

What Is 4-H?

4-H is a youth organization that belongs to the members and the volunteer leaders who work with it.

4-H is young people sharing, doing, and learning together in all kinds of projects, events, and activities with guidance of volunteer adult leaders. Members choose projects that fit them and the places where they live. Group activities and events such as drama, trips, camps, fairs, shows, and conferences provide additional opportunities and learning experiences.



Who Can Join 4-H?

4-H is open to any interested youth grades kindergarten through 1 year past high school regardless of where they live. 4-H is available in the cities, villages, rural areas and on the farm. 4-H is open to all youth regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap.

How Can Parents and Other Adults Become involved?

Adults are a very important part of 4-H. Many adults share their time, skills, and resources with the entire club by becoming project or club leaders.



How to join 4-H

Contact the leader of a 4-H Club in your community and ask to join!

Or Contact:

La Crosse County UW-Extension
400 4th Street North Rm 3140
La Crosse, WI 54601
Phone: 785-9593

For more information about 4-H
visit our website:

<http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4h>

THANK YOU



For your interest in the 4-H Dog Project

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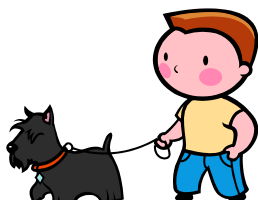
Dog Project

What Does the La Crosse County 4-H Dog project have to offer?

Here is a listing and descriptions of some of the opportunities available through the 4-H Dog project.

Dog Obedience:

Begin by teaching your dog basic commands such as “Come,” “Sit,” “Stay” and “Heel.” Progress through levels of obedience training from pre-novice to utility. In addition to basic obedience, some youth may show in brace class (two dogs/one exhibitor) or team obedience (four dogs/four exhibitors).



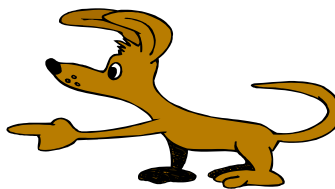
Showmanship: Members are judged on their ability to present the dog to its best advantage.

Dog Agility: A competitive sport in which a handler directs their dog over a timed obstacle course, which includes jumps, tunnels, see-saws and A-frames, with scoring based on faults first and time second.



Dog Bowl:

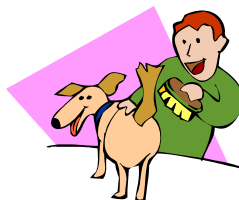
A team participation activity that requires you to learn more in-depth information about dogs in a quiz bowl atmosphere. Dog Bowl enables 4-H members to be more involved in the dog project and total dog care—it also enables 4-H members without a dog to participate.



Youth Doing Judging: Gives members the experience of “being the judge” and helps them understand how the judge arrives at the score. This experience helps the youth to become a better dog trainer and youth leader. Participants view a video of two dogs and their trainers from a judge’s perspective. The members then try to achieve the score closest to the judge’s score.

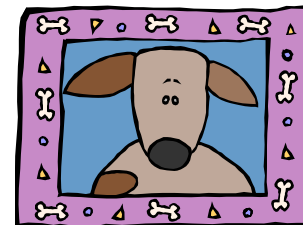
Speech and/or Demonstration:

Choose a dog-related topic and create a speech. Or, demonstrate how to groom a dog, how to prepare dog treats or anything else that you can think of about dog that may be informative and interesting.



There are also opportunities to exhibit:

- **Posters:** any design you wish to create about dogs
- **Photography:** combine your camera skills with your love of dogs and enter photos of dogs
- **Drawing and Painting:** create an original dog-related painting or drawing using pencil, chalk, charcoal, pen, ink, pastels, watercolor, acrylic, oil or mixed media
- **Arts and Crafts:** includes things like sculptures, ceramics, needlework, macramé, carving, leather craft, etc.



Places that dog items can be exhibited at are:

- Speaking and Demonstration Festival
- Music and Arts/Crafts Festival
- La Crosse Interstate Fair
- Area Animal Science Days
- Area Festival of Arts
- Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Show

There is no prequalification necessary to exhibit and the Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Show.