my child, my child's dog(s), other people and/or dogs may risk injury. I hereby attest and verify I have been advised of the potential risks, have sought clarification if I have not understood, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in these activities, and that I assume any expense that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. As a parent/guardian, I assume the same risk for myself, and other family members and friends present at these dog activities.

Signed: 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*This 2020 form **MUST** be signed and kept on file in the County Extension Office for EACH youth participant in any 4-H dog program activity where the youth takes a live dog as a project. A current form must be signed EACH year and **BEFORE** a youth participates in the Ohio 4-H Dog Program activities with their project dog(s).*

*Return to your County Extension Office by: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Parent/Guardian and Club advisors are encouraged to keep a copy.*





**2020 Erie County Dog Project Identification Form  
and Vaccination Certificate**

**Identification Form —to be completed by Exhibitor**

**Exhibitors:** Complete this identification form. Exhibitors & parents/ guardians must read the statement at the bottom of this section and sign to verify reading the 2020 Erie County Dog Fact Sheet (and the 2020 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Rules, if applicable) and agree to abide by them, and having a Permission to Participate form on file in the Erie County Extension Office.

Exhibitor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

County a Enrolled in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Mo./Day/Yr.

Predominant Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Color & Markings \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Neutered Male  Female  Spayed Female

Dog License Tag No. \_\_\_\_\_ (must list tag number)

**Signatures Required:** We verify that we have read the 2020 Erie County Dog Fact Sheet and, if showing at the Ohio State Fair, the 2020 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules, and agree to abide by these rules. We have a signed Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims form on file in the county Extension office, and agree to be bound by the terms set forth therein.

Exhibitor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**VACCINATION CERTIFICATE – VET MUST  
COMPLETE THIS ENTIRE SECTION**

**Exhibitors:** Take this form to your veterinarian. This Vaccination Certificate must be completed and signed by a licensed veterinarian. **All dogs MUST have current rabies vaccinations.** Your veterinarian must document on this form whether your dog's Rabies vaccination is current by filling in the "Date Expires" blank. Additionally, Erie County requires that all dogs be vaccinated yearly for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, & Parvovirus for exhibition at the Erie County Fair, unless otherwise noted below by veterinarian. Bordetella vaccination is recommended, but not required. Veterinarian protocol for vaccinations will be followed. All vaccinations must be administered by a licensed veterinarian. **For the Erie County Fair, all vaccinations must be current through July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Rabies**  
Date Given \_\_\_\_\_ Date Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Product \_\_\_\_\_ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

**DHLPP**  
Date Given \_\_\_\_\_ Date Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Product \_\_\_\_\_ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

With the exception of Rabies, specific vaccination requirements may be waived if the veterinarian initials the applicable box below.

- I do not give Leptospirosis vac.  Other, please list \_\_\_\_\_
- Does not give yearly core vac. \_\_\_\_\_
- Titer Testing (attach proof) \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinic Information**

Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Administering Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

