



New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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NEW MEXICO 4-H DOG III PROJECT – Leading the Way

Objective: To build upon the knowledge learned in level I and II of the dog project. Dog body systems, first aid, and zoonosis diseases are emphasized. Increase member's knowledge about the responsibilities of being a good dog owner. Members will learn life skills such as making decisions, communicating with others, developing team work, managing time, teaching others and using resources wisely.

Materials included with this project:

- Pet Record Form 300.B-24
- New Mexico 4-H Greentop B-31
- Leading the Pack, Dog III Project Manual 100.B-30A

What do I do with my 4-H Dog III Project Material?

Suggestions for completing the project

- Review the project materials including the record sheet. Complete Level 3 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, health, feeding and management of dogs.
- Participate in regional shows, county and state fairs.
- Enter an indoor exhibit on a subject from the Dog III project manual.
- Submit a record book to your Extension Agent detailing your dog project for project completion.

Suggested Learning Activities

- Visit with local dog professional. Interview them about their careers and learn about their responsibilities.
- Learn the about the dog body systems and their functions.
- Visit a trainer or read a book to understand about puppies stages of development. Understand why socialization of dogs is important.

- Talk to a veterinarian about first aid, and transmission of diseases to humans from dogs. Put a first aid kit together for your dog.
- Visit with animal control officers to learn about local regulations and laws pertaining to dog ownership.
- Organize a dog show or training day. Demonstrate proper handling techniques to less experienced members.
- 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.

Where do I go for additional information?

- County Extension Office
- Veterinarian
- Library
- Internet (<http://www.akc.org/>)
- American Kennel Club
- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- 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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