

This 4-H Dog Project Book

Belongs to: _____

Started _____ to Ended _____ Month

Year: _____ Year in Project: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____ Color(s): _____

***Print Photos of Your Dog to share in this book**.*

TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H Dog Project

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4-H Record/Planning Booklet

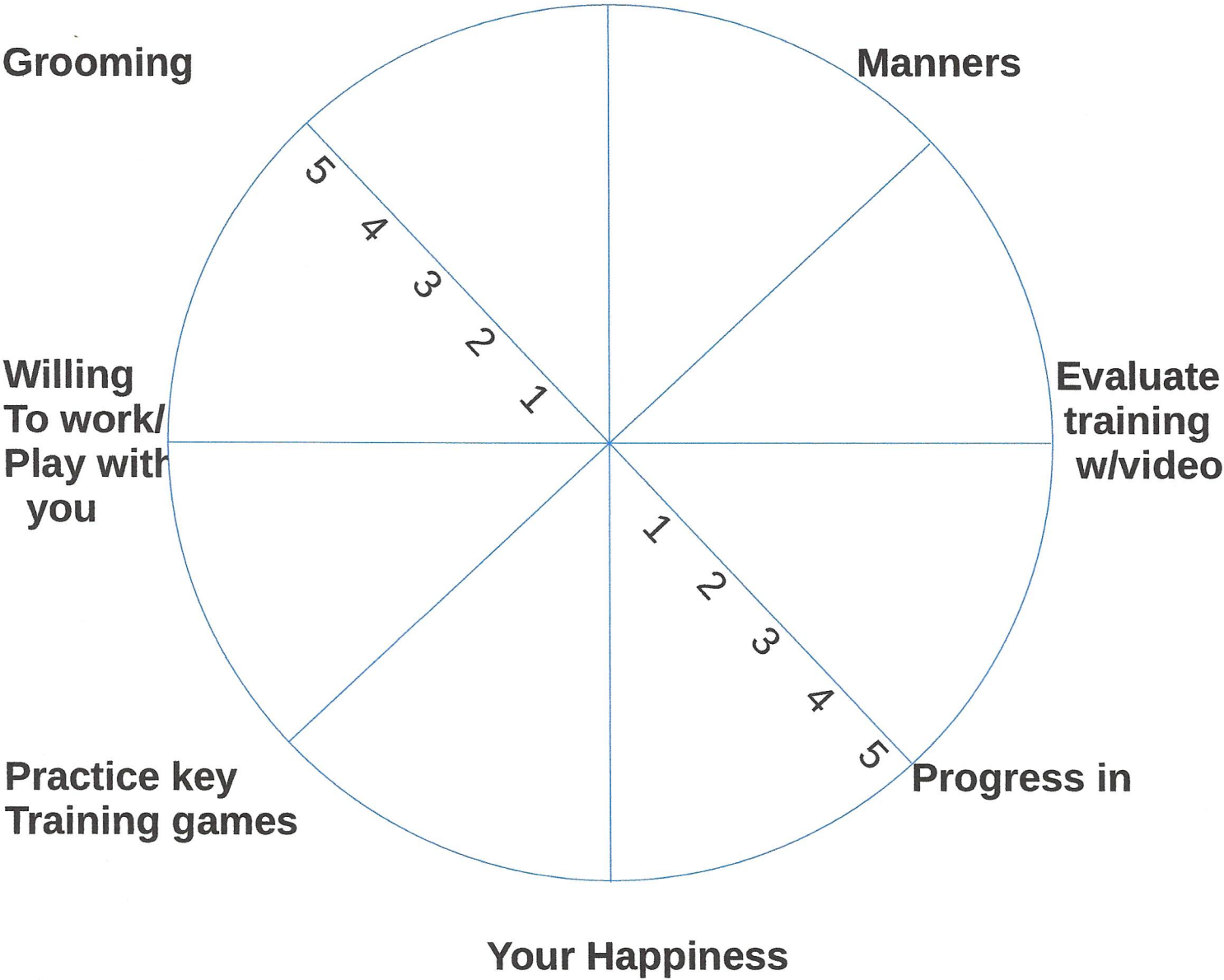
* A good idea* A daily routine you can design to get better at training, playing, doing stuff with your dog ...fast & fun

- 1.---set Goals for this year +
- 2.---keep track of what you did → you can do this on computer or hard copy in a file or ring binder
- 3.---have a place for important dog records

Complete the Wheel of Dog Enjoyment. Figure out your biggest opportunities by knowing how happy you are in these categories.

One (1) is the least happy and five (5) is the most happy. Draw a dot on each line, then connect the dots for a visual of your dog training/doing enjoyment well-roundedness.

**Comes
when called**



1. Set Your Next Goal

Start with a goal that is just a little more than what you and your dog do right now. A. Build a routine for practice/training. Like: I want to train my dog everyday before I feed him/her."

When you've got a regular routine. Then on to Skill-based – like 'I want to get good enough to train 3 tricks or do loose leash heeling or call my dog with a whistle. Or ...

And now your goals can be outcome based: I want to put on a short trick skit with my dog or I want to do an obedience pattern at the fair or I want to learn agility obstacles. Or...

Next break your goal into 3 smaller milestones. Make sure you list something you can do in the next 24 hours or less.

EXAMPLES

Project Goals – next 3 months (90 days)

I'll choose 10 tricks to train or I'll train sit, down, stand, come, stay and loose leash walking or I'll make 2 jumps and set up poles to train weaves and I will be super proud of what my great dog and I accomplish.

FAST START- milestone #1 = I'll get a Dog Tricks book and choose the tricks I want to train. Or I'll read the Obedience judges sheet and look at videos to see how it's done. Or I'll ask my parents and find a design for making a couple jumps...

Milestone #2 = I'll keep on doing short practices before feeding my dog and see what games and rewards they like best so we become a good team.

Milestone #3 = Once I have a couple things trained I'll try them in a new location (because my dog & I need to be able to perform).

Anticipate obstacles

Making a plan for how to deal with obstacles, greatly increases the success rate of goals. List one to three of the most likely obstacles you'll face over the next 90 days and then make a plan for each one of them.

Follow this format: *"If (obstacle) happens then I will (plan).*

Potential Obstacles:

School work/vacations/trips/sickness/have to do something else... I have a tendency to get frustrated with my and my dogs slow progress and stop practicing/teaching new things with my dog for long periods of time.

PLAN

If my school work/sports disrupts my dog training I won't beat myself up. Instead I'll get right back on track without feeling behind or guilty or trying to catch up.

If I get sick or family or school causes overwhelm. I'll simply play with my dog for 5-10 minutes, because I know consistency is better than perfection.

If I get frustrated with my dog's and my progress I'll re-read my consistency pledge and take a moment to think about the small wins and progress we've experienced.

Bigger Project Goals

Current Year Goals?











































Two year or three year goals?

Longterm (life goals – career or hobby)

4. Track Your Weekly Progress

Each day you play/train/work with your dog: write down what you and your dog did, What worked well, what didn't, and jot down a win from each days session. Did you video?

GENERAL DOG CARE (also known as Husbandry)

CARE	What I Do	Do with help	Learning
<i>Daily Feed</i>			
<i>Daily water</i>			
<i>Clean food/water dishes</i>			
<i>Proper housing</i>			
<i>Keep bedding clean</i>			
<i>Clean up after my dog</i>			
<i>Brush/comb</i>			
<i>Trim nails</i>			
<i>Brush my dog's teeth</i>			
<i>Check ears & clean</i>			
<i>Bathe</i>			
<i>Exercise/play</i>			
<i>Teach good manners</i>			
<i>Other:</i>			

Explore/Investigate the world of dogs & dog project choices

Obedience – obedience trials, rally, Canine Good Citizen, Trick dog, Schutzhund, therapy/service dog, musical freestyle

Sport – agility, flyball, fast CAT/lure coursing, barn hunt, disc dog, dock diving, field trials, tracking, weight pulling, carting, hunt trials, mushing/sledding, scent work, treibball, earth dog, herding, skijoring, bikejoring, fetch it, farm dog certificate, FIT dog

Dog Art – drawing/painting, photography, trick dog, musical freestyle, videography

Dog Breeding – Showmanship, Junior Showmanship, Conformation, Quiz Bowl, Breed Preservation, Rescue & Rehabilitation, Animal Shelters, Canine Careers → Advertise/Marketing dog products

Others?

Key things you want to explore this year?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

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Record of Training - Obedience

Beginner Pre-Novice: ___ Sit ___ Sit for Exam ___ Heel on leash
(always on left side, loose leash heeling at all times, reward from the left side, the pattern is an L with sits, and fast and slow paces ___ Recall on Leash (dog is left in sit/stay, handler goes to end of leash and calls dog to a front, there is no finish ___ Figure 8 on leash there are 2 sits in the figure 8) ___ Sit/Stay 45 seconds (start just a couple of seconds and treats, build up from there) ___ *Down

Pre-Novice: ___ Sit ___ Heel on leash ___ Figure 8 on leash
___ Stand/Stay ___ Stand/Exam on leash
___ Finish (handler walks around dog)
___ Recall/Finish (dog moves to heel position)
___ Sit/Stay 1 minute ___ Down
___ Down/Stay 1 minute

Novice: ___ Heel on leash/Figure 8 ___ Stand for Exam (off leash)
___ Heel off leash ___ Recall off leash ___ Sit stay 1 min.
___ Down on leash 1 minute

Graduate Novice: ___ Heel off leash/Figure 8 ___ Drop (voice/signal)
___ Long Sit (drop leash) 2 min. ___ *Take Dbell
___ Long Down (drop leash) 3 min ___ *hold Dbell
___ Stand off leash ___ Heel on leash

Pre-Open: ___ Heel off leash/figure 8 ___ Drop on recall (voice or signal ___ Retrieve on flat ___ Recall over broad jump ___ Long sit in sight (3 min) ___ Long Down in sight across ring (5 min) ___ * recall over high jump

() Recommended to start or accomplish during training year for future competition.*

Showmanship – knowing and showing dog to best effect

Grooming Dog: ___ Brush/Comb ___ Toenails ___ Teeth
 ___ Bathing/Clean ___ Ears ___ Flea/tick

Showring: ___ Line up ___ Stacking (front/rear/tail pose)
___ Bait use ___ Show bite ___ Breed Knowledge/general question
___ Dog Parts ___ Practice having dog stand for judges exam
___ Patterns >> ___ Down & Back ___ L pattern ___ Triangle
 ___ Reverse Triangle ___ T pattern (upper level)
 ___ Courtesy turn ___ Go/Return to end of Line
 ___ Free stack (dog sets up itself – handler baits)
___ Gaiting ___ Turns ___ Dog always between handler & judge
 ___ Hand switching ___ holding leash ___ best speed
 ___ Smoothness
___ Handler ___ clothes/shoes/hair ___ posture ___ attentive to
 dog and judge ___ straight lines and smooth turns
 ___ Courtesy turn request/nicely done ___ keeps
 showing their dog ___ sportsmanship ___ Lead/leash

Agility – accuracy at completing obstacles and speed

Fundamentals

___ Reward-based training ___ Hand Targeting ___ Foot Targeting
___ In/On/Over – boxes/planks ___ running on both sides
___ Sit/Down/Stand ___ Restrained Recalls ___ Name Game
___ Lead out (stay) ___ Perch work ___ Its' Yer Choice Game

JTT (Jumps Tunnels and Tables) On-leash or Off leash

___ bar jumps ___ broad jumps ___ solid jumps ___ tire jump
___ Straight tunnels ___ Curved Tunnels ___ Table (sit/down/stand)

Standard (includes contact obstacles plus JTT items) On / Off leash
___ A-Frame ___ Dog Walk ___ Teeter ___ Weave Poles ___ longer
course and more equipment

Vaccination Records and Dates **Dog's Name**_____

VACCINATION	DATE GIVEN	Future Date Due
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Rabies	_____	_____
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DAPP	_____	_____
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Leptospirosis	_____	_____
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Lymes	_____	_____
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Other:

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Parasite Control:

Flea/Tick

Heartworm

Veterinary Clinic

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____