



# New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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## **NEW MEXICO 4-H DOG I PROJECT – Wiggles & Wags**

**Objective:** To teach the member about selection, nutrition, management, training and the health requirements of dogs. Members will also learn life skills such as record keeping, show ethics and animal welfare.

### **Materials included with this project:**

- Pet Record Form 300.B-24
- New Mexico 4-H Greentop 400.B-10
- Wiggles and Wags, Dog II Project Manual 100.B-10-A

### **What do I do with my 4-H Dog 1 Project Material?**

#### **Suggestions for completing the project:**

- Review the project materials including the record sheet. Complete Level 1 within 3 years by completing a minimum of seven of the main chapter activities each year that you are enrolled in the project.
- Keep a log or diary of all activities that you do which relate to the project.
- Attend workshops and clinics on training, grooming, showmanship, feeding and management of dogs.
- Participate in regional shows, county and state fairs.
- Enter an indoor exhibit on a subject from the Dog II project manual.
- Submit a record book to your Extension Agent detailing your dog project for project completion.

#### **Suggested Learning Activities**

- Visit local dog breeders and trainers.
- Learn the seven AKC dog groups and at least 20 breeds that represent them.
- Visit a trainer or read a book to understand dog behavior, and a dog's body language. Understand the benefits of proper dog training and train a dog to respond to the seven basic obedience commands.
- Learn how to properly groom and show your breed of dog and share your knowledge.
- Talk to a veterinarian about health and nutrition concerns for dogs. Learn about common dog illnesses and vaccinations needed to control them.
- Perform community service activities by presenting programs to local elementary students, after school functions, or assist with a local animal shelter.
- Give a demonstration or an illustrated talk on various components of the dog project.

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## **Where do I go for additional information?**

- County Extension Office
- Veterinarian
- Library
- Internet (<http://www.akc.org/>)
- American Kennel Club
- Local breeders, groomers and trainers

## **What additional projects that relate to the Dog Project can be done?**

- Citizenship            Teach others about your project
- Leadership            Organize a clinic or fun show
- Leather craft            Make a lead and collar for your dog
- Braiding                Make a lead or agility tab
- Photography            Take pictures of your dogs
- Public Speaking        Give a speech about your project
- Sewing                 Make a grooming apron, or showmanship outfit
- Welding                Make agility equipment
- Veterinary Science    Learn about proper health care for dogs

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