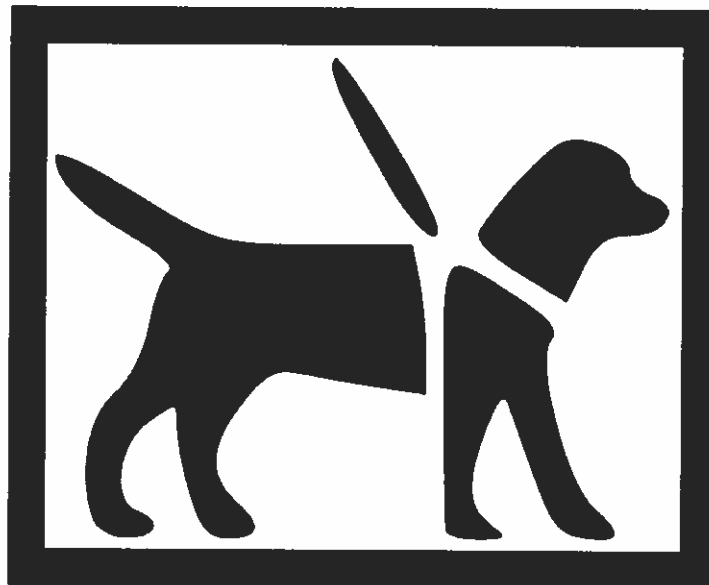


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Record Book



4-H Guide Dog Record Book

Purpose of the Colorado 4-H Dog Project

- Learn to be a responsible dog caretaker for guide dogs for the blind.
- Learn to work with animals and with people.
- Grow as an individual through this 4-H experience.

Minimum Requirements for Project Completion

- Have major responsibility for training and caring for a dog during the duration of your project.
- Complete the information asked for in this record book and/or the official guide dog project book.
- Attend regular guide dog club meetings and participate in socialization get-togethers.
- Your club and/or county may have additional requirements.

To be of value, a record book must be complete, accurate and legible.



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Information About Your Dog and Its Care

Date your guide dog puppy arrived _____

Dog's name _____

Dog's sex _____ Weight at 12 weeks _____

Height to top of shoulders at 12 weeks _____

Who owns the dog? _____ Birth date of dog _____

Dog's breed _____ Guide dog tattoo number _____

Is your dog confined? _____ Does it run loose? _____

Who feeds your dog? _____ Who cleans up after your dog? _____

Where does your dog sleep? _____

How often do you groom your dog? _____

How often do you clean your dog's: ears _____ eyes _____ coat _____

Describe how you groom your dog _____

Feeding Record

What do you feed your dog (type of food, amount in cups or pounds, number of times fed daily)? _____

What foods does your dog receive in addition to his regular diet? _____

If you made any changes in your dog's diet, what did you do and why? _____

Does your dog allow you to remove his food dish or bones while he is eating? _____

Feeding and Health

Is your dog's appetite:

Regular?

Irregular?

Voracious?

Depraved (eats sticks, stones, droppings, other)?

Does your dog grab food? _____ from hand? _____ from table or counter? _____

Can your dog be trusted if left alone in a room with food within reach? _____

Health

Your dog's health is maintained by regular exercise, good nutrition, care and grooming. Your veterinarian gives vaccinations to prevent disease and can help with sickness, accident or special problems.

Who is your dog's veterinarian? _____

Is vaccination for rabies required in your locality? _____

What proof do you have that each vaccination is currently valid? _____

What is your dog's shot record?

Age	Shot Given	Type of Inoculation	Supplier's Name
6 wks	_____	_____	_____
8 wks	_____	_____	_____
10 wks	_____	_____	_____
12 wks	_____	_____	_____
14 wks	_____	_____	_____
16 wks	_____	_____	_____

When was your dog wormed? _____

How often do you give a heartworm pill to your dog? _____

Was your dog tested for worms when he/she received the rabies shot? _____

Was the test positive or negative? _____

--if positive, please explain _____

If your dog is a female, she must be kenneled at an approved and licensed kennel when "in season" for the full cycle, which may be three weeks.

Kennel name _____

Dates in kennel _____

Ask the kennel staff for this information:

- Appetite:** ___ Excellent?
 ___ Good?
 ___ Poor?
 ___ Refused to eat? ___ days
- Activity level:** ___ Overactive?
 ___ Normal?
 ___ Calm?
 ___ Depressed?
- Attitude:** ___ Friendly?
 ___ Reserved?
 ___ Timid?
 ___ Aggressive?

Other times your dog has been kenneled:

Kennel _____

Dates _____

Reason _____

Was any unusual event, behavior or experience reported to you by the kennel caretakers? _____

Explain _____

Have you ever noticed your dog limping? _____

If so, when and for how long? _____

Which leg? _____ What was the cause? _____

Has your dog ever had any kind of skin trouble? _____

Ear trouble? _____ Eye trouble? _____

If so, describe _____

Other Health Care Reports -- record all vet visits (including shots), accidents, sicknesses, prescriptions, etc.

Date	What happened, including remedy

Add pages, if needed, for health report.

Your Dog's Habits and Behavior

In the Family

Are there special rules in your family concerning the dog? _____

How is the guide dog puppy different from your family pet? _____

Has your dog ever bitten anyone? _____

Does your dog jump up on people uninvited? _____

If your dog barks, does he stop when you tell him to? _____

Is your dog left alone outside when no one is home? _____

If so, how long? _____

4 months	6 months	10-12 months	14-16 months
Ht. Wt.	Ht. Wt.	Ht. Wt.	Ht. Wt.

Reaction to Strangers

How does your dog react to visitors to your home? (You may check more than one.)

- | <u>Men</u> | <u>Women</u> | <u>Children</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timid | <input type="checkbox"/> Timid | <input type="checkbox"/> Timid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive |

How does your dog react to strangers away from home (at stores, on the street, etc.)?

- | <u>Men</u> | <u>Women</u> | <u>Children</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timid | <input type="checkbox"/> Timid | <input type="checkbox"/> Timid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive |

Does your dog frequently jump up on people? _____

Has your dog ever bitten anyone? _____

Reaction to Other Animals (You may check more than one.)

Around other dogs, my dog is:

- Excitable
- Calm
- Curious
- Friendly
- Disinterested
- Timid
- Aggressive

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- Excitable
- Calm
- Curious
- Friendly
- Disinterested
- Timid
- Aggressive

Please specify any animals that cause your dog to become excited, timid or aggressive.

Has your dog ever fought with another dog? _____

Has your dog ever killed another animal? _____

If yes, please write the details at the end.

Reactions to the Environment

After careful consideration, indicated your dog's reaction to the following situations. In the spaces, put: E = excited; C = calm; U = uneasy; F = frightened; ? = don't know.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cars (while riding) | <input type="checkbox"/> Passing cars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping carts | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchairs | <input type="checkbox"/> People on crutches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People carrying parcels | <input type="checkbox"/> Crowds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loud noises | <input type="checkbox"/> Thunderstorms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe briefly: _____) | |

How often do you walk your dog in town? _____

How often does your dog ride in a car? _____

Does your dog get car sick? _____

If yes, explain:

- Frequently
- Long rides only
- Bumpy roads only
- Other _____

Does your dog ever salivate (drool) enough to cause his jaw or throat to become wet?

- Frequently
- Occasionally
- Seldom
- Never

If yes, what seems to most often cause this reaction (riding in a car, meal time, when excited or nervous)? _____

Has your dog been allowed to run free? _____

If so, how often and under what circumstances? _____

House Behavior

When left at home alone, do you leave your dog:

- Free in the house
- On tie-down in the house
- In a fenced yard or pen
- Other (please specify) _____

When at home alone, is your dog:

- Noisy
- Destructive (chewing, digging, etc.)

Does your dog attempt to escape from the house, yard or pen? _____

If yes, indicate how (by digging, climbing fence, bolting through open door, other): _____

If your dog ever escaped or ran away, how many times did this happen and how long was the dog gone? _____

Does your dog ever relieve himself indoors? _____

If yes how often and where (friend's house, stores, other)? _____

Does your dog relieve readily:

- On leash
- In yard or pen
- Away from home

Approximately how many hours per day does your dog spend:

Indoors _____

Outdoors _____

In the Community

The State of Colorado and individual counties and communities have specific laws concerning dogs. All dog owners must be aware of these laws.

What are the requirements of the laws and ordinances in your area concerning your dog?

- Rabies _____
- License _____
- Leash Law _____
- Excessive Noise _____
- Others _____

Financial Record

If you have an agreement about who pays for what, state the agreement here:

Guide Dog Puppy Record of Expenses (such as: dog food, veterinary work paid for by family, any special equipment, toys, etc.)

Date	Item	Who Paid for It	Amount
Feb. 16	6-foot leash	Dad	\$ 4.96
Total			

Please add as many pages as you need for expenses.
Place the Total Expense at the bottom of your last expense page.

Training and Socialization

Date of your first guide dog 4-H meeting _____

How many meetings per month do you attend with your guide dog puppy? _____

How many minutes per day (on the average) do your work with your guide dog puppy? _____

What commands are you teaching your dog? _____

Check the places you have taken your guide dog puppy for socialization.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elevators
<input type="checkbox"/> Stairs, open and closed
<input type="checkbox"/> Metal grates
<input type="checkbox"/> Bus
<input type="checkbox"/> Train
<input type="checkbox"/> Airplane
<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy traffic
<input type="checkbox"/> Grocery store
<input type="checkbox"/> Shopping mall
<input type="checkbox"/> Loud machines
<input type="checkbox"/> School
<input type="checkbox"/> Church
<input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant
<input type="checkbox"/> Office building | <input type="checkbox"/> Parades
<input type="checkbox"/> Farm animals
<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic events/ball games
<input type="checkbox"/> Band, musical concert or performance
<input type="checkbox"/> Playground
<input type="checkbox"/> Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Slippery surfaces
<input type="checkbox"/> Uneven surfaces
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire station
<input type="checkbox"/> Police station
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling alley
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction area
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing home
<input type="checkbox"/> Downtown areas |
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Exhibitions

List here all field days, fun days, dog meets, fairs, and 4-H or other functions that included your guide dog puppy.

Date	Event and Location	Nature of Your Activity

Add pages, if needed.

The 4-H Experience

You have gained more experience from this project than just teaching a dog to follow commands.

Activities

Record all dog project events and activities such as: club parties, trips, tours, demonstrations, talks, programs, community projects, etc. that you and your dog group participated in, fund-raising projects, camp, offices, honors, committees, etc. Do not include other 4-H projects. *Do not include activities previous to this project year.*

Date	Event

Add pages, if needed.

Story

(Discuss only the current year's project.)

Tell how you benefitted from this project: things you learned from raising this puppy, special pleasures, any special problems and how you overcame them, new horizons, books about guide dogs or related subjects you have read.

Tell how your dog progressed, better behaviors and manners, benefits of the commands you have taught him in everyday living. Did you teach your dog other skills or tricks?

Also, be sure to tell about other personal, club or community 4-H activities you undertook on your own initiative.

Pictures, new clippings and/or other items that have to do with your dog project and that you would like to have for your records. It will be helpful to use brief descriptive captions.