

# 4-H Dog Husbandry Notebook Requirements

## General Rules:

- The following are required for each year as well as the listed requirements for each year.
  1. Report on dog shows attended.
  2. Include previous year's information behind current year's project.

## First Year

1. Personal story of member & his/her dog
2. Care of dog (housing, etc.)
3. Health of dog (trips to vet, illnesses, etc.)
4. Definition of Rabies (cause, prevention, treatment)
5. Definition of DHLPB vaccination
6. Definition of heartworm (cause, prevention, treatment)
7. All training methods for 1<sup>st</sup> year dog in all classes shown

## Second Year

1. History of exhibitors own dog breed
2. Pros and cons of neutering
3. Parts of the dog (labeled on a chart)
4. Report of dog owner's responsibilities to dog bites
5. All training methods for 2<sup>nd</sup> year dog in all classes shown
6. Report on symptoms and transmission of two diseases which can be prevented with DHLPB vaccination.

## Third Year

1. Report on two dog groups not previously reported on
2. Report on one kind of service dog
3. Report on fleas and ticks
4. All training methods for 3<sup>rd</sup> year dog in all classes shown
5. Report on symptoms and transmission of remaining three diseases which can be prevented with DHLPB vaccination.

## Fourth Year

1. Junior showmanship requirements
2. Reports on mites, lice and ringworm
3. Reports on one other breed from dog groups not previously reported on
4. Training methods for 4<sup>th</sup> year dog in all classes shown
5. Report on household dangers to your dog

## Fifth Year

1. Conformation of one breed
2. Reports on two other breeds from dog groups not previous reported on
3. Report on roundworms and hookworms
4. Report on signs of aging and care of older dogs
5. Training methods of current obedience level

## Sixth Year

1. Hip Dysplasia (cause, prevention, treatment)
2. One other serious health problem
3. One dog-related career
4. Two specialized dog training programs
5. Report on whipworms and tapeworms

**Seventh Year**

1. “A Day with a Vet” detailed report
2. Animal Control vs. Pet Adoption Agencies (how they both work)
3. Grooming of two dog breeds other than your own

**Eighth Year**

1. Pet euthanasia – two vet’s views and yours

**Ninth Year**

1. Compare the physical growth and development of the three stages of a dog’s life (puppy, adult, senior).
2. What is a healthy balanced diet for each stage of a dog’s life?

**Tenth Year**

- 5+ page research paper from one of the following topics. (1 ½ spacing, 12 pt, 1” margins, APA format)
  1. Compare/contrast Michigan 4-H program to at least one other state’s 4-H program.
  2. Compare/contrast AKC and UKC
  3. Research history of a dog product company (i.e. food, toys, training equipment).
  4. Research one or more service dogs (i.e. military, police, K9, companion for independence).

**Eleventh Year**

1. Choose from one of the three remaining topics from year 10.