

Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Program Overview

What is the Dog Patch Program?

The Dog Patch Program is designed to recognize the personal achievements of individuals participating in the 4-H Dog Program. The program has been in existence since 1987 and provides youth with goals to work towards in this project area.

Patches Available and Their Qualification:

1. **Dog Project Patch** - for 4-H members who have been in the Dog Project for six months. The dog must participate in a competitive event, at which time its participation is evaluated. This patch is available to all members in the Dog Project.
2. **4-H Junior Showmanship Champion Patch** - for 4-H members who have placed first, second or third in a Dog Showmanship Class **three** times. There must be at least four persons competition in this class to qualify as a win.
3. **4-H Junior Showmanship Champion Excellent Patch** - for 4-H members who have placed first in a Junior Showmanship Class **three** times. There must be at least four persons competing in this class. If no 4-H Jr. Showmanship Champion class is offered, or there is less than four people competing in the Champion Class, winning Best Junior Handler will qualify as a win.
4. **4-H Pre-Novice Dog Patch** - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Pre-Novice Obedience.
5. **4-H Beginning Novice Patch** - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Beginning Novice Obedience.
6. **4-H Companion Dog Patch** - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Novice Obedience.
7. **4-H Companion Dog Excellent Patch** - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Open Obedience.
8. **4-H Graduate Novice Dog Patch** - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Graduate Novice Obedience.
9. **4-H Advanced Graduate Novice Dog Patch** - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Advanced Graduate Novice Obedience.
10. **4-H Pre-Utility Dog Patch** - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Pre-Utility Obedience.
11. **4-H Utility Dog Patch** - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Utility Obedience.
12. **4-H Tracking Dog Patch** - for a 4-H dog who is certified or who has passed on a track with the A.K.C. Tracking Test requirements by two different judges.

13.4-H Working Dog Patch for a 4-H dog who has placed in **three** working events by two different judges. Dogs must compete in events such as hunt tests, field trials, herding, coursing, etc.

14.4-H Leader Dog Puppy Patch - Participation in **three** public exhibitions or demonstrations with the Leader Dog Puppy. These must be confirmed in writing by the 4-H Leader Evaluator.

- a. While the puppy is in training as a Leader Dog, a member may fulfill a remaining patch requirement by giving a talk, demonstration or exhibit about the puppy program.
- b. The evaluation a puppy receives when turned into the Leader Dog School will count as one patch requirement whether the dog is accepted or rejected.

15. 4-H Service/Leader Dog Puppy Patch - Participation in **three** public exhibitions or demonstrations with the Service Dog Puppy. These must be confirmed in writing by the 4-H Leader Evaluator.

- c. While the puppy is in training as a Service Dog, a member may fulfill a remaining patch requirement by giving a talk, demonstration or exhibit about the puppy program.
- d. The evaluation a puppy receives when turned into the Service Dog School will count as one patch requirement whether the dog is accepted or rejected.

16. 4-H Visiting Pet Patch - for a 4-H dog who has visited a nursing home, Juvenile Home, or facility for physically or emotionally challenged individuals. Requires **five** separate visits confirmed in writing by the 4-H Leader.

17. 4-H Beginning Agility Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Beginning Agility.

18. 4-H Intermediate Agility Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Intermediate Agility.

19. 4-H Advanced Agility Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Advanced Agility.

20. 4-H Beginner Freestyle Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has **three qualifying** beginner scores by two different judges in either Heel-to-Music or Musical Freestyle.

21. 4-H Intermediate Freestyle Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has **three qualifying** intermediate scores by two different judges in either Heel-to-Music or Musical Freestyle.

22. 4-H Advanced Freestyle Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has **three qualifying** advanced scores by two different judges in either Heel-to-Music or Musical Freestyle.

23. 4-H Freestyle Brace Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog(s) who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in the Brace category.

24. 4-H Freestyle Pair Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog(s) who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in the Pair category.

25. 4-H Freestyle Team Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog(s) who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in the Team category.

26. 4-H Rally Novice Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Rally Novice.

27. 4-H Rally Intermediate Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Rally Intermediate.

28. 4-H Rally Advanced Novice Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Rally Advanced.

29. 4-H Rally Excellent Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Rally Excellent.

30. 4-H Rally Master Dog Patch - for a 4-H dog who has **three** qualifying scores by two different judges in Rally Master.

Earning Dog Patches

Youth should carry a qualifying Score Sheet and Judge Signature Sheet with them to all shows. When the individual wins a class, or earns a placing listed in the requirements for the patch they are working towards, they should be sure to get the judge's signature for that class and fill in the appropriate information about that placing. Once the participant has received all the signatures that are required for that patch and have completed all the requirements they need, the County 4-H Program Coordinator should request the appropriate patches from the State or Isabella County 4-H Office.

Receiving Patches

Once youth have earned one of the available patches they must submit the Qualifying Score Sheet, with the required number of signatures and fees to their county office. The 4-H Program Coordinator will verify that the requirements have been met and then send a list of the patches requested to:

Michigan 4-H Dog Program
446 W. Circle Drive, Suite 240
East Lansing, MI 48824

The cost for each Dog Patch is \$3.50 and payment must accompany each order.