

2007 LAWRENCE COUNTY 4-H DOG RULES & GUIDELINES

All 4-H/FFA members showing dogs at the Lawrence County Fair in Obedience Classes must attend 8 of the 10 week training classes given through the Ohio State University Extension Office. The member must be present at the learning situation and handle the dog the majority of the time. Occasional assistance by another person in the handling and training is permitted. All dog obedience members are also required to take the DOG CARE #200 project along with the appropriate level obedience project. For county and state fair participation, a new project book is needed every year for completion of the project judging.

All 4-H/FFA dogs and youth (team) wishing to attain certification in the Socialized PetPALS test must attend and complete the 4-H Obedience Class and pass the Canine Good Citizen Test for dogs. The team is emphasized because the 4-H/FFA member handles the animal during the test. The evaluator will be assessing the animal as well as how the youth and pet work together as a team. Adults wishing to be tested with their dog for Socialized PetPALS Master Volunteer, must attend PetPALS training and dog must pass the Canine Good Citizen Testing.

All shot records must be kept up to date and on file as well as the Canine Good Citizen Testing Records in the Ohio State University Extension Office.

Note: The Canine Good Citizen Test and Socialized PetPALS Test are not official certification tests for dogs and other animals, respectively, visiting healthcare facilities. Organizations such as Delta Society; Therapy Dogs Inc; and Therapy Dogs Inter. Have specific criteria for evaluating animals to participate in animal-assisted activities and animal-assisted therapy. The Canine Good Citizen Test and Socialized PetPALS Test are indicators of an animal's temperament and aptitude to be a 4-H PetPAL. Passing the appropriate test is required for completion of the 4-H PetPALS project.