

The county fair . . . what a great time it is! Every summer, families flock to county fairs to see the latest 4-H project exhibits. Exhibiting is a fun way for you to showcase your project work. Here are some exhibiting ideas for you.

Suggested County Fair Dog Exhibits

The following list of exhibit ideas is based on the latest 4-H curriculum. Use it to generate project entries for your next county fair. If you're a county fair superintendent, use this list to enhance your county fair premium book for classes outside the show ring.

Level 1: Wiggles and Wags

1. Famous dogs
2. Dog care schedule
3. Traits of a good dog for my family
4. Dog breeds
5. Mixed breed dogs
6. Plan to prevent a lost dog
7. Dog body parts
8. Dog food nutrients
9. Dog vaccinations and parasite control
10. Demonstration on how to housetrain a dog
11. Dog body language and behavior
12. Emotional aspects of losing a dog
13. Basic dog obedience commands
14. Demonstration on how to groom a dog
15. Completed member guide (BU8166)

Level 2: Canine Connection

1. Dog breed origins
2. Dog boarding issues
3. Dog care budget
4. Inherited problems of specific dog breeds
5. Dog hazards home survey
6. Comparison of commercial dog foods
7. Report on visit to veterinary clinic
8. Dog parasites
9. Benefits of spaying or neutering
10. Training methods to correct problem behaviors
11. Demonstration on how to train a dog to do a trick
12. Dog performance events
13. Dog showmanship equipment and skills
14. Ethical issues and behavior
15. Completed member guide (BU8167)

Level 3: Leading the Pack

1. Dog vital signs
2. Dog body systems and their functions
3. Dog breeding issues
4. Care of older dogs
5. Puppy training classes
6. Role and impact of guide dogs

7. "Canine Good Citizen" training program
8. Dogs as service animals
9. Dog-related careers
10. Dog ownership laws
11. Dog-to-people diseases
12. Dog project skillathon plan
13. Dog showmanship clinic plan
14. Dog fun day plan
15. Completed member guide (BU8168)