



4-H CANINE PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

4-H Project General Description

A 4-H project consists of 6-8 hours of sequential learning experiences (over a period of at least a few days or weeks) exploring a general subject with the guidance of a leader or mentor.

Translation... A dog project leader or the club's team of



It is also important to note that you are legally responsible for the actions of your dog. Everyone in class should have appropriate liability insurance (usually a part of your homeowners or renters insurance policy) for your own protection. Safety is of paramount importance!

From the Vermont Agency of Agriculture – web page <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/animal-health-0/animal-health-regulations/rabies-rules-and-recommendations>

In Vermont, owners are required to have their dogs, cats, and ferrets vaccinated by their veterinarian against rabies in accordance with the vaccine manufacturer's recommendations, unless exempted by a veterinarian.

Rabies vaccinations must be performed by a licensed veterinarian or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, which shall mean that the veterinarian has examined the animal, has authorized its immediate vaccination against rabies, and is on the premises at the time the animal is vaccinated. The person who administers the rabies vaccine must be employed in, or working at, the same veterinary practice as the supervising licensed veterinarian. All rabies certificates must be signed by the licensed veterinarian.

Rabies vaccination must be administered to domestic pets prior to the age of 4 months unless in the judgement of the veterinarian the animals' medical condition would prevent the development of adequate immunity to rabies. Animals so exempted must be inoculated against rabies as soon as their medical condition permits. The vaccination should be administered at least 30 days prior to the event and be current within the previous 12 months. Vaccination less than 30 days can be accepted for younger animals not old enough to vaccinate in sufficient time prior to the event.

State law requires that all dog owners license any dog over 6 months of age with the Town Clerk between January 1 and April 1 of every year. To obtain a license the owner must present proof that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies, pay the appropriate fee and, in the case of spayed/neutered dogs, provide proof of sterilization.

Project information specific to the dog project:

Sharing dogs for Educational purposes is allowed.

For showing 4-H, the sharing of project dogs is not allowed.

Members may be part of a club or be independent members

Owning or leasing dogs is not required.

Project leaders may help members find dogs to purchase or lease

Members are not required to take handling lessons

Members may choose to enhance the club project meeting learning in the dog project area by participating y



To find other information, rules, and documents like lease forms, approval forms, and record books related to the dog project go to the dog section on the 4-H projects page: www.uvm.edu/extension/4-hevents

General information about record books

Record books document project work and also include goals and a reflection piece to summarize the project experience. Most 4-Hers use the standard Record Books available through the 4-H program. Members may use alternative formats for records but must have prior approval from their 4-H Educator.

Dog-Record Books

Members who own or lease a dog usually use the Dog Project Record Books

Members without dogs may use the generic 4-H Project Record

Dog members may use the **Dog Project Record** or pages of it if they have been tracking, for learning purposes, the care and expenses of dogs that they do not own or lease. Project leaders would help determine if such an approach makes sense based on project goals.

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Lease stipulations to consider:

This is a partial list suggesting areas that should be considered and resolved before signing a lease/loan agreement. When including an item in an agreement, clearly state the item and the roles of the renter/borrower and owner (that is, who does what, who pays for what), being as specific as possible.