2023 Juneau County 4-H Dog Obedience Guidelines

1. Dog's vaccinations must be up to date and include distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, kennel cough, rabies and parvo-virus. Proof of current vaccinations is required before any dog can participate in classes.
2. No dog is to be 'off leash' or 'free' except for dogs working in advanced classes.
    a. Dogs working in off leash classes must be controllable at all times.
3. No dog will be allowed to participate in classes if there is an indication the dog is not in good health.
4. If your female dog is in heat, please contact the leader.
5. Striking and/or harsh corrections towards any dog will not be tolerated.
6. All dogs must be restrained from needless barking.
7. To reduce 'accidents', dogs should not be fed just before coming to class. When accidents' occur the handler must promptly and thoroughly clean it up. Carry a plastic bag just for this purpose.
8. Handlers must provide their own plastic poop bags and dispose of their dog's waste by the end of class.
9. Dogs will be trained on a six foot leash and a slip chain or nylon martingale collar. Leash should be made of leather or nylon. No Chain Leashes.
10. Handlers must wear shoes that tie or are otherwise secured to their feet. Sandals, backless shoes, slides, flip flops, or clogs ect are NOT allowed.
11. Always bring to class: water and a bowl, plastic poop bags, leashes, collars and treats.
12. The weekly lesson is not sufficient for training your dog. A minimum of 15 minutes per day should be spent practicing at home.
13. The instructor shall have complete charge of all classes.
14. Each exhibitor must train and show their own dog. Exhibitors may show someone else's dog as long as it is not already being shown by another exhibitor and that exhibitor has worked sufficiently with the dog.
15. Parents and visitors are welcome but must remain outside the training area during class and not cause distractions to the handlers or dogs. Any children in attendance must be supervised for the safety and well-being of everyone.
16. In order to be a Member in Good Standing with the 4-H Dog Project, members must attend 8 classes before showing their dog at Elroy Fair and/or 8 obedience classes and 3 agility classes at the time of the Juneau County Fair Dog Show.
17. Each owner is responsible for his/her dog's conduct and any member or handler who disregards any of the above rules may be asked to leave class. A dog's aggression towards people and other animals is not allowed. A dog who cannot be managed by the handler may be dismissed from all classes.

Juneau County 4-H Dog Project Educational Project Meetings

(These are in addition to obedience, agility and showmanship classes)

Purpose:

To educate dog project members about all aspects of dog care, dog training to enable 4-H members without a dog to participate and to form competitive dog quiz bowl teams.

Educational Project Meetings are open to any Juneau County 4-H Dog Project member in grades 3-13, parents, leaders and anyone looking to learn more about all things Dog.

Educational Project meetings will be held September to March, one meeting per month minimum, in-person and/or virtual.

Meetings will consist of trivia style learning. Members will help develop the question lists. Study guides will be developed for members to review on their own time between meetings. Featured canine specialists will be scheduled throughout the year to present their specialty and expertise to the group.

Members interested in representing Juneau County 4-H Dog Project at dog quiz bowl competitions must be in grades 3-13 plus attend and participate in at least 4 educational project meetings in the competition year.

Teams are made up of a team caption, 3 members, and 1 alternate.

Junior Teams are members in Grades 3-8
Senior Teams are members in Grade 9-13

Quiz bowl captains will be decided during the regular September educational project meeting by secret ballot. To be eligible for a team captain position members must be a dog project member in good standing with the Juneau County 4-H Dog Project, be in good standing with their 4-H Club and have been a Juneau County 4-H Dog Project member for at least one year.

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