State Exhibiting:

- Posters any design you wish to create about dogs
- Photography combine your camera skills with your love of dogs!
- Drawing & Painting create an original dog-related painting or drawing using pencil, chalk, charcoal, pen, ink, pastels, watercolor, acrylic, oil or mixed media
- Arts & Crafts includes things like sculptures, ceramics, needlework, macramé, carving, leathercraft, etc.

There is no pre-qualification necessary to exhibit at the Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Shows!

County Exhibiting:

- Expressive Arts Festival
- La Crosse Interstate Fair
- Area Animal Science Days
- Clover College/Other Demonstrations
- Area Dog Shows
- Annual Training Classes



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La Crosse County 4-H Dog Project

Offerings & Opportunities



Dog Obedience:

Begin by teaching your dog basic commands such as "Come," "Sit," "Stay" and "Heel." Progress through levels of obedience training from

pre-novice to utility. In addition to basic obedience, some youth may show in brace class (two dogs/one exhibitor) or team obedience (four dogs/four exhibitors).

Showmanship:

The handler is judged on the ability to present the dog to its best advantage. The ability of the handler to correctly use several patterns in the ring and the dog's gait to showcase the dog is most important. Knowledge of dog body parts and breed facts increases the score.

Dog Agility:

A competitive sport in which a handler directs their dog over a timed obstacle course, which includes jumps, tunnels, see-saws and A-frames, with scoring based on faults first and time second.



Critter Hunt:

Critter Hunt is based off of Barn Hunt. This class provides the handler with an opportunity to test the working traits of the dog. The dog searches for a tube with a rat safely placed inside. These tubes are hidden in bales of straw. The dog must signal to the handler that they have found a tube with a rat while also completing a climb on a bale of straw and going through a tunnel built out of straw. The handler guides the dog to accomplish all requirements inside the ring in the shortest time possible.



Dog Bowl:

A participation activity that allows members to learn more information about dogs in a quiz bowl atmosphere. Dog Quiz Bowl enables 4-H members to be more involved in the Dog Project and learn more about total dog care. 4-H Dog Project members without a dog are able to participate. Participants are able to join a county team that practices and competes at the State Dog Show. Rally is a team sport. The handler and the dog navigate a course, side by side, as the handler steers the dog through a course of ten to twenty different signs. Each sign instructs the handler the next skill that needs to be performed. Each performance is timed, but having good race time is not the goal. Working as a team while performing the skills with the dog under control is the goal.



Hanging out in the 4-H Dog Project pack allows youth to:

*Attend meetings to explore a shared passion for dogs

*Make friends while developing important life skills

*Have FUN!

