

PAWS for Applause

4-H Dog Agility, Obedience and Showmanship Club

PAWS for Applause 4-H Club Handbook

Handler Expectations

At PAWS for Applause, we expect 4-H leaders, members and parents to respect each and every person and dog that comes to train with us. Each handler will be responsible for their dog in all aspects.

Handler and Animal Safety

For the safety of all humans and animals, each team will be required to maintain the 5 ft. rule. This means that each team will need to keep a space of 5 ft. around themselves and from other teams unless directed by a designated leader for activities and training. All dogs will be either in a kennel or on a leash at all times unless directed by a designated leader.

Only 4-H participants will be allowed in the arena for practice. All family and friends will be required to watch from the sidelines

List of Required Vaccinations

Each person will be required to bring a copy and provide proof of the following vaccinations to participate in this 4-H dog club. These will be kept in individual files to be provided upon request or in the event of an incident.

Rabies

DA2PP (Combination—Includes *Bordatella)

*Bordatella can be given nasally

Animal Bites

In the event a participant is bitten, medical personnel will treat at the scene and the bite will be reported to the respective police agency. Animal records will be produced for a police report and verification of rabies vaccination. **ALL BITES MUST BE REPORTED.**

Parents or guardians will be notified and they can make the decision to treat at the local hospital if necessary. All participants assume this risk by participating in a dog program.



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List of Required Equipment

Collar and Leash

***Absolutely No Choke, Prong or Shock Collars Will Not Be Allowed!**

Water Bowl

Portable Kennel or Crate (appropriate size)

Dog Poop Bags (any kind)

4-H and Club Dues

\$5 4-H Enrollment Fee (Pay at the 4-H Office)

\$20 Club Fee (Due on or before the 1st meeting)

4-H Club Meetings

In general, we will be meeting at the Box Elder County Fairgrounds; unless for scheduled field trips or activities.

The club meeting format will be as follows:

6-7 Classroom

7-8 Indoor Arena

Clinics will be scheduled on different days and times to accommodate guest trainers and experts in their field.

Please keep in mind that we are sharing all facilities with other 4-H groups and county associations. Be prepared to be flexible with times and locations.

Registration Forms and Releases

In order to participate in PAWS for Applause, **ALL** registration and release forms must be signed and will be placed in a participant file.

PAWS for Applause Registration Form

General Liability and Club Expectation and Standards Release Form

Photo and Social Media Release



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ACTIVE LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

***Get To Know You and Your Dog Poster**

Create a poster that introduces yourself and your dog to the group. Include your dog breed, traits and activities that you like to do. This should be laminated as you will use it at each club meeting and events.

***Animal Science Project**

Each participant will be required to complete an animal science project related to Canines. This can be anything related to the basic animal care, dog training, diseases and disorders, nutrition and health of a dog. Guidelines for an Animal Science Project can be found at:

www.4-H.org/youthdevelopmentprograms.

***Service Project**

Service, in general, is one of the main objectives of the 4-H program. The club will be doing a service project and all club members will be asked and expected to participate. Please track all other service and leadership projects as these can be put into your record book.

***Record Book**

Each participant will be required to complete a record book. This helps the participant to learn how to manage an animal project and track activities and progress. We will have a record book workshop to help everyone understand the importance of record books and how to start and maintain records.

***Demonstration/Public Speaking**

Each participants will be required to do a club demonstration or public speaking project. This will help the participant learn how to research, put together and teach others in a given time limit and format.



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*Fair Events/Agility-Obedience-Showmanship Trials

Each participant will be given the opportunity to compete either in the Box Elder County Fair or a PAWS for Applause 4-H Club Agility-Obedience-Showmanship Trial.

You can show in any or all of the given categories. In order to complete each level and compete at a higher level the following year, each participant will need to complete each of the requirements in each level starting at Level 1. This is for all categories: Agility, Showmanship and Obedience.

4-H Club Participant Attire

Club Meetings: All participants, including leaders and 4-H members will be required to wear long pants and closed toe shoes. No sandals or flip flops will be allowed. Leaders will let 4-H participants know if dress standards may be altered for certain activities.

Trials/Shows: All participants will adhere to the 4-H dress code. Long or short sleeve white shirt which fastens down the front with a collar, no lettering allowed except the 4-H emblem, which must be displayed. The shirt can be any style. Full length black or blue pants are to be worn. The participant must wear boots, dress shoes or tennis shoes. No sandals or flip flops will be allowed.

Sponsorships and Donations

As with every new group or club, money is always an issue. Finding sponsors and donations or participating in fundraising will be critical for our organization. Once we have the volunteers to support this, they will develop a strategy to accommodate those who are willing to help us build a strong program here in Box Elder County in the form of advertising in our club newsletter, at club meetings and agility trials. Everyone will be provided an official letter from PAWS from Applause and will be encouraged to find sponsors and donations for our training and trail events.



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