\$\$ 2025 \$\$ WYOMING COUNTY 4-H **CARE AND OBEDIENCE**

2025 DOG OBEDIENCE PROJECT

Begins the week of April 1st

Any enrolled Wyoming County 4-H youth ages 8+ are eligible to participate in the dog obedience project, beginning the week of April 1st, 2025, continuing for 9 consecutive weeks (weather dependent). The 4-H Dog Obedience Project offers several levels of instruction both for you as a 4-H member and your dog at multiple locations throughout the county. Please read over the enclosed brochure to understand all the components of what the Dog Project entails, including eligibility, important dates, enrollment forms, vaccination forms and fair classes.

The first step to take if you're interested in participating in this program is to contact one of our 3 instructors. Their phone numbers are listed in the included brochure. They can talk you through the basics of starting the program, requirements, and any questions you may have!

For their training sessions, 4-Hers should bring a training collar, flat buckle, or martingale collar for their dog and a 6-foot training leather, cotton or nylon leash. The training collar should be at least 2 inches longer than what is required to go around the dog's neck. Paperwork required for participation includes an animal registration form, a copy of rabies vaccination and signature on the liability agreement. If you are not an enrolled member in the 4-H program yet, the member enrollment form must also be filled out, with accompanying payment; \$15 for in county youth, \$20 for out of county youth. These forms must be filled out in completion and brought to the first class.

Listed in the brochure are the fair classes on the second to last page. Most 4-Hers will begin the project the first year as a beginner. If you or your dog have never participated before, you will be in the Beginner A class. If the youth or the dog have participated in this program before, you will be in the Beginner B class. After completing your first year, you may choose to move up to the next level if you're ready, or stay at the completed level if you are not comfortable moving on (unless you receive 1st place at the county fair, then you must move up!). If you have participated in the dog program before and are receiving this letter, please call your obedience instructor to notify them that you will be participating again this year! Information about agility and rally obedience can be found in the dog brochure. Be sure to call the leader if you are interested. Dogs must have completed the beginner level of obedience to compete in agility. Youth must attend at least one rally focused class to participate in Rally Obedience; we plan to host a county wide event in July. However, instructors will work on rally obedience with individuals and dogs currently enrolled in beginner classes. If youth are interested in grooming and handling, please also let your instructor know at time of registration.

Please call the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 if you have any remaining questions or concerns.



FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW Information on participating in the Dog Obedience Program

- 1 Obedience classes are for 9 weeks, one night per week. Participants must attend at least 6 sessions to complete the dog project. Individual 4-H members must complete the project, siblings cannot switch out during practice. Call the leader in your area to verify time and place. Pick the class most convenient.
- **2** Graduation Everyone is invited to be evaluated. The exercises will be covered in classes. If you are unable to attend graduation, you may graduate your dog at one of the summer trials. You must graduate and attend a trial to participate at county fair.
- **3** County Trials are held to give 4-H'ers a chance to practice and be ready for the County and State Fairs. Members must attend at least one of the two trials to be eligible to participate at the Wyoming County Fair. Ribbons are awarded for the top exhibitors in each division.
- **4** County Fair is fun for everyone! If you graduate and attend a trial, you are welcome to participate at County Fair. Entries are due July 15th.
- **5** To qualify for State Fair you must: 1) graduate, 2) attend a trial to receive a score, and 3) participate at the County Fair.



Thursdays - 6:00PM Joan Sage, Bonnie Bowman, Emelyn Fagan (585-237-2998) Perry Park, Perry

GOOD NEIGHBOR & SPORTSMANSHIP POLICIES

It is very important that every dog owner respect other people's property. Keep your dog only in the designated areas. Carry dog disposal bags in your pocket for that purpose. Don't let your dog urinate on shrubs, cars, etc.

It is expected that all youth and parents abide by the 4-H code of conduct. This agreement is stated in the yearly enrollment form. If youth display any manner of unsportsman like, or disrespectful behavior, they may be excused from the program.

AGILITY AND RALLY OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Agility - Dogs must have completed the beginner level of obedience to compete in competitions; however, they will work with 4-H'ers that have dogs enrolled in the beginner obedience program if the 4-H'er is interested. Call Mindy Holland (Arcade) at 716-353-6584 after 5:00 p.m. by the end of April if you're interested.

To participate in Rally Obedience at the fair, 4-H members *must* receive instruction on the rally classes before entering the rally division at the fair. This can be done by individual instructors. We hope to hold a rally session this summer!

LOCAL GROOMING AND HANDLING MEETINGS

Dog grooming refers to both the hygienic care and cleaning of a dog, as well as a process by which a dog's physical appearance is enhanced for showing or other types of competition. If you are interested in participating in grooming and handling classes, please notify your obedience instructor.





external parasite control programs. consult their own veterinarian for further information about these vaccines as well as internal & show dogs or dogs that come into contact with other dogs on a regular basis. Exhibitors should parvovirus yearly. Bordatella and parainluenza virus vaccines are also recommended annual for immunized (as appropriate to their age) against destemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, and The NYS 4-H Dog Program recommends that all dogs involved in NYS 4-H programs be Please attach a copy of the dog's current rabies vaccination (REQUIRED).

Owner's Address:

CCE Reserves the right to see proof of insurance and dog licensure.

Has this dog ever bitten a person? Yes _

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Do you or the owner/family have insurance coverage?

(Homeowner, Renter, or Farm Owner Insurance): Yes

Do you know this dog's history? Yes

Owner's Telephone Number & Email :



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(Please Print) Parent/ Guardian Signature: Date:	
(Please Print) Parent/ Guardian: Date:	
Youth Name: Date:	
With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this document, I acknowledge that the information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I have read and understand the terms of all releases, acknowledge and agreements including the following parts: Member Code of Conduct and Photo Release From.	
3. Youth may be barred from a future event.	ω
2. Youth may be sent home at family's expense.	Ν
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Consequences (Any of the following may apply, depending on severity of the situation.)	0
8. All participants are to refrain from romantic displays, sexual activities, and harassment either in public or private situ- ations. These actions will not be tolerated.	<u>а</u> 60
7. All participants are to refrain from the possession and/or use of illegal drugs, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, firearms and other weapons at all times.	fi 7
6. All participants will respect the rights and opinions of others, realizing that customs may be different.	6
5. All participants will be considerate and courteous of all youth and adults and their property at all times.	ы
4. All participants will be dressed appropriately for the event. If you are unsure of what is appropriate for the event, con- tact the 4-H staff person in advance.	4 12

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 Dog Obedience Goat Horse Poultry Rabbits/Cavies Sheep 	 Swine Choose Health / Fitness Clothing and Textile Noodlo Act 	 Cloverbud (5 to 7 year olds) Community Service 	 Fine Arts and Crafts Foods and Nutrition Cooking & Baking Food Science 	 Tood Science Home Food Presentation Legos/Robotics Plant Science Flowers 	 Vegetable Gladiola Giant Vegetable Home Improvement/Fabric Furnishing

	Wyoming County 4-H Member Enrollment Form Year 2024-2025
	Thank you for your interest in the Wyoming County 4-H Program! Please fill out the following form and return to the 4-H Office along with the enrollment fee.
Personal Information: Family Email:	tion:
Member Email (if applicable):	licable):
Member First Name:	Last Name:
Preferred Name:	
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Mailing Address Line 2:	2:
City: Date of Birth:	State: Zip:
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Do you wish to receive text messages? Parent/Guardian Information:	ve text messages? VES NO If yes please provide your provider:
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Cell Number:	
Parent/Guardian Two: First Name:	Image: No: Last Name: Image: No:

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<u>4-H Information:</u>	Have You Filled Out The Following Forms This Year?	Teals III 4-TI (COMPLETED as OF 2024):	Cash amount paid:	Check #/amount paid:	2024-2025 Club Information: Primary Club Name or Independent Member:	Club Officer: DYes	Club Name #2:	Club Officer: DYes	Club Name #2:	Club Officer: DYes	Club Name #2:	Club Officer: 🛛 Yes	 <u>2024-2025 4-H Project Interest:</u> Please select all 4-H projects you might be interested in. ** This does NOT automatically enroll you in a project, but provides 4-H program staff with interest levels ** 	Animal Science	D Beef	Dairy

self and others signed tasks/responsibilities in a manner that insures the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for 2. All participants are expected to participate in all of the planned programs, to be on time and follow through on asincludes the following rules and regulations of the given event. 1. All participants are expected to be responsive to the reasonable requests of the adult in charge at the time given. This Expected Behavior: be enforcing this code This will establish a clear understanding of expectations among the individuals involved. Chaperones on any 4-H trip will These expectations are to be shared with all Wyoming County 4-H Members participating in events prior to the event. and conditions. I sign this form freely and without inducement. of me. Further, by signing this consent and release form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to the above request agree to give up my rights with regards to Cornell Cooperative Extension photos, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips rect quotes, and/or audio clips that they have of me participating in Cornell Cooperative Extension programs or events. I form, I consent and give permission to allow Cornell Cooperative Extension the unlimited right to use photos, videos, dicase of activities in local and/or national newspapers or programming, and other similar lawful purposes. By signing this but not limited to, publications, promotional brochures, promotions or showcase of programs on our Web sites, showen of youth and adults involved in these programs and activities. They may be used for a variety of purposes, including, ties. Cornell Cooperative Extension requests the right to use all such photos, videos, print material and/or audio clips tak-Cornell Cooperative Extension events or participating in Cornell Cooperative Extension-sponsored programs and activi-From time to time, photographs, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips may be taken of youth and adults attending Wyoming County 4-H Youth Development Member Code of Conduct Commitment Photo, Video, and Audio Consent and Release Form \Box I do **not** release media consent of my child

resenting themselves and Wyoming County 4-H. 3. All participants will act in a mature, responsible manner, recognizing that they are role models for others and are rep-

Acknowledgement of Risk Form – 4-H Member	
This form must be completed to participate in 4-H clubs/4-H Equine clubs and related activities. This form may be completed during 4-H enrollment for the full program year for 4-H activities/4-H equine activities and events designated below at the club, county, multiple county, regional, state and national level.	club,
I hereby apply for my child to participate in the 4-H club and/or activity indicated below to be conducted by the designated Cornell Cooperative Extension Association and acknowledge as follows:	uo
I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child's participation in the 4-H club and activities and my child's partici- pation in said 4-H club and all its activities and use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness or death and damage to personal property. I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risk and dangers and I hereby accept these risk and dangers. My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of 5 for Cloverbud members and 8 for regular 4-H members/8 for regular 4-H Eq- uine club members required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith	tici- nal a-
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County 4-H Program Year: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 Select anticipated program participation:	
igsqcup All 4-H Activities and Events for the 2024-2025 Program Year	
4-H Club Activities: □ Working with dogs	
Physical Fitness programs	
Shooting Sports	
4-H Club Equine Activities:	
D Participating in an equine club	
lacksquare Working with equines beyond club level including clinics, camps, shows	
■ Working with equines in mounted "over fences" activities. I (the parent or legal guardian) am aware that my child will be participating in 4-H Horse Program mounted "over fences" activities at Cornell University Cooperative Extension county, multiple county, regional, or state spon-sored events. I give my child permission to participate. Mounted "over fences" classes in the NYS 4-H Horse Program could include ground rail, cross rail, and/or other over fences classes and obstacles (this does include trail class). The obstacles will be no higher than 3 foot in any of the 4-H activities.	4-H red ail,

CCE Dog/Animal Release of Liability and Indemnification Agreement

Extension ("CCE") event and/or activity and/or property. I acknowledge that I or my child have voluntarily brought a dog or other animal (collectively, "animal(s)") to a Cornell Cooperative

I agree to pick up after my animal(s) and dispose of all waste in appropriate containers.

contact with any person, animal or vehicle must be no longer than that which is reasonably necessary to prevent the animal from chasing, attacking, or coming into uninvited I or my child agree to maintain control of the animal(s) by an adequate leash at all times while present. The length of the leash

animals, or property in connection with or relating in any way to me or my child's presenceon CCE property with my animal(s). entirely my responsibility. I expressly and voluntarily assume all such risks, loss, damages, or injury that may be sustained to persons, my animal(s), and to other animals, as well as risks of harm to the personal property of others. I understand all of these risks are I understand that being physically present with my animal(s) necessarily involves risks of injury to me, my child, to other people, to

presence on CCE property with my animal(s) employees, successors and assigns from any and all negligent acts and omissions in connection with or in any way relating to my property with my animal(s). I fully and forever release and discharge CCE, its affiliates, agents, volunteers, officers, directors, future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated, or unanticipated, resulting fromor arising out of my presence on CCE directors, employees, successors and assigns from any claims, demands, damages, rights of action or causes of action present or By signing this release of liability, I hereby fully and forever release and discharge CCE, its affiliates, agents, volunteers, officers,

rights of action or causes of action present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, employees, successors and assigns (the "Indemnified Parties") from any claims, demands, damages, costs including attorney's fees, By signing this agreement, I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless CCE, its affiliates, agents, volunteers, officers, directors,



This policy applies to all youth and adults who participate in any CCE 4-H program with a dog, bring their dog with them to any 4-H/CCE program or activity, or participate in a 4-H sponsored dog obedience class.

- 1. All dogs are the responsibility of the owner, and the owner is fully and completely responsible for their own actions and the actions of the dog.
- 2. All dogs must be registered through the 4H/CCE Registration process.
- 3. Participants must have proof of an updated rabies vaccination for any dog that will be present at a 4-H program.
- 4. CCE is prohibited from sponsoring rabies clinics or any other type of animal immunization clinic.
- 5. Dogs should only be permitted on CCE premises or allowed access to CCE activities in the following circumstances:
 - a. The dog is a seeing eye guide dog supporting a visually impaired employee, volunteer, or program participant
 - b. The dog is under the care of an enrolled 4-H club member participating in a 4-H dog club or activity
 - c. The dog is under the supervision of a person who is participating in a 4-H dog obedience program taught by an approved instructor
- 6. Dogs with impairments such as blindness or deafness are allowed to participate in CCE 4-H programs. Dogs that are lame or have other health challenges may participate if the handler brings a statement from a veterinarian stating that use as a 4-H project dog will not be harmful to the animal.
- 7. 4-H leaders, superintendents and instructors have the authority to dismiss or place restrictions on dogs from any activity when they exhibit aggressive, dangerous, or other problematic behaviors, and/or are not being properly controlled by the owner or handler of the dog. When this occurs, the leaders and superintendents must inform the

4-H staff leadership of their decision and work with CCE to develop an appropriate remediation plan. The safety of youth and adult participants, and other dogs, takes precedence in these situations. Every effort should be made to see that the 4-H participant is not excluded from the activity.

- Dogs that are being utilized in an educational exhibit or demonstration, such as a fire prevention or safety display, must not be accessible to the public, unless they are under the control of the 4-H member who owns the dog.
- CCE Prohibits the use of Wolves, Wolf Hybrids, or Animals with a bite history, or Animals found to be dangerous under the provisions of the Agriculture and Markets Law Section 123. <u>Agriculture</u> and <u>Markets Law Section 123</u>.





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NEW YORK STATE 4-H DOG PROGRAM Animal Registration Form Wyoming County For the 4-H Year of 2025
Member's Name:
Owner's Name:
Dog's Name:
Age of Dog: Male/Female:
Breed/Mix: Color:
Is this dog from a shelter? Yes No
If yes, list the rescue organization and shelter:



DOG DISEASES

Vaccinate your dog to protect it from these diseases



RABIES - A fatal viral infection of the Central Nervous System that affects mammals, including humans. It is spread through the saliva of a rabid animal.



DISTEMPER - A highly contagious, often fatal - virus that affects a dog's respiratory, gastrointestinal and nervous systems. The distemper virus generally spreads as an air-borne infection, so vaccination is the only effective control.



HEPATITIS - A very serious viral disease that affects the liver and cells lining the blood vessels. Symptoms of the disease are high fever, edema and hemorrhage.



LEPTOSPIROSIS - Can cause permanent kidney damage in your dog. It's a very contagious disease that is spread from infected animals to healthy ones by contact with nasal secretions, urine or saliva. Symptoms of lepto are inflamed kidneys, fever, vomiting and diarrhea.



LYME DISEASE - Caused by bacteria and is carried by ticks. Characterized by swelling of joints and pain in standing and moving, typically with a low-grade fever. Antibiotics are used to treat the disease. A vaccine is available that has not been widely tested. It is unclear whether it is safe to vaccinate dogs for Lyme disease.



PARVOVIRUS - Is a highly contagious viral infection that strikes quickly and often causes immediate death. It is particularly severe in puppies and young dogs. A bloody diarrhea is a symptom of parvovirus.

The NYS 4-H Dog Program recommends that all dogs involved in NYS 4-H Programs be immunized (as appropriate to their age) against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis & parvovirus yearly. Bordetella & parainfluenza virus vaccines are also recommended annually for show dogs or dogs that come in contact with other dogs on a regular basis. Exhibitors should consult their own veterinarian for further information about these vaccines as well as internal & external parasite control programs.

WYOMING COUNTY FAIR CLASSES

Obedience Classes

- D-1 Grooming and Handling -Beginners
- D-2 Grooming and Handling -Experienced Exhibitors
- D-3 Beginner A (first year dog project members, all on lead)
- D-4 Beginner B (returning student or dog, on lead)
- D-5 Beginner C (AKC rules, some off lead)
- D-6 Graduate Beginner A
- D-7 Graduate Beginner B
- D-8 Novice A
- D-9 Novice B
- D-10 Advanced Novice
- D-11 Graduate Novice (w/dumbell)
- D-12 Open
- D-13 Brace Class
- D-14 Four Man Team

Agility Classes

- D-15 Pre Novice I Agility (w/o treat)
- D-16 Pre Novice II Agility (2nd year, w/o treat)
- D-17 Novice Agility
- D-18 Open Agility
- D-19 Excellent Agility

Rally Classes

- D-20 Rally Obedience Novice A
- D-21 Rally Obedience Novice B
- D-22 Rally Obedience Intermediate Advanced
- D-23 Rally Obedience Advanced
- D-24 Rally Obedience Excellent
- D-25 Rally Obedience Master

STATE FAIR SELECTION

To qualify for State Fair in Obedience you must: 1) graduate with your dog, 2) attend a trial, and 3) participate in County Fair. If you are interested in going to the State Fair level, you must submit your entry to the 4-H office before August 1st.

To qualify for State Fair in Rally Obedience you **must**: 1) participate in rally obedience training w/ obedience instructor 2) participate in the County Fair.

To qualify for State Fair in Agility you must have 1) graduated from Obedience, 2) participated in Agility training on the county level. 2) Completed 2 years of agility at the county fair.

WYOMING COUNTY FAIR

Section 9 - Dog Care & Obedience Section Superintendent: Sarah Clark

Class D-1 awards: first blue, \$2.50; second, \$2.00; third, \$1.50. For all other classes, awards will be blue, 5 points; red, 4 points; white, 3 points. Each point will be worth premium money, depending on available funds.

A 4-H member in the dog care and obedience project will be eligible to compete if he or she has a dog about 6 months old or older. All dogs must have been vaccinated for rabies within the last 3 years. Dogs vaccinated for rabies under one year of age, must be revaccinated the second year. It is also recommended that dogs have been immunized against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, and parvo virus. Any of the above diseases could kill your dog. A copy of the rabies certificate must be on file in the 4-H office on any dog to be shown at the Wyoming County Fair.

A member may not enter more than two obedience classes in Classes D-3 through D-12. A dog may be entered in one obedience class only, in classes D-3 through D-12. Dogs that have a CD title may compete in advanced novice, graduate novice or open. Class D-12 is for dogs that have registered their CD title.

Severe physical correction or abuse of a dog (in or out of the ring) is not allowed and will result in complete dismissal from the show if it occurs. Dogs showing discomfort or pain will be excused. Dogs showing aggression will be excused. Unsportsmanlike conduct will also not be tolerated. Depending on the severity, the member may be excused from the competition.

A dog may be entered even though it isn't family owned if such a dog is registered with the 4-H educator before May 1 and approved. Female dogs in heat may be shown but they must be confined until asked to come to the show ring.

Class D-1 may be entered by any enrolled 4-H'er who has received some training in grooming and handling (no formal obedience class required).

In order for a dog and 4-H member to compete at the fair, they must have completed and graduated from a 9 week 4-H Dog Obedience in that given year AND participated in one of two trials offered the same fair year. (Dogs can be graduated at graduation or at the trials, but not at the fair). A 6 foot lead and a training, flat buckle or martingale collar are required for obedience classes.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, June 18th at 5:30PM

Graduation

Wyo. Co. Fairgrounds Inside Ag Expo Center or Outside Weather Permitting

Tuesday, June 24th at 5:30PM **Obedience Trial** at Warriner's Farm, 7618 Spear Rd, Perry

Thursday, July 10th at 5:30PM **Obedience Trial** at Wyo. Co. Fairgrounds Inside Ag Expo Center or Outside Weather Permitting



Sunday, August 10th at 2:00PM **Obedience Program** Water Street Ball Field, Wyoming County Fairgrounds, Pike

Thursday, August 14th at 12:30PM **Rally Obedience, Agility Immediately After** Ag Expo Center, Wyoming County Fairgrounds Pike

New York State Fair 4-H Dog Show, Monday, August 25th New York State Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY



