



## Dog

Project levels are designed for members 8-18 years old.

### Starting Out - Beginner

#### Inspiring youth to:

- Learn what kind of dog would be best for you and your family
- Learn about goal setting
- Evaluate project with leader
- Learn how to keep records
- Learn how to assume responsibility

### Exploring Depth - Advanced

#### Inspiring youth to:

- Advanced training
- Learn about dogs that help people
- Help younger members train their dogs
- Assist the 4-H Dog leader with training
- Learn how to do a budget
- Explore career opportunities related to dogs
- Build lifelong friendship

### Learning More - Intermediate

#### Inspiring youth to:

- Obedience training
- Learn how to train a dog obey certain beginning and novice level commands such as heel, sit, down, stand for examination, recall, finish and the figure eight
- Investigate dog breed origins
- Find out why dogs are neutered or spayed
- Compare dog foods
- Evaluate project with leader
- Learn about goal setting
- Gain knowledge of sound management practices
- Develop sportsmanship
- Develop public speaking skills



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## Tips:

- Fresh, cool water should be available in a clean dish at all times.
- Dogs need at least 2 dishes filled with fresh water everyday.
- A dog that is four to six months old will need a rabies shot.
- Dogs need a clean place to get out of the weather such as a doghouse or access to the garage.
- Dog should have:
  - clear, clean, bright eyes
  - clean pink ears with no discharge or odor
  - skin free of oils, flakes, sores or lumps
  - pink gums, clean teeth with fresh breath
  - anal region clean and dry
  - firm body
- Observe regularly for illnesses or acting differently than usual.
- Dogs needs regular grooming.

## Show Info:

- Follow 4-H Progression Charts to know which classes to enter.
- Dog Show Rules, Progression Charts, and Showmanship Study Guides can be found at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/>.



## Resources:

- Exhibit & Judging Requirements
- Record Books
- Manual Information

Located at: [Colorado4h.org](https://Colorado4h.org)



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# Dog Industry Careers



## Groomer

Provide grooming and salon services for owners of dogs



## Retail

Provide sales of products at different retail levels for dog owners



## Veterinarian

Provide veterinary health services to dogs



## Dog Shows

Be a professional fitter or shower at dog shows or learn to be a judge or volunteer at dog shows



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## **Degrees/Certifications:**

Animal Science  
Animal or Human Behavioral Health  
Genetics and Research  
Law Enforcement/Military  
Marketing or Journalism  
Dog Training Certifications  
Rescue Certifications  
Veterinary Medicine



## Rescue Operations

Work with emergency disaster organizations to use dogs during a disaster or to care for animals kept at emergency facilities



## Journalist

Provide informational articles and resources for those involved in the dog industry



## Trainer

Provide training services including law enforcement, hunting, service dogs, recreation and more



## Research/Diagnostics

Study the effect of nutrition, environment, genetics and more on dog diseases or illnesses