

# 4-H DOG WOOFs



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## OPEN SHOWS

Don't forget, in order to participate in County Fair, you must go and compete in at least 1 open show. You are required to turn in your highest open show scores. You should participate and compete in each class you plan to show in at county fair. You are required at a minimum to compete in county fair to show in showmanship.

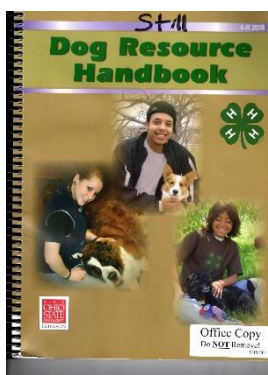
This can be a bit confusing for new 4-Hers be sure to ask if you have any questions. The El Paso County Open Show is June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. You are encouraged to go to other county shows. The more you go to the better you get.

The higher your outside score you turn in the better is the probability of you qualifying for state fair. The outside score and your county fair score are averaged. The 4 top scores in each class are invited to state fair.

In addition to competing in showmanship each student must be ready to answer dog questions the state has put together. I will let you know when the state committee has the questions ready. The questions will be from the 4-H Dog Manual.

## 4-H Dog Manual

Do you have your 4-H Dog Manual? This manual is currently being used for all the years of the 4-H dog program across the state. This manual is where your showmanship questions will come from. If you don't yet have your manual, be sure to check with your club leader or the extension office.



## Petting Zoo

**(Dog Advisory Committee Fundraiser):  
Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-4pm  
Focus on the Family**

The Dog Advisory Committee is hosting a Dog Project Petting Zoo Fundraiser on May 21st. WE NEED ANIMALS! We also need volunteers to help run the petting zoo. We are looking for medium to small farm animals or pets, that are good with kids. (e.g. Bunnies, guinea pigs, turtles/lizards, chickens or other fowl, goats, potbellied pigs, sheep. You name it.) Please contact Amber Hansen by May 14th to let her know what animals you can bring, or if you can volunteer your time. Animals needed at the Focus on the Family Bookstore from 8:00am - 4pm that day. Amber contact info: 719-650-5033 or [amber.hansen07@gmail.com](mailto:amber.hansen07@gmail.com)

P.S. this is a \$400 fundraiser, unlike what last year's ad highlighted.

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR DOG SUPERINTENDANT

Thank you for attending the Mock Trial. I hope it helped you and your student get ready for this year's competition.

Yvette Thompson  
Dog Superintendent  
(719)573-2743  
[yvetterthompsoncv@gmail.com](mailto:yvetterthompsoncv@gmail.com)



Be sure to bookmark and check often to our El Paso County Dog Page. You can find it here:

<http://elpasoco.colostate.edu/4h/4h-dog.shtml>

This page has links to various tutorials, judging sheets, record books etc. There maybe one or two items still being updated, but this is the page for you to refer to.

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## \*\*Attention 4-H Dog Project Members\*\*

Do you like to win awards and have nice equipment for your dogs to perform on?

If your answer is YES, then we need your help. Prizes and equipment cost money. One way the Dog Program raises money is to have a Silent Auction at our Dog show in June. You and your family can help by donating something for us to use in our auction; also, we need help soliciting donations from area businesses. We can use all types of donations; they do not need to be dog related. Donations can be items, services or cash donations. Think outside the box, basically if it is something you think someone or a pet would enjoy, we want it! Smaller or inexpensive items will be combined into baskets with other similar items to make them more desirable. All we ask is the donation be new or very gently used, we don't want to look like a yard sale, and no clothing items please, unless it is a specialty item like for example a Bronco jersey. Attached to this newsletter you will find a donation request letter with all the tax ID information included, please print this letter and give to any businesses you solicit donations from.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Yvette Thompson (719)573-2743

[yvetterthompsoncvt@gmail.com](mailto:yvetterthompsoncvt@gmail.com)



We have a CLOSED Facebook group to share info, ask questions, disseminate information, an events calendar and more. A closed Facebook group is only viewable by those in the group. Each of you that ask to join the group via your member must be registered in the 4-H El Paso County invitation or Facebook must be accepted by an administrator of the group.

The name of the group is: **EPC 4H Dogs**

Those of you not on FB, can join FB put strict restriction on your FB site and join the group. You do not need to be a big "Facebooker" to be part of the EPC 4H Dogs group. We do have a couple of computer types that can help if you need it.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE DATES

Feb 18, 2017 Saturday	<b>Obedience classes Started-Amber Hansen</b> See information on page 2 of newsletter
May 8, 2017 Monday	<b>DAC Monthly Meeting</b> 6:30 pm. Meeting at: EPC Transportation and Environmental Complex; 3275 Akers Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80922 (Board Room)
May 20, 2017 Saturday	<b>PETTING ZOO</b> 8:30-4:30 Focus on the Family, Chairman Amber Hansen.
June 10, 2016 Saturday	<b>DAC Dog Show</b> Mark your calendars for this weekend for the annual dog show.
June 11, 2016 Sunday	<b>Dog Country Dog Show</b> Mark your calendars for this weekend for the annual dog show.
July 15, 2017 Saturday	<b>El Paso County Fair</b> Showmanship & Obedience
July 21, 2017 Friday	<b>El Paso County Fair</b> Agility & Rally
July 22, 2017 Saturday	<b>El Paso County Fair</b> Round Robin

## Come Join NEW 4-H Club, DOG COUNTRY

ON Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Woofermutt

8025 Toltec Lane

Colorado Springs, CO 80908

More info at:

<http://www.woofermutt.com/4-h-dog-program/dog-country-4-h-club>

We are a new club with a focus on Dogs:

- Dog Problem Solving
- Guest speakers on dog-grooming, first aid, showmanship...etc.
- Fundraising, service projects and dog oriented events
- Some meetings you are allowed to bring your dogs!
- Demos, training, tricks, CGC and more!!

Any questions Contact: President Sabrina Christie:

(719) 351-7256, [4hgirl.sc@gmail.com](mailto:4hgirl.sc@gmail.com) or Leader Cindy Still, 719-440-3169, [woofermutt@gmail.com](mailto:woofermutt@gmail.com)

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## CANINE GOOD CITIZENSHIP

We will be doing visits to the Senior homes one or two a month until August 2017. Schedule sent at later date.

If you have your CGC certification for your dog already the 4her and their parent can participate right away in visits.

If you do not have your certification you can start training your dog in a specific CGC class and then take the test to get a certificate for your dog.

They offer classes at PetSmart for a fee and Cindy Still may offer a class if we have enough dogs needing the certificates. She does the testing as well.

Contact me with any questions or to sign up for this program within the dog project.

Please remember you will have to have a 3 sided display board for County Fair in July about your CGC experience and attend at least 3 visits to a Senior home. So you want to take pictures of your dog at the trainings or at the visits.

Contact Susan or Alleah Baron if you have any further questions.

[Chickpea@q.com](mailto:Chickpea@q.com) or 495-8140

Keep working with those dogs every day!!!  
Susan Baron



### DAC (Dog Advisory Committee)

#### Committee Board Members for the

2016/2017 year:

- President: Yvette Thompson
- Vice President: Amber Hansen
- Treasurer: Cindy Still
- Secretary: Betsy Webber-Jarman
- Member at Large: Alison Ludwig
- Member at Large: Brian Christie
- Student Representative: Sabrina Christie

Superintendents:

- Showmanship: Cindy Still/Alison Ludwig
- Obedience: Amber Hansen
- Agility: Alicia Christie
- Rally: Brian Christie

Appointed Positions:

- Record Book: Alison Ludwig
- CGC: Susan Baron & Alleah Baron
- Fair Liaison: Betsy Webber-Jarman
- State Dog Committee: Pam McWilliams
- Trick Dog Coordinator: Cindy Still

## Dog Advisory Committee Updates



- ❖ We need assistants and help for this year. Please review job descriptions and find a spot you can help in:
  - Assistant Superintendent:
    - Showmanship
    - Obedience
    - Rally
    - Agility
    - CGC
- ❖ Be a helper, learn about shows, assist at ring by stewarding, make sure kids are ready to go in, have paperwork/score sheets in order, make sure judge has what need.
  - Concessions – Run the concessions at our DAC Show. Plan menu, ask for donations, and coordinate getting food.
  - Raffle Assistant - Ask for donations, gather items and run raffle at show. This is one of our money makers to help pay for trophies.
- ❖ CGC (Canine Good Citizen) visits will be scheduled soon If you are interested in participating in CGC please contact Susan Baron (719)495-8140. She will be coordinating the best times for a CGC class if needed and the CGC visits.

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