

**St. Clair County**  
**4-H Dog Project Record Book 2026**

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

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Years In Project: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age (as of 1/1/26): \_\_\_\_\_

Novice (8-11 Years Old) \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate (12-15 Years Old) \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced (16-19 Years Old) \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Picture of Exhibitor and  
Project Here

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

Parent or Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Dog Project Record Book Requirements

1. Project Record Books are due to either the Fair Office or 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>
2. Vaccine records can be submitted to the Superintendent between June 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 to July 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 to [futurevet@comcast.net](mailto:futurevet@comcast.net)

(Rabies vaccine must be administered by a licensed vet per Michigan Law. Core vaccines (required) are canine parvovirus, distemper, canine hepatitis, and rabies. Highly recommended are Bordetella and canine influenza. Your veterinarian may recommend others. Vaccination protocol is as follows: Puppy shots completed with a booster one year later, and then an update every three years regardless of who gives the vaccinations. Proof of compliance is to provide a copy of veterinarian records that clearly shows both rabies and core vaccination with a due date for next vaccination following the show, a titer test by a veterinarian showing acceptable levels of immunity both current through JULY 31<sup>st</sup> of current year, or a combination of a rabies certificate from a veterinarian showing due date after the show AND owner's vaccination records that includes the label from the vaccine vial along with the date administered. This vaccine will only be deemed valid for one year from the time the vaccines are given. Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, paperwork may be submitted via email to the superintendent. NO SHOTS, NO SHOWING at the fair. Dogs who have a physical handicap need a statement of fitness from their veterinarian.)

3. Completing the Dog Project Record Book to the best of your ability leaving no blank answers and placing it in a 1" white binder with cover page in the clear plastic sleeve on the front of the binder is required to compete in the dog show on 7/18/26
4. Attach a Fair Exhibitor Tag that is completely filled out and attach it to the front of your binder
5. There are two resources needed to help with the project record book: **Ohio State University Extension- Dog Resource Handbook**. There are copies available at the MSUE 4-H Extension Office available to borrow. Secondly; <https://www.akc.org>
6. Follow the **(SCC 4-H Dog Project)** Facebook page for updates, news, and events
7. Exhibitors have to complete the requirements for your age group, but can complete more if you would like. It's not discouraged if the exhibitor would like to decorate the record book.



# My Project

Complete the section below to the best of your knowledge. If you have a mixed breed, choose the breed that your dog most resembles. If you're showing 2 dogs, pick one of them to complete this section.

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Where did the breed originate? \_\_\_\_\_

Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/Neutered: \_\_\_\_\_ Intact: \_\_\_\_\_

Average Breed Height: (Male) \_\_\_\_\_ (Female) \_\_\_\_\_

Average Breed Weight: (Male) \_\_\_\_\_ (Female) \_\_\_\_\_

Average Breed Life Expectancy: \_\_\_\_\_

What group does your breed belong too? \_\_\_\_\_

Name 3 fun facts you discovered about your breed:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Groups

Dog breeds have been placed into groups according to what their purpose is, and AKC recognizes 7 different groups.

**Novice-** Name 3 groups and 2 breeds in each group

**Intermediate-** Name 5 Groups and 3 breeds in each group

**Advanced-** Complete all 7 Groups and Name 5 Breeds per group

Group	Breeds
_____	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
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# Ears, Eyes, & Tails

Match the correct definition to the term.

Everyone complete this section.

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|--------------------|---|
|                    | A small drop ear that folds over and back so as to reveal the inside of the ear _____                       |
| a. Button Ear      | The ear flap folds forward, with the tip lying close to the skull so as to cover the opening _____          |
| b. Semipricket Ear | Carried erect with just the tips leaning forward _____  |
| c. Pricket Ear     | Erect ear carriage that is usually pointed at the top _____   |
| d. Rose Ear        | Also called full globular is set in a circular shaped opening _____   |
|                    | Elongated eye shape that describes the tissue surrounding the eye itself _____                              |
| a. Almond Eye      | Oblong eye shape is where the eyelid opening appears longer than higher _____                               |
| b. Oval Eye        | Eyes look like three cornered eyes where the surrounding tissue is shaped. _____                            |
| c. Round Eye       |   |
| d. Triangular Eye  |   |
|                    | The tail has a long fringe of hair on the tail that covers either part of the tail or the entire tail _____ |
| a. Screw Tail      | Tail is naturally short, twisted in a spiral fashion _____  |
| b. Otter Tail      | Carried up and over the back. It can be a tight curl over the back only _____                               |
| c. Curled Tail     |   |
| d. Plume Tail      | The tail is thick at the base, round and tapering, with the hair parted or divided on the underside _____   |

# Behavior

**Novice-** Name 3 dog postures along with 3 signs to look for each

**Intermediate-** Name 5 dog postures along with 3 signs to look for each

**Advanced-** Name all 6 dog postures and 4 signs to look for each



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Signs Include:

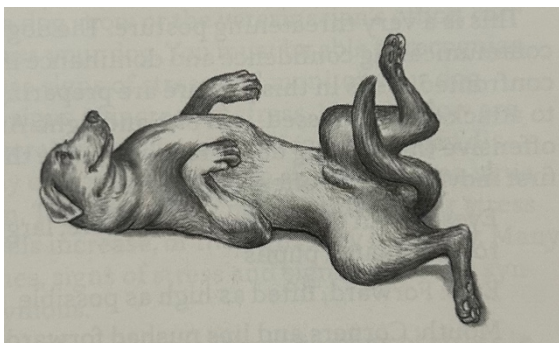
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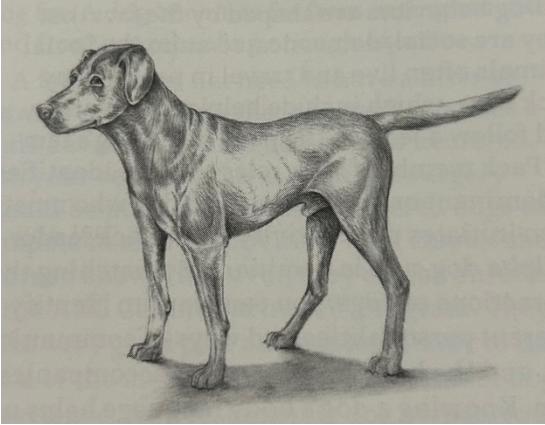
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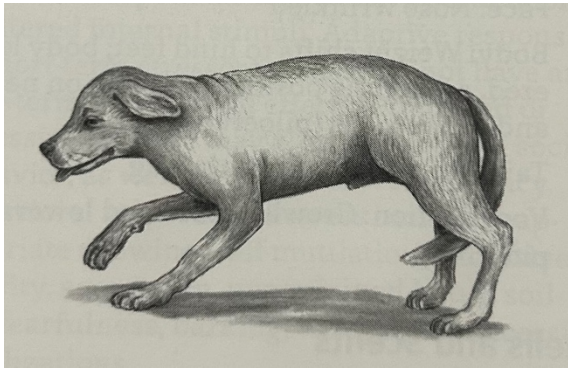
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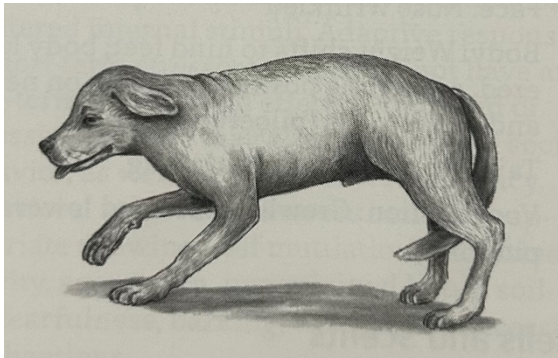
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# True or False?

Novice- Answer 1-5

Intermediate- Answer 1-10

Advanced- Answer 1-15

## True Or False

1. In obedience a release word is a word you use to tell your dog the exercise is finished. All exercises have a beginning and an end. 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. In showmanship gaiting is where dogs are moved around the ring at a specific gait, based on breed. 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Leptospirosis is not a zoonotic disease. 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Roundworm eggs can be passed from dogs to humans through dirt and other environments. 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Normal gestation is 90 days from the date of first breeding. 5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Bloat is a common term for gastric dilation-volvulus. 6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. To perform a courtesy turn, step forward past the judge, with the dog on your right side. Then turn in a very tight circle with the dog on the outside. 7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Body condition scoring isn't a way to standardize the assessment of whether dogs are underweight or overweight. 8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The normal resting heart rate for most adult dogs is 60 to 160 bpm (beats per minute). 9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. A pin brush is a grooming tool that is excellent to loosen up the coat and remove dead undercoat. 10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. The brachycephalic skull has a broad skull base and a short muzzle. 11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. The endocrine system is made up of glands and other tissues that manufacture hormones such as thyroid, insulin, testosterone, and estrogen. 12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. In agility the open tunnel is 20 to 30 ft long, with an opening of approximately 24 inches. 13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. The axial skeleton is to protect internal organs and consists of mainly flat and irregular bones in the skull, spine, ribs, and pelvis. 14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. A stout body condition has large fat deposits over chest, spine, and tail base. Waist and abdominal tuck is absent. 15. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Future Goals**

Everyone complete

What are some goals that you want to work towards this coming year with your dog. It can be anything from any specific types of training, showing, etc.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Workshop Ideas**

Everyone Complete

What kind of guest speakers would you like to have come speak to the dog project youth.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_