



Oconto County 4-H Dog Project

2015

Dog Resources

Oconto County 4-H Project

<http://oconto.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/>

Oconto County Youth Agriculture Programs

<http://oconto.uwex.edu/agriculture/youth-agriculture-programs/>

Wisconsin 4-H Project Page

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/dog.cfm>

4-H Project Literature

<http://www.4-hmall.org/Category/4-hcurriculum-dog.aspx>

Oconto County Fair

<http://www.ocontocountyfair.org>

Check out the Requirements

<http://oconto.uwex.edu/agriculture/youth-agriculture-programs/>

Welcome to the 4-H Dog Project

The 4-H Dog Project provides youth a fun and hands-on learning experience that develops life skills, as well as teaches valuable information about properly caring for their animals.

Youth participating in the dog project learn about general care, nutrition, housing, and health of their animals through workshops and activities such as project meetings.

Youth also have the opportunity to develop responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communication skills through active participation in the Dog Project.

Signing Up for a 4-H Dog Project

Youth in the Dog Project enroll in one or more of the following projects. To enroll in 4-H, visit the 4-H On-Line site at <https://www.4honline.com/> If you need help with the online enrollment, check with your club advisor or call the Extension Office for guidance (920-834-6845).

Dog 1 (Grades 3 -5)

Dog 2 (Grades 6 – 8)

Dog 3 (Grades 9-12)

NOTE: Animal Project sign-up is done by grade, not skill level.

Best Place to Get Started?

Plan on attending Fall Project Kickoff (see calendar) to meet your project leader and pick up a January Thaw project challenge. You can access project challenges anytime at <http://oconto.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/project-days/>

Looking for out-of county educational



Dog Leaders

Please feel free to contact your county-wide 4-H dog leader for more information on your project.

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experiences*?

Area Animal Science Days

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/animalscience.cfm>

4-H and Youth Conference –For youth in 7th -10th grade

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/youthconf/index.cfm>

State Fair, West Allis, WI

**Funding for 4-H youth may be available from 4-H Leaders Association*

4-H Dog Project Calendar 2015-16

Fall Kickoff	October 10, 2015	Gillett Schools Gillett
<i>Meet your project leaders and pick up a Dog challenge for January Thaw</i>		
January Thaw	January 9, 2016	Washington Middle School Oconto Falls
Spring Fling	April 30, 2016	Washington Middle School Oconto Falls
Dog Show, Oconto Co. Fair	August 14, 2016	Oconto County Fairgrounds Gillett



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Getting Started with Dogs

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Hint:

For a quick start in the Dog Project, attend Fall Project Kickoff, January Thaw, and Spring Fling.

PLANNING

- Determine your goal.
- Check out the 4-H project books on dog, and the other resources (see list on first page).
- Plan your facilities.
Where will you keep your dog?
Where will you train your dog?
- What breed of dog best suits your goals and your experience level?
Your project leader can give you great advice!

PREPARING FOR YOUR ANIMALS

- Know grooming style of your dog, and basic hygiene.
- Know what collars and leashes are acceptable for 4-H clinics and shows.
- Know the limits of control with your dog before taking to clinics.
If you have any questions at all, contact your project leader.

NUTRITION and HEALTH

- Know the proper nutrition for your dog
- Fresh water is important for all animals
- Have proper vaccinations for your dog

Disease Prevention

Biosecurity is a set of practices designed to reduce the risk of spreading disease from sick animals to healthy ones. We recommend adding these practices to your routine:

- Vaccinate animals.
- Accurately identify and maintain current records on all your animals including vaccinations and treatments for fleas, ticks, and heartworm.

Join us for
Dog Clinics
where we will learn about:

- Vet Care
- Grooming
- Training
- Events Like shows
and trials

Sign up in the 4-H dog project
to be notified of clinics and
events.



Enrolling in 4-H and Signing up for the Oconto County Fair -- - It's Two Different Things!

When you enroll in 4-H at **4HOnline.com**, you are signing up to be a part of Oconto County 4-H. As part of the enrollment process, most youth choose one or more 4-H PROJECTS. You can do that right on 4-H online, and you can go back and do it now if you didn't before.

If you want to put an EXHIBIT in at the Oconto County Fair, you must be signed up in that corresponding 4-H project (through **4Honline.com**). This project signup must be completed by **APRIL 30TH**.

We share our list of 4-H youth who have signed up for projects with the Oconto County Fair. The Fair is a separate entity and has its own guidelines for exhibitors.

Each youth who is signed up in a PROJECT through 4-H, will receive a FAIR ENTRY FORM. Those Fair Entry Forms will be delivered by a Fair representative to club advisors at the 4-H Leaders Association Meeting on Wednesday, May 14th.

To sign up to take an EXHIBIT to the fair, you must fill out the Fair Entry Form, using the Oconto County Fair premium book. The Fair Entry Forms are due to Stacie Pienta by the fourth Monday in June.

If you are planning on showing your dog at the Oconto County Fair:

Before April 30th -- Be sure you are signed up in the Dog project through 4-H Online.

July: Fair Entries due. You will get them from your 4-H Club Advisor.

Look over the Premium Book for the Fair carefully. Ask your project leader or 4-H Club Advisor for help to make sure you are entering in the correct category.

August: Watch the Friday Notes for the announcement about the Fair.

August: Get your show box and your white show clothes ready for the Dog Show.

Check the Fair Premium Book to find out the date and time of the Dog show at the Fair.