



New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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NEW MEXICO 4-H DOG I PROJECT – Wiggles & Wags

Objective: To teach the member about selection, nutrition, management, training and the health requirements of dogs. Members will also learn life skills such as record keeping, show ethics and animal welfare.

Materials included with this project:

- Pet Record Form 300.B-24
- New Mexico 4-H Greentop 400.B-10
- Wiggles and Wags, Dog II Project Manual 100.B-10-A

What do I do with my 4-H Dog 1 Project Material?

Suggestions for completing the project:

- Review the project materials including the record sheet. Complete Level 1 within 3 years by completing a minimum of seven of the main chapter activities each year that you are enrolled in the project.
- Keep a log or diary of all activities that you do which relate to the project.
- Attend workshops and clinics on training, grooming, showmanship, feeding and management of dogs.
- Participate in regional shows, county and state fairs.
- Enter an indoor exhibit on a subject from the Dog II project manual.
- Submit a record book to your Extension Agent detailing your dog project for project completion.

Suggested Learning Activities

- Visit local dog breeders and trainers.
- Learn the seven AKC dog groups and at least 20 breeds that represent them.
- Visit a trainer or read a book to understand dog behavior, and a dog's body language. Understand the benefits of proper dog training and train a dog to respond to the seven basic obedience commands.
- Learn how to properly groom and show your breed of dog and share your knowledge.
- Talk to a veterinarian about health and nutrition concerns for dogs. Learn about common dog illnesses and vaccinations needed to control them.
- Perform community service activities by presenting programs to local elementary students, after school functions, or assist with a local animal shelter.
- Give a demonstration or an illustrated talk on various components of the dog project.

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Where do I go for additional information?

- County Extension Office
- Veterinarian
- Library
- Internet (<http://www.akc.org/>)
- American Kennel Club
- Local breeders, groomers and trainers

What additional projects that relate to the Dog Project can be done?

- Citizenship Teach others about your project
- Leadership Organize a clinic or fun show
- Leather craft Make a lead and collar for your dog
- Braiding Make a lead or agility tab
- Photography Take pictures of your dogs
- Public Speaking Give a speech about your project
- Sewing Make a grooming apron, or showmanship outfit
- Welding Make agility equipment
- Veterinary Science Learn about proper health care for dogs

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