

# Marathon County 4-H 2023 Dog Project



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<https://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/4h/>

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu>

[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

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### **2023 Marathon County 4-H Dog Project Schedule**

*4-H members are required to attend 5 or more dog training classes prior to the fair dog show on August 1st.*

Fee: \$5.00 per youth -- Fee may be waived if Youth/Adult assist with WI Valley Fair Potato Booth or other Leaders' Federation fundraiser.

**(Fee will offset the cost of the park facility use charge)**

**Thursday evenings, June 8, 15, 22, 29 and July 13, 20, 27\***

- 6:15-7:00 Obedience (On Leash) / Rally Obedience
- 7:15-8:00 Showmanship / Advanced Obedience (Off Leash)

**July 6 - No Dog Training Class**

**\*Thursday, July 27 – Wisconsin Valley Fair - PreFair Mandatory Sessions - Judging Pavilion**

**5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Watch for sign up and assigned times closer to date**

**Wisconsin Valley Fair  
Dog Show Tuesday Evening  
August 1, 2023**

*4-H members are required to attend 5 or more dog training classes prior to the fair dog show on August 2nd<sup>l</sup>.*

**4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fair Competition – Fair Entry Registration due June 25.**

**<https://www.wisconsinvalleyfair.com/p/other/junior-fair>**

Marathon County youth can begin submitting Wisconsin Valley Fair entries on May 22, 2023. Entries will be accepted until June 26. Contact [jodi@wisconsinvalleyfair.com](mailto:jodi@wisconsinvalleyfair.com) with questions.



***Division A & B Class Premiums***

**Division A - Obedience Class**

**Number**

- 1 Beginner Pre Novice A - Junior Exhibitor**
- 2 Beginner Pre Novice A - Senior Exhibitor**
- 3 Beginner Pre Novice B**
- 4 Pre-Novice A - Junior Exhibitor**
- 5 Pre-Novice A - Senior Exhibitor**
- 6 Pre- Novice B**
- 7 Novice**
- 8 Graduate Novice**
- 9 Pre-Open**
- 10 Open**
- 11 Pre-Utility**
- 12 Utility**
- 13 Beginner Pre-Novice Team**
- 14 Pre-Novice Team**
- 15 Novice Team**
- 16 Pre-Novice Brace**
- 17 Novice Brace**

**Division B - Rally Obedience**

**Class Number**

- 1 Rally Obedience - Novice**
- 2 Rally Obedience - Intermediate**
- 3 Rally Obedience - Advanced**
- 4 Rally Obedience - Excellent**
- 5 Rally Obedience - Master**

**Division C - Showmanship Premiums**

***Class 1 - 5***

***Ribbon Only Class 6 - 8***

- 1 Exploring, Grades 3 & 4**
- 2 Beginner Showmanship, Grades 3-5**
- 3 Intermediate Showmanship, Grades 6-8**
- 4 Senior Showmanship, Grades 9 - 13**
- 5 Championship Showmanship, All Grades**
- 6 Best Handler (1<sup>st</sup> Blues from 1-5)**
- 7 Costume, Trick, or Special Talent**
- 8 Dog Training Exercise/Demo**

## Marathon County 4-H Dog Project Rules/guidelines

Youth and parents must abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct and/or the WI Valley Fair Code of Conduct.

### Vaccinations:

Dogs will be required to be vaccinated within current state requirements. Any dog not having required certificates will not be allowed to participate in the dog training/show.

A copy of veterinarian certificate will be required at registration/training and kept on file.

### **Required Vaccination:**

- Rabies - within three years of show date (or valid vaccination)  
*A valid certificate of veterinary inspection shall indicate all of the following:*
- *Whether the dog has been vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian.*
- *The date on which the dog was last vaccinated for rabies.*
- *The date on which the dog is due to be re-vaccinated for rabies.*
- DHL & Parvo Virus - within one year of show date.

### **Highly recommended:**

- Corona and kennel cough (Bordetella)
- The fecal be checked prior to participation.
- Dogs should be heartworm checked and on preventative medicine.

### Equipment:

For obedience/rally each dog must be equipped with . . .

- slip (choke) or buckle (flat) collar with no attachments (no name tags, rabies tags or license, etc.)
- 6-foot leather, nylon, or web leash with only a metal snap attached, (neutral colors only)
- For higher level classes, official AKC dumbbells must be used. Jumps will be provided.
- **Pinch collars, gentle leaders (halties/head collar) and chain leashes may be used for training classes, but will not be allowed for show competition. Prior to use, please discuss with dog project leader and/or fair superintendent.**
- **Electronic training collars of any kind will not be allowed.**

For showmanship, use of a show lead is recommended.

### General Participation

- No dog may be shown/exhibited by more than one handler or in more than one obedience class.
- For show competition, dog project members must attend five Marathon County dog project training sessions in the current year, with the exception of grade 13 members who have prior dog show experience. Please discuss and submit any alternative training programs with fair superintendent prior to June 25 if opting out of 4-H training classes.
- No puppies under 6 months will be allowed in show competition but may participate in training classes.
- For safety of others in the class, if any dog shows people aggressive or dog aggressive behavior, the dog project leader / fair superintendent may deny participation in training classes and competition shows. Dog issues will be addressed on an individual basis.
- Always have control of your dog, but never hit, scream, or abuse your dog or you may be asked to leave the class/show.
- Any female dog in season may not attend class or show at the county fair, but you are encouraged to still attend.
- Visitors, parents, and prospective 4-H members are always welcome as long as they do not disturb the class.
- Clean Up: If your dog messes, you are responsible for your own clean up. Please bring your own clean up equipment.
- Treats may be used in training classes. Treats should be soft and small enough to avoid crumbs dropping on the ground.
- Read Fair Book rules prior to entering/exhibiting in show competition.

Our project is about showing youth how to train their dog for obedience and show competition.

The rules guide us so we can enjoy the fun of working with our dogs and their 4-H handlers.

## **DOG CLASS ITEMS . . .**

- o Training collar (loose measurement around upper neck + 2 inches)
- o Training leash (6ft)
- o Water & bowl
- o Training incentives/rewards (optional)
  - o Treats / treat bag
  - o Small dog toy
- o Clean Up / disposable bags
- o Wear comfortable tennis/tie shoes
- o Dog brush and/or small throw rug  
(optional - prior to start of class, sit and relax the dog with gentle grooming)
- o Paperwork not already turned in
- o Folders of any useful information
- o Cell phones turned off or on quiet - please no distractions during training
- o Any questions

## **Additional events of interest . . .**

<https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/state-4-h-dog-show/>

### **Outside Training Options**

*Please review with Wisconsin Valley Fair - Dog Superintendent  
if alternate training classes qualify handler and dog for Fair Competition.*

<http://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/4h/4h-projects/dog>

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4-H Member Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Club \_\_\_\_\_

### MARATHON COUNTY 4-H DOG TRAINING RELEASE

I hereby understand the Marathon County Dog Project Rules and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations. I will faithfully carry out the recommendations of the instructors and train my dog to the best of my ability, attend classes regularly and do as much additional training of my dog between classes as may be recommended by the instructors.

In consideration of the acceptance of this application and entering of my dog in the Marathon County 4-H Dog Training, I agree not to hold the Marathon County 4-H Program or the 4-H Dog Obedience Instructors responsible in any way for loss or harm to myself or my dog from injury. I also agree to be responsible for my own dog if injury is caused by my dog to any other dog or to any person during 4-H dog training.

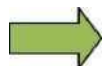
If my dog is sick or in season, I agree to leave it at home, but will attend classes and get the lesson for that week.

Signature of 4-H member	Date
Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date

## 2023 Marathon County 4-H Dog Project Registration Form

**Return this form to Project Superintendent Lorraine Wagner (bring to 1<sup>st</sup> class):**

**Current Rabies vaccination and a signed copy of the Marathon County 4-H Dog Training Release Form is required to participate in any classes.**

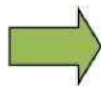


Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_



Dog #1- \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Age \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies: \_\_\_\_\_ DHL: \_\_\_\_\_ Parvo-Virus: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Record Next Due (Date of vaccinations: Month, Day, Year)

Obedience: Beginner PreNovice / PreNovice / Novice / Grad Novice / Pre-Open / Open / Pre-Utility / Utility &/or \_\_\_\_ Rally

Showmanship: Exploring / beginner (grade 3-6) / Intermediate (grade 6-8) / Senior (grade 9-13) / Champion (previous year top handler winner)

Dog #2- \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Age \_\_\_\_\_

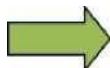
Rabies: \_\_\_\_\_ DHL: \_\_\_\_\_ Parvo-Virus: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Record (Expiration/due Date of vaccinations: month, day, year - Rabies is required)

Obedience: Beginner PreNovice / PreNovice / Novice / Grad Novice / Pre-Open / Open / Pre-Utility / Utility &/or \_\_\_\_ Rally

Showmanship: Exploring / beginner (grade 3-6) / Intermediate (grade 6-8) / Senior (grade 9-13) / Champion (previous year top handler winner)

Place a checkmark by the sessions you will be attending:



\_\_\_\_ Summer Dog Project Sessions on Thursday evenings beginning June 8th - Marathon County Park  
(Water and Water Facilities will not be available due to Park Maintenance)

\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 fee included

\_\_\_\_ Fee waived - Youth/Adult will plan to assist with WI Valley Fair Potato Booth.

**Special notes about you and your dog:**

\_\_\_\_ Certificate of Rabies Vaccination: Attached **YES/No**

\_\_\_\_ Training Release: Attached: **YES/No**

\_\_\_\_ (will bring to first class)

