

Marathon County 4-H 2025 Dog Project



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2025 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 12, 19, 26 and July 10, 17, 24*

- 6:00-6:45 Obedience (On Leash) / Advanced (On & Off Leash)
- 7:00-7:45 Showmanship / Rally Obedience

July 3 - No Dog Training Class

***Thursday, July 24 – 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 Afternoon/Evening
July 29, 2025

4-H members are required to attend 5 or more dog training classes prior to the fair dog show on July 29.

1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Fair Competition – Fair Entry Registration due _____.
<https://www.wisconsinvalleyfair.com/p/other/junior-fair>

Marathon County youth can begin submitting Wisconsin Valley Fair entries May 2025.

Watch for entry cutoff dates. Contact jodi@wisconsinvalleyfair.com with questions



WVF Department 9 Dog Obedience

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**

Divison 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 (1st Blues from 1-5)**
- 7 Costume, Trick, or Special Talent**

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:

All dogs on grounds must have current rabies vaccination as required by state law. 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:

The following core vaccinations and health care must be up to date.

- **Rabies Vaccination** – (State)

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.*

- **DHLPP vaccination** – Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, ParaInfluenza, and Parvovirus. *(Required by State 4-H project guidelines)*

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 should attend 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 July 15 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 4-H project "handlers" and their dogs..

Safety First

Always keep safety in mind and never approach a dog without the owner's permission.
Even if the owner says it is all right to pet the dog, but you do not feel comfortable doing so, don't.
Simply say "thank you" and walk away.

STOP

If you see a dog with the following behavior:

*Tense body, Staring at you, Ears are back and close to the head,
Showing Teeth (usually a sign of aggression), Growling.*

This is the dog saying "Stay away!" Keep your distance.

Another behavior to watch out for is a dog that won't look at you.
His ears are slightly laid back. His body is somewhat tense, or her is lying down.
His tail is down or between his legs. He is feeling anxious and unsure of you.

GO

If you see the following behavior:

*Relaxed body and wagging tail, Perked-up ears and ready for play,
Open mouth and wiggling body, or front legs low to the ground, possibly jumping and happy barking.*

This dog say "Hello!" and wants to play.

Whether you approach a dog that is new to you or one approaches you,
keep your movements slow and gentle and your voice calm.

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>

Marathon County 4-H Dog Project

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DOG CLASS ITEMS . . .

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

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.

4-H Member is currently enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project with Marathon County 4-H

Signature of Dog Project Member

Signature of Parent/Guardian

2025 Marathon County 4-H Dog Project
4-H Dog Project Member (youth)/Dog Information

Member's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ E-Mail _____

4-H Club _____ GRADE AS OF JAN. 1, 2025 _____

Adult's Name/Contact information: _____

DOG # 1 Information

OBEDIENCE, RALLY, and/or SHOWMANSHIP

Dog's call name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Breed : _____ Circle: Purebred/ Mixed

Rabies: _____ (Date of current vaccination: month, date, year) - **Must provide copy per State law**

Obedience Class:

____ Beginner Pre-Novice A / B

____ Pre-Novice A / B

____ Novice

____ Grad-Novice

____ Pre-Open

____ Open

____ Pre-Utility

____ Utility

____ Brace (Pre-Novice)

____ Brace (Novice)

____ Team (Beg. Pre-Novice)

____ Team (Pre-Novice)

____ Team (Novice)

Showmanship:

____ Showmanship (Grade _____)

Rally class:

____ Novice

____ Intermediate

____ Advanced

____ Excellent

____ Master

DOG # 2 Information

OBEDIENCE, RALLY, and/or SHOWMANSHIP

Dog's call name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Breed : _____ Circle: Purebred/ Mixed

Rabies: _____ (Date of current vaccination: month, date, year) - **Must provide copy per State law**

Obedience Class:

____ Beginner Pre-Novice A / B

____ Pre-Novice A / B

____ Novice

____ Grad-Novice

____ Pre-Open

____ Open

____ Pre-Utility

____ Utility

____ Brace (Pre-Novice)

____ Brace (Novice)

____ Team (Beg. Pre-Novice)

____ Team (Pre-Novice)

____ Team (Novice)

Showmanship:

____ Showmanship (Grade _____)

Rally class:

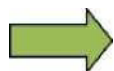
____ Novice

____ Intermediate

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____ Summer Dog Project Sessions on Thursday evenings beginning June 12th - Marathon County Park

____ \$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)