



West Virginia 4-H Dog Record Guide

Name: _____ Age (as of Jan. 1): _____

Address: _____

Club Name: _____

County: _____ Years in 4-H: _____ Date Project Completed: _____

Check Project Taken:

Wiggles and Wags Canine Connection Leading the Pack

I hereby certify that, as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally been responsible for the care of this animal, record keeping, and have completed this record guide. I am aware that this record book may be on display and thus all content will be appropriate for all audiences.

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the parent/guardian, certify that my son/daughter has completed this project and record guide and will comply with all rules and regulations. I give permission for this record book to be displayed and will ensure that all content is appropriate for all audiences.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check with your local WVU Extension office to determine when your record book needs to be submitted and any additional guidelines or rules for completion.

Introduction

The 4-H Dog project begins when you start your 4-H project year in October. Some sections of the record book require you to establish some goals to meet. It is important to do that at the start of the project year. If you need help understanding the material, contact your 4-H leader or county Extension agent.

This project is for those who want to learn how to feed and care for their dog companion, keep their dog(s) healthy and contented, train their dog(s) to be a good neighbor, know the costs involved in raising a dog, and become responsible dog owners. In addition, project participants will practice important life skills such as decision-making, communicating with others, leading self and others, planning and organizing, and accepting responsibility.

This record guide is designed to be used with the dog project. It is suggested that each project be used for three years before moving to the next level. After your first year in the dog project, you will need to reorder only the Dog Record Guide until you move to the next level.

Project Guidelines

- Complete at least seven main chapter activities or Begging for More activities in the Dog Achievement Program each year.
 - Finish each level within three years.
 - Complete 21 activities (11 from the required activities and 10 from the Begging for More activities) in each level before advancing to the next level.
 - If you choose to do Begging for More activities, record in a notebook or portfolio the what, when, where, and how you accomplished each selected canine activity. Include your notebook or portfolio with your project book for grading.
 - Practice and develop life skills as you increase your knowledge about dogs and become a good dog owner.
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Information About My Dog

Name of dog _____

Breed of dog _____

Purebred _____ Crossbred _____

My dog is registered in: American Kennel Club _____ United Kennel Club _____ Other _____

Sex of dog: Male _____ Female _____

My dog's age is _____ Year of birth _____ Month _____ Day _____

Unknown; estimated age _____

I assumed ownership of my dog on _____
(date)

My dog was (check all that apply) _____ Already the family dog
_____ Gift
_____ Purchased
Value when purchased _____
Where purchased _____
(name of store, breeder, animal shelter, or pound)
_____ Other (explain)

Date I started my project _____

Date I completed my project _____

Description of my dog (include size, weight, color, and other identifying characteristics of your dog)

Average time I spend with my dog each day (observing, playing, exercising, caring, etc.)

Project Pictures

Make sure to include at least two pictures of your project animal.

Beginning project picture on page 11 and ending project picture on page 12.

Veterinary and Health Expenses

(Please list all medical expenses appropriate for your dog. Include costs of medicine, vaccinations, boarding fees, and other health practices performed by you, your parents, or others.)

Date	Treatment or Services	Performed by	Reason for Treatment or Service	Cost	Comments
Example: 10/1/2018	Puppy's first visit to vet	Dr. DVM	Puppy's first visit to vet for vaccinations and deworming	\$50.00	This was my puppy's first visit to a vet.
Total Costs					

Annual Canine Health Care Practices

For your dog to achieve and maintain optimal health, your local veterinarian should carry out the following health care practices each year.

Vaccinations	Date	Parasite Control	Date
Distemper	_____	Fecal Exam	_____
Hepatitis	_____		
Leptospirosis	_____	Deworm	_____
Parainfluenza	_____	Product: _____	
Parvovirus	_____		
Coronavirus	_____	Heartworm Check	_____
Rabies	_____	Preventive: _____	
Kennel Cough	_____		
Lyme Disease	_____	External Parasite Control	_____
		Product: _____	
Physical Exam	_____		
Dental Prophylaxis	_____		
Blood Work	_____		

Veterinarian: _____

Clinic: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Does your dog have any medical conditions that require special medication(s)? _____ Yes _____ No

What medication(s)? _____

How often do you administer? _____



Miscellaneous Expenses

(List purchases other than food and health products or practices; examples: equipment, bedding, grooming supplies, entry fees, and toys.)

Date	Item Purchased or Service Performed	Reason for Item Purchased or Service Performed	Cost	Comments
Example: 10/1/2018	Dog Crate	Crate to house train and transport my puppy	\$50.00	My puppy is crated when I am away from home.
Total Costs				

Training Your Dog

(Check commands your dog obeys and tricks it has learned. List any additional commands, tricks, or stunts.)

Commands

- Heel on leash
- Heel off leash
- Come when called
- Sit
- Sit and stay
- Lie down
- Down and stay

Tricks

- Sit up
- Play catch
- Carry
- Fetch
- Roll over
- Jump
- Don't touch it

Did you and your dog attend a dog obedience training class? Yes _____ No _____

Graduated _____
(date)

If you show your dog, in what way did you exhibit your dog?

Bench Show _____

Sanctioned Match _____

Obedience Trial _____

County 4-H _____

Club Tour _____

Inspection _____

Field Trial _____

Stock Dog Demonstration _____

Agility Trial _____

Other (specify) _____

Other (specify) _____

Other (specify) _____

Show Record

Record the results of all shows and showmanship events your dog enters during the year.

Name and Place of Show/Fair	Date	Class	Placing	Premiums/Ribbons
<i>Example:</i> EZ County Fair Pet Show	12/14/18	Showmanship	Second	\$ 5 / Blue Ribbon
Total Value of Premiums Won				

Record of Demonstrations, Talks, and Activities During the 4-H Year

Record your participation in events such as judging contests, project workshops, visits to farm operations, demonstrations, etc.

Date	Location	Activity	Comments



Financial Summary

Income

Price received for any animal(s) sold _____

Show/fair premiums won (Page 8) _____

Other (Explain; example: care for your neighbor's dog while they were away.) (Page 6)

Total Income _____

Expenses

Cost of your project animal(s) (Page 1) _____

Total feed cost (Page 2) _____

Total health care costs (Page 3) _____

Total other expenses (Page 5) _____

Total Expenses _____

Total Income _____

Total Expenses _____

(Total income minus total expenses) _____
(Circle One) **Profit or Loss** (amount)

The exercise reflects only the financial commitments you have made in caring for and loving your dog.

Beginning Project Picture

Take a picture of your project animal(s) at the beginning of your project and include it here.

Date of photo: _____

Ending Project Picture

Take a picture of your project animal(s) at the end of your project and include it here. This will help show how your animal(s) have grown and developed.

Date of ending photo: _____

Dog Project Score Sheet

If you are taking this project without an animal, check with your Extension agent for approval. It is suggested that the self-determined project be used with the National 4-H Curriculum Dog project book as a resource. Consult with your Extension agent to plan your project work.

Dog Project Book

Complete seven activities (from the main required activities and the extra Begging for More activities) in the Dog Achievement Program of the *National 4-H Curriculum Project Book* (Each activity is worth 5 points – Total 35 possible points)

Complete Planning Guide in *National 4-H Curriculum Project Book* on pages 3 and 4 (Worth 5 points)

Dog Record Guide

(Worth 20 points)

Exhibit/Production Score

This may be the actual exhibition of your dog or other designated project or service determined with your Extension agent (Total 20 possible points)

Activity Record

(Worth 20 points)

TOTAL

Comments:



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