

4H Dog Project -What I Need for Class Checklist

_____ **Shoes:** that Cover Toes end Heels of your Foot- **NO FLIP FLOPS OR CROCS OR SANDALS.** Well-fitting Tennis shoes are best if your Instructor can see your heels or toes, you don't train, and you don't get credit for class.

_____ **Six (6') Foot Leash:** Leather or Cotton is easiest on the hands and not as likely as nylon to cause a rope burn if pulled through the hands quickly. You can wear gloves for training if needed. Leashes made of chain are not allowed -too heavy on dog's neck and hard on trainer's hands. Leash should be correct width for you and your dog -small dog: narrow light weight leash or large dog: $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch diameter leash. Leash for showing should be plain, without gems or bright designs.

_____ **A flat collar:** (Buckle Collar is preferred to the snap buckle type as these have on occasion broken), a correction collar (metal/cotton training collar or Martingale collar), or Haiti/Gentle Leader. **Please Note** that the Haiti and Gentle Leader are allowed in class for the beginning of training, they are **NOT** allowed in competition (fair) as of yet and you will need to go to a buckle collar or correction collar to show at the fair. Prong collars are NOT allowed unless your instructor suggests one and shows you how to use it correctly and again these are not allowed in the competition (fair) show ring. All training collars should be free of tags as tags on collars are also not allowed in the show ring and are distracting while training. A separate training collar that your dog only wears during training and obedience workouts is a good idea. Your dog will learn the difference between the collar he/she wears all the time and the one they wear for training.

_____ **Rewards:** Treats or toys to reward your dog for doing commands correctly. Treats should be small and very tasty- something your dog only gets during training for doing commands correctly. Suggestions are cheese, cooked chicken, Jerky or commercial dog treats that are soft, small and easy to chew quickly. Toys should be small and something your dog really enjoys, but one that you can take from your dog after a brief play session. Also **PRAISE** from you. A happy face and happily given verbal praise are always a great way to let you know your dog makes you happy and helps them being with you.

_____ **Clean Up Bags:** Yes, you (not your instructor or parent) will need to clean up after your dog. Our sites are generous enough to allow us to train at them but we are expected to keep clean. We don't want to lose a site due to no one cleaning up after their pet. By cleaning it also shows that you are a Responsible Pet Owner.

_____ **Water for you AND your Dog:** Recommend using an ice cream bucket with a lid. You can fill the pail partially with water and freeze it for hot days. On day of training add more water to the bucket and the melting ice will keep your dog's water cool.

_____ **Your Dog.....or a Borrowed One:** We do need to have records of vaccine that have been given to your dog on file. It is a good idea to have an extra copy that you can take with when you are traveling with your pet. In case of emergency, while on the road, this can come in handy if you have it in the glove box of your car/truck.

Vaccines Include: Date of last DHLPP: ____/____/____

Date of Last Rabies: ____/____/____

Date of Last Bordetella: ____/____/____

Rabies Shot **MUST** have been given by your VET to be legal. Bordetella (Kennel Cough) vaccine is *strongly* recommended.