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**Attention: 2015 Iowa County 4-H Dog Project Members:**

This year’s Dog Project will again offer: Agility, Showmanship, Obedience, Rally and Quiz Bowl.

Training classes will be MONDAY evenings at the Iowa County Fairgrounds.

**All Dog project members are required to attend a mandatory meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 1, 2015 at the Fairgrounds. Do not bring your dog to this mandatory meeting.**

**Please bring your completed application and a copy of the vaccination record to this meeting (see enclosed).**

Dates on your calendar

Obedience, Showmanship & Rally classes will be held June 8th – August 10th

Agility classes will be held June 8th - August 31st

Dog Quiz Bowl practices will be held at 6:00 pm on the night of dog trainings

June 1 – Mandatory Dog Project meeting (no dogs) at 6:30 pm at the Fairgrounds

June 8 – Dog trainings begin at 6:30 pm at the Fairgrounds

August 1 – Iowa County Fair entries due

**August 17 – Dog Obedience, Showmanship and Rally Show at 5 pm at the Fairgrounds**

August 21-23 State 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show – held at Washington County

**September 3 – Dog Agility Show at 5 pm at the Fairgrounds in front of the Grandstand**

Dog Training Schedule for 2015

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| **TIME** | **QUIZ BOWL** | **OBEDIENCE** | **AGILITY** | **RALLY/SHOWMANSHIP** |
| 6:00-6:30 | All Ages |  |  |  |
| 6:30-7:10 pm |  | Advanced | Beginners | Intermediate |
| 7:10-7:50 pm |  | Beginners | Intermediate | Advanced |
| 7:50-8:30 pm |  | Intermediate | Advanced | Beginners |

**Remember that everyone needs a six-foot leash (please, no flexi or chain leads) and a choke chain. A flat collar with no tags attached is needed in order to participate in Agility. A Showmanship lead is needed in order to participate in Showmanship. You should also bring treats or toys (bait bag), a gear bag, a bowl for water and a clean-up (poop) bag.**

**Vaccinations must be taken care of before the first class. All dogs must have Distemper, Parvo, Lepto, Bordetella and Rabies shots. Please stay on up-to-date on your dog’s flea and tick control.**

Reminders:

* Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your practice time.
* Agility, Showmanship, Obedience and Rally will be held on each training night.
* Participation in Obedience is required until the completion of Pre-Novice.
* Participation in Showmanship, Rally, Agility and Quiz Bowl is optional.
* A first year Agility participant may only show in Jumps, Tunnels, and Table (JTT).
* Rally is only open to youth in their second year of Dog Obedience and above or at the discretion of the trainer.
* Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and clean up at practices. There will be a sign up sheet at the mandatory meeting.
* Information about the Iowa County Dog project can be found at: <http://iowa.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-pages/dog-project/>)
* Information regarding the 2015 State 4-H Dog Show can be found at: http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/DogProjectEvents.cfm
* In the event of weather emergencies or excessive heat, dog project trainings may be cancelled. By 4:30 pm on the day of practices, cancellation notices will be broadcast on D99.3 and an email will be sent out from Sharon Shea (2shea@countryspeed.com) to the email address you have listed in the 4-H on-line program.

We can’t wait to see you there! If you have questions please feel free to contact any of us.

Sincerely,

Iowa County 4-H Dog Project Committee

Karolyn Levin – Superintendent

Dog Training Committee:

Karolyn Levin – Intermediate & Advanced Obedience Instructor

Pam Richardson – Beginning Obedience Instructor

Sharon Shea – Showmanship Instructor

Arnette Small - Showmanship and Rally Instructor

Kristin Lynch - Agility Instructor

Vicki Dufty-Sprinkel – Agility Instructor

Laurie Rowley – Quiz Bowl Leader

Lynn Evans - Coordinator of dog show program and awards