Are you sure all dogs go to heaven?

4-H Dog Training Classes

- Obedience
- Showmanship
- Rally
- Agility

9 Tuesday night sessions beginning May 12th
$20 for 4-H’ers, $25 for 2nd dog being trained by a 4-H parent, $50 for non-members

Information Session and Vaccination Clinic
May 5th, 6:30 P.M.
Wright County Fairgrounds, Howard Lake

For more information call 763-682-7394 or email sand0671@umn.edu
DOG IDENTIFICATION AFFIDAVITS
Due May 15, 2015

All dogs participating in the 4-H dog program must be up to date on vaccinations. A 4-H Dog Identification Affidavit form must be completed, verified by a veterinarian, and submitted online by May 15th. If you submit your form after this deadline, your dog may still compete, but you will be ineligible for any premiums or State Dog Show trips that you earn. Please make sure you have completed the entire form; it MUST have a vet’s signature and a clear color photograph.

DOG TRAINING CLASS
Registrations Due May 4, 2015

4-H Dog Training Class consists of nine sessions of obedience, showmanship, and/or agility trainings taught by former 4-H’ers and adult volunteer trainers. Both youth and adults, 4-H’ers, or non-members, are welcome to participate. Classes and descriptions:

CLOVERBUDS CLASS

A class for participants in grades K-2. All exercises will be performed on leash and will include grooming, feeding, proper care and exercise for dogs, and going for a walk with their dog. This class will not be basic obedience, allowing Cloverbuds to remain eligible for Beginner classes when they reach the appropriate age. Note: A Cloverbud may repeat this class as long as they are enrolled as a Cloverbud.

OBEIDENCE CLASSES

Beginner A: A 4-Her and dog in the first year of training at home or in an organized class. The 4-Her may participate in this class only once during their 4-H career. All exercises will be performed on leash. Exercises include heel on leash & figure eight, stand for exam, grooming, recall, long sit, and long down. A dog entering this class with more than ten (10) weeks of training in an organized class prior to enrolling in beginner level 4-H training classes is ineligible. A dog with one leg of its AKC-CD (or equivalent) is ineligible. If the dog receives a blue ribbon, it must move up to Graduate Beginner the following year. If the dog receives a red or white ribbon at the county qualifying show or State Dog Show, it may move to Beginner B the following year.

Beginner B: A 4-Her with previous obedience training experience who is working with a new dog, a dog with previous experience in an organized training class working with a new 4-Her, OR a dog that received a red or white ribbon the previous year in Beginner A or Beginner B at the county qualifying show or State Dog Show. All exercises will be performed on leash. Exercises include heel on leash & figure eight, stand for exam, grooming, recall, and long sit and long down. If the dog receives a blue ribbon, it must move up to Graduate Beginner the following year. The 4-Her working with the same dog may participate in this class until they receive a blue ribbon at the county qualifying show or State Dog Show. A dog with one leg of its AKC-CD (or equivalent) is ineligible.

Graduate Beginner: Exercises include heel on leash & figure eight, stand for exam off leash, grooming, recall off leash, and long sit/down off leash. A dog with one leg of its AKC-CD (or equivalent) is ineligible. Note: A 4-H’er and dog may participate in this class until receiving a blue ribbon at the county or state show level.

Novice: Exercises include heel on leash & figure eight, stand for exam off leash, grooming, recall off leash, and long sit/down off leash. A dog with an AKC-CD (or equivalent) is ineligible. Note: A 4-H’er and dog may participate in this class until receiving a blue ribbon at the county or state show level.

Graduate Novice: Exercises include heel on leash, stand for exam off leash, heel free & figure eight, moving drop on recall, willing retrieve from hand, and out-of-sight sit/downs. A dog with one leg of its AKC-CDX (or equivalent) is ineligible. Note: A 4-H’er and dog may participate in this class until receiving a blue ribbon at the county or state show level.

Pre-Open: All exercises are performed off leash. Exercises include heel free & figure eight, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over broad jump, and out-of-sight sit/downs. A dog with one leg of its AKC-CDX (or equivalent) is ineligible. Note: A 4-H’er and dog may participate in this class until receiving a blue ribbon at the county or state show level.
Open: All exercises are performed off leash. Exercises include heel free & figure eight, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, broad jump, and out-of-sight sits/downs. A dog with an AKC-CDX (or equivalent) is ineligible. Note: A 4-H’er and dog may participate in this class until receiving a blue ribbon at the county or state show level.

Graduate Open: All exercises are performed off leash. Exercises include signal exercise (with 10 foot distance for down, sit, come), retrieve on flat for placed metal article, retrieve on flat for placed leather article, directed retrieve (with two gloves), broad jump, and moving stand and exam. A dog with one leg of its AKC-UD (or equivalent) is ineligible. Note: A 4-H’er and dog may participate in this class until receiving a blue ribbon at the county or state show level.

Pre Utility: All exercises are performed off leash. Exercises include signal exercise (at full distance), scent discrimination (with two metal and two leather articles), directed retrieve (with all three gloves), moving stand and exam, and directed jumping (with heel out). A dog with one leg of its AKC-UD (or equivalent) is ineligible. Note: A 4-H’er and dog may participate in this class until receiving a blue ribbon at the county or state show level.

Utility: All exercises are performed off leash. Exercises include signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and exam, and directed jumping. There are no restrictions in this class. Note: A 4-H’er may participate in this class with the same dog indefinitely.

Veterans: The Veterans class is for dogs that are too old and/or unfit to jump. Dogs must be trained through the Graduate Novice (or higher) level. Dogs must be at least seven years old. If a dog under the age of seven has been found unfit to jump by a licensed veterinarian, it will be allowed to compete. A dog entered in this class may not participate in any other class. Note: A 4-H’er may participate in this class with the same dog indefinitely.

Brace: For a participant with two dogs of their own or those who wish to borrow/lease a dog if they do not have two of their own. (A third dog may not be used for Brace.) No particular level of training is required or prohibited in this class. Note: A 4-H’er may participate in this class indefinitely.

Four-Dog Team: For participants wishing to work together in training their dogs to perform as a unit of four. No particular level of training is required or prohibited in this class. Exercises include heel on leash & figure eight, stand for exam off leash, team uniformity, recall off leash, and long sit/down off leash. Dogs will be called simultaneously.

Rally: Participants learn numerous commands and signals to aid their dogs in moving continuously through a rally course which consists of 10-20 signs indicating different obedience exercises to perform.

SHOWMANSHIP

Novice: Participants develop skills in dog show handling and gain knowledge of dog breeds and general grooming responsibilities.

Open: Must have received a blue ribbon in novice to participate in open.

AGILITY

Dog Agility combines the elements of a dog’s agility, briskness, confidence, and a handler’s control over an obstacle course designed for dogs. It’s a fun sport with a great spectator appeal! Jumps, tunnels, large A frame, pause table, pipe tunnel, collapsed tunnel, tire jump, long jump, dog walk, see saw, and weave poles are all part of the Dog Agility program.

IMPORTANT: All participants in agility training must complete an additional “Agility Release Form” before training can begin. Before they may take agility, participants must have achieved a qualifying score of 185 (blue ribbon) in dog obedience and participated in one other aspect of the dog project (showmanship, project bowl, obedience).

PLEASE NOTE:

Participants should be aware that, upon a trainer’s discretion, they may be required to move to a more advanced class based on prior experience or training. A participant may train in either Beginner A or Beginner B for only one year, after which, they must then advance to the Graduate Beginner (or higher) class. Members do NOT advance from Beginner A to Beginner B.

4-H’ers compete in the same class during one project year at county and state show levels. They would move up to the next advanced class for the following year. This applies to Obedience, Showmanship, and Agility. A 4-H’er can compete in a total of four obedience classes – two regular classes, Brace and Four Dog Team.
Cost to attend class is $20 for 4-H members, $25 per class for a 2nd dog being trained by a parent, or $50 for a non-member. Please pre-register by May 1st. Any registrations received after May 1st will be charged a $5 late fee.

When you come to training, you must bring your dog on a choke collar and a 6-foot leash. To determine the size of choke collar for your dog, measure your dog’s neck and purchase a choke chain collar 2-3 inches larger than his neck. The chain should be long enough to allow 1-2 inches of chain to extend when it is taut. Your leash must be nylon, cotton webbing, or leather and suitable for your dog. NOTE: There is a 5-10 point deduction for any dog not on a 6’ long leash in Beginner class at judging time.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
May 5, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.
Wright County Fairgrounds, Howard Lake

All class participants should plan on attending an informational meeting on May 5th, starting at 6:30 p.m. Instructors will be going over your paperwork to ensure that everything is complete and everyone is enrolled in the correct classes. They will explain what the classes will be like and answer any questions you may have. Please do not plan on bringing your dog to this session unless they are participating in the vaccination clinic.

VACCINATION CLINIC
May 5, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.
Wright County Fairgrounds, Howard Lake

A vaccination clinic is available for all dogs that will be used in 4-H training. No dogs without a 4-H ID will be allowed to participate in the clinic. Participation is optional, but pre-registration by May 1st is MANDATORY (if you have not pre-registered you will absolutely not be able to receive vaccinations, no exceptions). See the enclosed letter from Peterson Veterinary Clinic. This is a good opportunity to get your dog’s ID form completed and receive a discount on the vaccinations! Peterson Veterinary Clinic will provide the vaccinations at the following rates:

- Rabies (MN 4-H-required) $13.00
- Distemper-Parvo Combination (MN 4-H-required) $20.00
- Lepto (MN 4-H-required) $10.00
- Bordetella (kennel cough) $12.00
- Lyme’s Disease Vaccine $22.00

Please contact your vet to be sure of the shots your dog needs and sign up using the vaccination sign-up form included in this packet. The vet will only be bringing along enough vaccine to cover the dogs that are pre-registered, so please make sure you turn in your sign-up form by May 1st. No walk-ins will be vaccinated. Heartworm testing will not be done that night. Remember, your dog’s vaccinations have to be valid through the State 4-H Dog Show in late September.

COUNTY 4-H DOG SHOWS
Registration forms due July 1st!

All 4-H training class participants are encouraged to come and compete at the County 4-H Dog Show following the completion of training. Participation in the training classes is not required to be judged at the County 4-H Dog Show, except in the area of agility. ALL participants must register for each event they wish to compete in at the County 4-H Dog Show on their 4-H County Fair Registration form; registering for the training class DOES NOT automatically register you for the County Fair Show!! Failure to register can result in loss of eligibility for premiums and State Dog Show trips. The County 4-H Dog Shows are all held at the Wright County Fairgrounds in Howard Lake on the following dates and times:

- Obedience and Agility: Saturday, July 18, 8:00 a.m.
- Showmanship and Rally: Saturday, August 1, 8:00 a.m.
STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

4-H’ers entering 4th grade and older are eligible to attend the State 4-H Dog Show if they achieve a blue ribbon or higher at the County 4-H Dog Show. Information packets will be handed out to eligible 4-H’ers at the completion of each show.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Extension Office at 763-682-7394.

4-H Dog Training Class Registration Form

Please read class information thoroughly for prerequisites!

- Cloverbuds
- Obedience
- Showmanship
- Agility (additional paperwork required)

Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________
Address (non-4-Hers only): __________________________________________
Email: __________________________

☐ Enclosed is $20 per 4-H’er (payable to Wright County 4-H)
☐ Enclosed is $25 per 4-H parent per class
☐ Enclosed is $50 per non 4-H member

Mail form by **May 1st** to: University of MN Extension, Wright County
10-2nd St NW, Room C107, Buffalo, MN 55313

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4-H Dog Vaccination Clinic Sign-up Form

4-Her’s Name: ______________________________ Phone: ____________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Dog’s Name: ___________________________________________________________________
Breed: _____________________________________ Age: ______________________________
Dog’s Gender: ______________________________

Vaccinations Needed:      Date of last vaccination:
☐ Rabies - $13.00 (MN 4-H required)
☐ Distemper-Parvo Combination - $20.00 (MN 4-H required)
☐ Lepto - $10.00 (MN 4-H required)
☐ Lyme’s Disease Vaccine - $22.00
☐ Bordetella (kennel cough) - $12.00

Second Dog’s Name: ____________________________________________________________
Breed: ______________________________ Age: ______________________________
Dog’s Gender: ______________________________

Vaccinations Needed:      Date of last vaccination:
☐ Rabies - $13.00 (MN 4-H required)
☐ Distemper-Parvo Combination - $20.00 (MN 4-H required)
☐ Lepto - $10.00 (MN 4-H required)
☐ Lyme’s Disease Vaccine - $22.00
☐ Bordetella (kennel cough) - $12.00

Third Dog’s Name: ______________________________________________________________
Breed: ______________________________ Age: ______________________________
Dog’s Gender: ______________________________

Vaccinations Needed:      Date of last vaccination:
☐ Rabies - $13.00 (MN 4-H required)
☐ Distemper-Parvo Combination - $20.00 (MN 4-H required)
☐ Lepto - $10.00 (MN 4-H required)
☐ Lyme’s Disease Vaccine - $22.00
☐ Bordetella (kennel cough) - $12.00

NOTE: ONLY THOSE DOGS PARTICIPATING IN 4-H TRAINING CLASSES MAY RECEIVE THE VACCINATIONS!

DO NOT MAIL CHECKS - PLEASE PAY THE VETERINARIAN DIRECTLY AT THE CLINIC.
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