



Dog Resource Handbook Study Guides

Directions for Use

The Dog Resource Handbook Study Guides are to be used with the 2024 edition of the [Dog Resource Handbook](#) from The Ohio State University Extension. Counties may use these study materials and questions from the practice quizzes to create their own Dog project tests.

4-H Dog Leaders may utilize these materials to help youth prepare for Dog Skill-a-Thon contests. In addition, the Showmanship Written Test at the Colorado State 4-H Dog Trials will cover material in these study guides according to the recommended age ranges (Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors) referenced below for each chapter. Questions on the test may be taken from the following chapters for each age group.

| Jr., Int, and Sr. study: | Int. also study: | Seniors also study: |
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| Chapter 1 | Chapter 5 | Chapter 5 |
| Chapter 2 | Chapter 6 | Chapter 6 |
| Chapter 3 | Chapter 7 | Chapter 7 |
| Chapter 4 | Chapter 15 | Chapter 14 |
| Chapter 8 | | Chapter 15 |
| Chapter 11 | | Chapter 16 |
| Chapter 13 | | Chapter 17 |
| | | Chapter 18 |

Note: Some chapters from the Dog Resource Handbook do not have study materials because they are not topics that we include in the Showmanship test. We do still encourage 4-H members to read Chapter 9 Obedience, Chapter 10 Judging, Chapter 12 Performance Events, and Chapter 19 Careers as they do apply to the project.

Most study materials include a chapter summary, a leader guide, a youth study guide, a practice quiz, sample Dog Skill-a-Thon cards, quiz answer reference, and various additional resources from which to pick. Chapter 15 has extensive resources for studying anatomy and physiology of the dog.



Study materials include:

Chapter 1 Introduction to Dogs (recommended for Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors)

- Links to PDF and five documents 1.2 to 1.6

Chapter 2 Breeds (recommended for Juniors and above)

- Links to PDF and six documents 2.2 to 2.7

Chapter 3 Conformation (recommended for Juniors and above)

- Links to PDF and four documents 3.2 to 3.5

Chapter 4 Grooming (recommended for Juniors and above)

- Links to PDF and seven documents 4.2 to 4.8

Chapter 5 Selection (recommended for Intermediates and above)

- Links to PDF and five documents 5.2 to 5.6

Chapter 6 Communication and Behavior (recommended for Intermediates and above)

- Links to PDF and five documents 6.2 to 6.6

Chapter 7 Puppy Care and Socialization (recommended for Intermediates and above)

- Links to PDF and five documents 7.2 to 7.6

Chapter 8 Beginning Training Techniques (recommended for Juniors and above)

- Links to PDF and five documents 8.2 to 8.6

Chapter 11 Showmanship (recommended for Juniors and above)

- Links to PDF and five documents 11.2 to 11.6

Chapter 13 Working Dogs (recommended for Juniors and above)

- Links to PDF and five documents 13.2 to 13.6

Chapter 14 Showing Your Project Dog (recommended for Seniors)

- Links to PDF and five documents 14.2 to 14.6

Chapter 15 Anatomy and Physiology (recommended for Intermediates and above)

- Link to Leader Guide document 15



- Head and Neck Exterior Anatomy
 - Links to six documents 15.1.1 to 15.1.6
- Skull Anatomy
 - Links to three documents 15.2.1 to 15.2.3
- Forequarters Exterior Anatomy
 - Links to three documents 15.3.1 to 15.3.3
- Topline and Midsection Exterior Anatomy
 - Links to three documents 15.4.1 to 15.4.3
- Bones
 - Body and Topline – Bones (Links to two documents 15.5.1 to 15.5.2)
 - Foot – Bones (Links to four documents 15.5.3 to 15.5.6)
 - Forequarters – Bones (Links to four documents 15.5.7 to 15.5.10)
 - Head and Neck – Bones (Links to four documents 15.5.11 to 15.5.14)
 - Hindquarters – Bones (Links to five documents 15.5.15 to 15.5.19)
 - Whole Body – Bones (Links to five documents 15.5.20 to 15.5.24)
- Pads and Phalanges
 - Links to three documents 15.6.1 to 15.6.3
- Dog Parts Resource, External Anatomy Resource
 - Links to two documents 15.7.1 to 15.7.2

Chapter 16 Health (recommended for Seniors)

- Links to PDF and seven documents 16.2 to 16.6

Chapter 17 Nutrition and Exercise (recommended for Seniors)

- Links to PDF and five documents 17.2 to 17.6

Chapter 18 Reproduction (recommended for Seniors)

- Links to PDF and nine documents 18.2 to 18.10