

# 4-H Dog Project Cloverbud Guidelines

Our goal in the 4-H Dog Care Project is for our members to have a well-mannered dog that is fun to have around. To accomplish this we teach and compete in Obedience, Jr. Showmanship, Rally, Agility and Family Living classes.

## GENERAL CLOVERBUD 4-H DOG PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Cloverbuds must be registered with a community club and fulfill community club requirements or they will not be eligible to show at the fair as a 4-H member.

- Cloverbud age is as of January 1<sup>st</sup> ranging from 5-7 years old.
- All youth must fulfill individual dog project club requirements.
- All families must participate in one dog project fundraiser.
- All members are expected to volunteer in the set up and tear down of the dog show at the fair.

## CLOVERBUD 4-H DOG CARE PROJECT NOTEBOOK REQUIREMENTS

Cloverbuds can complete the below notebook requirements and participate in the interview process with the Judge prior to fair in order to better prepare for the mandatory notebook process after the Cloverbud years. Notebooks are due to project leaders or superintendents the Friday at 5:30 PM prior fair week. Notebook guidelines are available from Project Leaders, 4-H Office and the web at [www.kalamazoo4h.com](http://www.kalamazoo4h.com).

Put all your materials in a three-ring binder.

Items required to be included are listed in order below:

1. Project Record Sheet
  2. Dog Project Report Sheet
    - a. Write the year of your project in the upper-right corner of your Dog Project Report.
  3. Table of Contents
- \*(NOTE - Place the above three items in order at the beginning of your notebook)\***
4. Personal Story Narrative
  5. Personal Story Pictures and Labels
  6. Answers to the 3 questions specific to your Cloverbud year.
    - a. Put a title at the top of the page or use a title page before each answer.
    - b. When you answer each question, you can include more information, but be sure not to leave the answer to the question out.
    - c. Include and label illustrations, drawings, or pictures.
    - d. Be sure to answer all questions in your own words.
    - e. Have someone proofread your notebook to check for spelling and grammar mistakes.

**\*(NOTE - Number all pages per year, a separate table of contents is required per year. The most recent year should be at the beginning/front of the notebook)\***

*Year 1 Cloverbud:*

1. Tell us about your dog:
  - a. Is this your dog or a friend/family member's dog
  - b. Name
  - c. Age
  - d. Gender

- e. Breed
- f. Color
- 2. What do you feed your dog:
  - a. What type of food do you feed your dog
  - b. How many times a day do you feed your dog
  - c. How many times a day do you provide water for your dog
- 3. Where does your dog live/sleep:
  - a. Example – Lives in the house or outside mainly
  - b. Example – Sleeps in your bed, a dog bed, on the couch, in a crate

***Year 2 Cloverbud:***

- 1. How do you exercise/play with your dog:
  - a. Type of exercise (run/walk/bike/play ball)
  - b. Location (back yard/dog park/neighborhood)
  - c. How many times a day/week
- 2. What type of collar and leash do you use:
  - a. Example – gentle leader, chain, flat buckle, harness
  - b. Example – Nylon leash, Leather leash, 6ft, 4ft
- 3. What type of treats do you give your dog:
  - a. Example – peanut butter kong, cheese, dog biscuits, rawhide, chicken

***Year 3 Cloverbud:***

- 1. How do groom your dog:
  - a. Example – Brush, bath, clippers, take them to groomer
  - b. Example – Clean teeth, clip nails
  - c. When/How often
- 2. When do you take your dog to the veterinarian:
  - a. Example – Yearly checkup, vaccinations, when they are sick
- 3. What activities do you practice with your dog at home:
  - a. Example – sit, down, shake, leave it, take a treat gently
  - b. When/How often

**CLOVERBUD EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS**

Cloverbuds can complete the below educational exhibit requirements and participate in the interview process with the Judge prior to fair in order to better prepare for the optional process after the Cloverbud years. Educational exhibits are due to project leaders or superintendents the Friday at 5:30 PM prior fair week.

Educational exhibits are designed to educate the public. The information presented should be condensed so the display is understood quickly and legible from at least 3ft away.

- 1. The exhibit can be any kind of display such as a poster or model.
- 2. Label every illustration neatly on the display.
- 3. Make sure the display is readable from 3 feet away.
- 4. Illustrate with pictures of your dog, pictures from magazines, drawings, or 3-D items.

The following are a few suggestions for the exhibit; there are many other opportunities so use your imagination:

- 1. Daily dog care
- 2. Body language cues

3. Parts of the dog
4. Collars and leashes
5. Health: diseases, vaccines, parasites, genetics
6. Dog Related Professions
7. Dog sports
8. Training/showing

### **CLOVERBUD SHOW REQUIREMENTS**

- The 4-H exhibitor shall be limited to exhibiting one dog, which he/she has trained, at the Kalamazoo County Fair Dog Show.
- All Cloverbud classes are noncompetitive and will not be scored.
- For the safety of the 4-H member and the dog, the member must be able to control the dog. This will be decided by the project leaders and the superintendent.
- Parents or Leaders will be allowed to assist any cloverbud that would like additional help during training and during the Fair.

### **CLOVERBUD AWARDS**

- Cloverbud Ribbons will be awarded for each class the member participates in.
- Additional awards, such as dog toys, treats, or 4-H licensed items, may be given out at the final awards ceremony if supplies/funds allow. This is at the discretion of project leaders and the superintendent.