

Kern County 4-H Dog Care and Training Program

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BRONZE MEDAL

Complete 10 of the following

1. What is the normal temperature of a dog and how do you take it?
2. Demonstrate the correct way to approach a strange dog.
3. What shots do you give a dog? Why?
4. What is the average gestation period for a bitch?
5. Name the three most important needs of a dog.
6. What are the responsibilities of a dog owner? Name three.
7. What does AKC stand for?
8. Why do you groom a dog?
9. Show ownership of an AKC Obedience book and read it.
10. Document at least two hours of Community Service related to the Dog Project.
11. Name three ways of rewarding your dog during training.
12. Demonstrate the correct way to put on a training collar.
13. What do you need to exercise your dog?
14. What is the advantage of owning a properly trained dog?
15. Name two external parasites and tell how to control them.

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SILVER MEDAL

Complete 10 of the following

1. Identify 10 parts of the dog.
2. Demonstrate how to measure a dog's height.
3. Name two internal parasites and tell how to control them.
4. Demonstrate how to clip a dog's toenails.
5. Tell how you would handle a severely injured dog.
6. Name three symptoms of an ear infection.
7. Name the 7 AKC groups and give an example of each.
8. Demonstrate the correct method of changing or turning collars around.
9. How do you correct for lagging? forging? crooked sits?
10. Name the first two levels of Obedience and describe them.
11. Describe how Showmanship classes are divided.
12. Demonstrate how to gait and stack a dog for the Breed ring.
13. Document 4 hours of Community Service related to the Dog Project.
14. Give a five-minute talk on some aspect of the Dog Project.
15. Assist at a County Show, 4-H event or local Fun Match.

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GOLD MEDAL

Complete 10 of the following

1. Demonstrate how to go over a dog on the Stand for Exam.
2. Describe how to take care of a dog's teeth and why you do it.
3. What is the benefit to crate training your dog?
4. Document 6 hours of Community Service related to the Dog Project.
5. List five working titles dogs can earn and describe the requirements for each.
6. Demonstrate how to give pills and liquid medicine to a dog.
7. Name the primary symptom of Rabies. What do you do? Why is it so serious?
8. Demonstrate two Open exercises.
9. Have received a passing score in Novice (or higher) at any show.
10. Work on a County 4-H Dog Project activity.
11. Give a 5-minute presentation on a dog-related topic @ Presentation Day.
12. Demonstrate how to handle dogs other than your own in Showmanship.
13. Demonstrate the ability to handle other dogs in Obedience.
14. Explain when and how to break up a dog fight.
15. Do one of the following:
 - recruit a new 4-H member for the Dog Project
 - obtain a program sponsor for a Fair class
 - teach a basic obedience skill at a County Project Meeting
 - teach a basic showmanship class (30 minutes) at a County Meeting