

Dog Project Book Guidelines (May 2006)

Completeness

The book **MUST** be completed on the form provided by 4-H, and **MUST** be submitted for you to show your dog at the Armada Fair.

The judge will be evaluating whether each section is filled out completely. If something is not at all applicable to you and your dog, (ie. Income from dog project) note that.

As you progress into higher level books, the judge will expect more detail. Be sure you only focus on the current 4-H year.

Neatness

It is best if you can type the responses on the form.

If you must do it by hand, printing legibly is the best bet.

Do not use pencil, or at least use a dark enough lead that the judge can easily read it. Many erasures mean you should redo a page.

Grammar and correct spelling are part of neatness. Be aware!

Book includes photo of member and dog, plus story

Photo is self-explanatory.

Story should be longer as you get older, and should focus on the current year for you and your dog. If you need more space than provided in the book, you may add a page.

Creativity

You may use a duotang or a 3-ring binder. The cover may be decorated in any manner, but should not exceed the height and width of a regular binder more than a small edging trim.

Stickers, extra photo pages, your own artwork, ribbons you earned, etc. are part of creativity, too.

The required forms should appear **before** any additional pages.

Interview

Be pleasant with the judge, and prepared to discuss your experiences in 4-H.

The interview may cover more than the project book in scope of your years in the project.

Eye contact, speaking audibly and clearly, and being interested in your project area are important.