

FOND DU LAC COUNTY 4-H DOG PROJECT
PROJECT RULES
REVISED 02-02-2026

GENERAL RULES:

Any child may enroll in the Dog Project that is enrolled in the third grade (or age 9 by March 1, 2026) through one year after high school graduation (or 19 years of age).

Members are expected to **arrive 5 minutes prior** to the scheduled time for their class, have their dogs go to the bathroom before, and be ready to start on time. Members are responsible for cleaning up after their dog.

The training sessions offered will be: Pre Novice I & II, Novice, Graduate Novice, Pre-Open, Open and Jr. Showmanship.

Each parent or guardian will be asked that they pick up the member at the announced completion time of class. Students or siblings will not be allowed to run around the floor or play on the stage area.

Rules for Students:

1. If a student leaves the class prior to its completion; either the class instructor or one of the trainers of that class must be informed. In order for any class to count, you must stay for at least ½ the scheduled class time and inform the instructor what the circumstances are for you leaving before the scheduled ending of the class.
2. Debating or arguing with an instructor/trainer **will not be tolerated.**
3. Abusive or vulgar language will not be tolerated.
4. No hitting, kicking, kneeling or stepping on a dog or fellow student will be allowed.
5. Approval to switch dogs will only be allowed with the consent of the Dog Project Committee
6. **No flip-flops, sandals, open toe shoes or heels will be allowed in training class. Shoes must be tied at all times.**

Rules for Dogs:

1. Proper spacing of dog is required to avoid sniffing and provide a working area for the handler & dog. Please follow the directions of the instructor or trainers.
2. **All dogs must be up to date on Rabies, Distemper & Intranasal Bordetella.** No dog will be allowed in class if these shots are expired. **A copy of shot records must be provided** along with the application form.
3. **All dogs must have a fecal sample run by a veterinarian 30 days prior to the start of the training session.** If a positive result is found the dog(s) must go through recommended treatment by their vet and test negative before attending class. **A copy of the results from the veterinarian must be provided.**
4. Any dog over the age of 6 months as of February 1st and physically sound will be allowed in class.
5. Dogs are to be under control at all times and on leash except during off leash exercises/training.
6. Any dog that attacks another dog or person will automatically be barred from further training classes. Any dog that shows aggression towards another dog or person will be excused from the class for the evening. If this persists, the dog will be barred from further training classes.
7. It is the handler's responsibility to clean up after his or her own dogs.
8. Dogs should be fed early in the day on the day of class. If two meals are fed, hold the evening meal until after training class. Dogs should have water accessible at all times.
9. Female dogs in season should not be brought to class. The students should come to class and work the lessons at home.
10. All Jr. Showmanship members must complete one year of obedience training before entering Jr. Showmanship.
11. All Agility members must graduate from Pre Novice I/II to Novice before entering Agility.
12. Dogs are to be healthy, clean, free of fleas & parasites. If your dog is sick leave them at home. Member should still come.

Class Placement:

1. Titled dogs **MUST** train in the next advanced class (i.e. Dog received CD title, must work in Grad Novice or Open).
2. Dog must be trained in the class level above which they have completed if they received a qualifying score at the county fair or State 4-H Dog Show.
3. Dogs may not be passed from member to member unless the member will train the dog in a class not yet worked in or in the level above which the dog has completed in obedience.
4. Any dog new to the project that has had previous training outside of 4H (i.e. PetSmart, hunting, conformation, kennel club etc.) will be automatically start in Pre Novice II. Unless instructors decide otherwise.

Any Member not complying with these rules after signing the student agreement will be dealt with in the following manner:

1. Verbal conference with the student/parent(s)/ Dog Project Committee
2. Written letter mailed directly to the parent(s) with copy to the Extension Office
3. Member will be barred from further training.

THIS SHEET IS TO REMAIN WITH MEMBER!

Welcome 4-H Dog Project Members & Parents,

The Dog Project will get the year under way on April 2, 2026 at 5:00pm in the Rec Center, at the Fond du Lac Fairgrounds. This is a mandatory orientation meeting for ALL NEW members and at least ONE parent. **DO NOT** bring your dogs! Please read the Project Rules over before you come to the meeting. Bring your questions!

Everyone please fill out the Application and the Student Agreement forms, pages 2, 3 and 5. Send paperwork by mail or bring it along with a copy of your dog's shot record's & fecal sample results that we can keep. With check made out to Adult Leaders Association for \$45.00 (new members), Returning members \$35.00 (if you are using last year's collar) A leather leash is required for training; if you are going to purchase a leather leash from us add \$18 on to enrollment fee. No cash payments please, only checks made out to Adult Leaders Association (dog project in memo)

Mail to: Jenny Kutz
N7204 County Road I
Fond du Lac WI 54937



Class dates are as follows:

Obedience

Fond du Lac Co 4-H Dog Project

April 2 nd - orientation	June 4 th
April 9 th	June 11 th
April 16 th	June 18 th
April 23 rd	June 25 th
April 30 th	
May 7 th	
May 14 th	July 9 th
May 21 st	July 18 th – FAIR!
May 28 th	

Class schedule may change due to availability of building.

All classes will start at 5:00pm and run roughly 45 minutes.

Any questions call/text Melanie Machmueller 920-979-7188 or Jenny Kutz 920-960-8786

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PROJECT APPLICATION
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NAME OF PERSON IN DOG PROJECT:

(Last Name) _____ (First Name) _____ (Middle Initial) _____
 Address _____ City/Zip _____

I am a 4-H member of _____ Club. Phone#(_____) _____

Parents Name _____ Age as of 3-1-26 _____

_____ I will be training a dog in the Project with FDL County (Please complete Section #1)

_____ I will not be training a dog in the Project (Please complete Section #2)

_____ I will be showing at the FDL County Fair

_____ I will be showing at the Alto Fair

I hereby acknowledge and agree that all injury or damage inflicted or caused by any dog owned or trained by me at any training class held by the Fond du Lac County 4-H Dog Project is my responsibility and shall not be the responsibility, or result in liability of, the FDL County 4-H Dog Project, any instructor or assistant thereof.

I further acknowledge and agree that no other member or instructor or any other person or the FDL County 4-H Dog Project shall be responsible or liable for injury or damage to my person or for the loss of, injury to my property.

I understand fully that the FDL County 4-H Dog Project and its members and instructors accept or assume **NO** responsibility for actions or behavior of those training their dogs or the actions of animals being trained by them, which may result in liability.

I also understand that I must attend a minimum of ten (10) of the classes, and miss no more than three (3) consecutive classes in a row. In order for any class to count, you must stay for at least ½ the scheduled class time and inform the instructor what the circumstance are for you leaving before the scheduled ending of the class. The Dog Project Committee will determine if a student did not attend the minimum of ten (10) classes and the Dog Project Committee will also, determine who will forfeit their opportunity to exhibit their dog at the county fair and the State Dog Show.

I also agree to observe and be bound by the Project Rules of the FDL County 4-H Dog Project.

Section #1: To be completed if you are training a dog in the Project

Name of Dog _____ Breed of Dog _____ Age _____ Sex _____
Circle one
 Has handler or dog been in an obedience/showmanship class before? Yes No Neutered Spayed
 If yes, When _____ Where _____ Level Completed _____

Signature of Handler _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____
 (If applicant is under 18 years of Age)

Questionnaire

Home Phone: _____

Parents Cell: _____

Member Cell: _____

Name of child handling dog:

Is your dog food aggressive? Yes No

Is your dog aggressive towards other dogs? Yes No

Has your dog ever bitten another dog? Yes No

Has your dog ever bitten a person? Yes No

Is your dog shy? Yes No

Are there any medical conditions the dog has we should be aware of? (seizures, ccl surgery etc)

Anything else we should know about your dog or child?

Is it ok for us to post a picture of your child and dog to our Facebook page of them during training class? (we don't post a lot of pictures, just once and a while) Yes No

I would prefer to be notified of class changes/cancellations by:

Circle all that apply

TEXT

PHONE CALL