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TO: Dog Project Members, Parents/Guardians and Project Leaders

FROM: Holly Luerssen, 4-H Program Coordinator – Lincoln & Langlade Counties
Lincoln County UW-Extension

DATE: April 30, 2020

RE: **Dog Project Orientation Meeting**
Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Conference – Join Zoom Meeting

- <https://bit.ly/LCDogProjectMeeting>
 - Meeting ID: 991 7682 2820
 - Password: 983092

Meeting Specifics:

- **All 4-H Dog Project members are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Due to COVID-19 4-H project meeting restrictions, we will share how the project will be moving forward.**
- We'd love to see your dogs during introductions on this meeting.
- *Youth must be in 3rd grade or older and enrolled in the 4-H Dog project to participate in these trainings.*
- **New online Registration and submitting Proof of Vaccinations will be discussed.**

If you are planning to participate in any of this year's weekly dog project trainings, it is necessary for you and/or a parent/guardian to attend the orientation meeting on Monday, May 18th. Attendance at this meeting is very important for new and returning members.

The following information will be covered at this orientation meeting:

- **Training schedule** and what will be included in this year's trainings
- **Required Documentation: 2020 Lincoln County Fair Dog Show:**
 - The show will be on Saturday, August 15th at 8 a.m. (Starting time to be determined). with a rain date of Sunday, August 16th at 8 a.m. in the Lincoln County Humane Society's fenced in area.
- **Safety guidelines/rules**
 - *Six foot safety space.* Youth need to be paying attention to their dog and keep enough space between your dog and other dogs for safety.
 - *Aggressive/uncontrollable dog & Youth not paying attention:* It is the discretion of the lead trainer to ask an aggressive/uncontrollable dog and/or a youth who is not paying

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attention to their dog or mistreating their dog to leave/not allow back to trainings and to fair show. This is not meant to discourage individuals from bringing your dog to trainings, but if your dog continually shows aggression or is uncontrollable you will be asked to leave and not allowed back with that dog for the safety of everyone involved in the project. *As a safety precaution, we will place a ribbon on dog/handler combination that are of concern.*

- *Female dogs* that are not spayed are not allowed at trainings or the fair show if they are in season. If you are not sure if your dog is in season, please have your dog checked by a vet the day of training to be sure. The youth is encouraged to come to trainings without their dog to keep up on what is being covered during the training.
- *Dogs that pee on/in agility equipment* will be required to wear a diaper for trainings and fair show or they will not be allowed to use the equipment. The youth is responsible for providing the diaper for their dog.
- **Necessary Equipment**
 - Proper leash,
 - Collar (see list at end of registration form for ordering and cost information),
 - Water and training treats.
 - Youth should also wear comfortable shoes for running with your dog such as tennis shoes.
- **Maintenance of dog project equipment:**
 - Each youth is requested to donate \$10 towards the purchase and upkeep of the necessary equipment for the dog project. A donation of any amount is appreciated.
 - Other Fundraisers - Open Show at the Fair; Sale of Food, Themed Basket Raffle and potential 50/50 raffle at the Fair Dog Show
- **4-H Dog Project t-shirts:**
 - Ordering information will be available at the meeting. Funds raised through the sale of the t-shirts will be used to support the 4-H Dog Project (i.e. equipment upkeep).
- **Dog-less Dog Project:**
 - Would you like to participate but do not have a dog? Like the Horseless Horse project, there is also a Dog-less Dog project. So if you do not currently have a dog but would like to participate in this project, contact Mark at 715-551-3840.).
- **2020 Training Sessions:**
 - Monday's from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Merrill at the Merrill Festival Grounds (formerly Lincoln County Fairgrounds) to the east of the Lokemoen Building.
 - Dates:
 - First & Second Year project members only: June 1
 - All Members: June 8, 15, 22; 29 July 6, 13, 20, 27; and August 3
- **Youth Responsibilities at the Meetings:**
 - *Agility Participants & Parents:* Please come about 5-10 minutes early to assist with the setup of agility equipment. This is a big job so the more people to help the better!!!
 - *Clean Up:* Bring a supply of baggies for cleaning up after your dog. This is part of being a responsible dog owner and expected during trainings and show.

- **Drop Off:**
 - Parents/guardians, who drop off their child and their dog at the training and leave, are asked to speak to a committee member before they leave to provide contact information and find out when class will end that evening.
- **Fun Show:** A new opportunity to practice showing before the fair show. More info to follow.
- **4-H Dog Project Registration and Proof of Vaccinations –**
 - *Required Shots:* All dogs must have distemper, parvo, and rabies shots.
 - *Turn-In Deadlines:*
 - Register each dog you are using prior to May 31, 2020.
 - Due to the COVID-19 meeting restrictions. Registration and Proof of Vaccinations will be collected online only. Use the link below.
 - <https://bit.ly/LC4HDogRegistration>
 - If a youth is not able to complete the required registration and proof of vaccinations by May 31st, youth must wait one week after they turn in the paperwork, before attending trainings or email Bridie Maas.
 - *Reminder:* If showing more than one dog, you must complete a separate form for each dog.
 - If you give your own vaccination shots, please include a copy of your receipt and/or package from shot as proof.

We will follow the Lincoln County 4-H Cancellation Policy which means that dog project trainings and the fair show will be cancelled if Lincoln County is under a Severe Thunderstorm Warning as issued by the National Weather Service during the time of the training or show. We have made arrangements with the Lincoln County Fair Association to use the Sell Building in case of rain. Youth and their parents/guardians should use their discretion in whether they come for trainings if it is raining.

- **Questions??**

Participation at the orientation meeting on May 18th is greatly appreciated and will help you get off to a great start for this year's dog project. If you have any questions, call Mark McDonald at 715-551-3840; Bridie Maas at 715-218-0706 or the UW-Extension office at 715-539-1072.

Thank you to the following individuals who have agreed to serve on the 4-H Dog Project Committee for this year's 4-H Dog Project – President: Mark McDonald; Vice President: Bridie Maas; Secretary: Donna Barkley; Treasurer Bridie Maas; Amanda Barkley; Joy, Lee and Turner Erath; and Erin Morgan. If you have any questions, please contact one of them. They would be happy to help you.

cc: 4-H Dog Project Committee, Mark Duley, Cindi Christiansen and Michelle Heeg, FFA Advisor