



# NEW ENGLAND 4-H DOG CLINIC



**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

**Tolland Agricultural Center, Route 30, Vernon CT**

Registration – 8am-8:45am

Workshops begin at 9am

Event ends at 4:00pm

Hello to all 4-H Dog Program Members!

The spring is here, and it is time to register for the annual New England 4-H Dog Clinic. As always, fun and learning with your dog are at the top of the list, with workshops for obedience, showmanship, general knowledge, and first aid, in which all participants will participate. Members will also have the option of choosing 2 dog sports to learn about and try with your dogs. The day will be divided into 4 sessions, each session being just over an hour in length. This way, members and their dogs will get a more in depth look at the dog sports they have chosen, and getting a chance to try it out fully.

Agility will be offered, as in the past, with workshops focusing on fun and safety. Rally-O will also again be offered, allowing 4Hers and dogs a chance to negotiate different stations while practicing obedience in a less structured, more encouraging way. Canine Good Citizen workshops and testing will also be offered, free of charge with enrollment in the clinic. New this year is the AKC's Farm Dog Certified Test, which tests a dog's manners in a farm-like setting and is open to ALL breeds and All-Americans. This sport is one of the topics for this year's general knowledge, and workshops will be offered by approved AKC judges. There will be several Farm Dog Certified Tests offered to New England 4-H dog project members over the next several years, so come learn more about this fun activity! Workshops will be rounded out by workshops for tricks and workshops on canine massage and Reiki.

We hope to see you and your dog on May 6 at the beautiful grounds of the Tolland Agricultural Center. Enrollment is limited, so get your registration in today! It's sure to be a fun and educational day!

The New England 4-H Dog Clinic Committee



**Enrollment in the New England 4-H Dog Clinic is limited to 30 participants and their dogs.**

**Ages are calculated as of January 1, 2017. This is an outdoor activity; be sure to wear appropriate clothing for any weather and closed toed shoes.**

**CHECK IN AND PICK UP TIMES:**

Check in is from 8:00AM-8:45AM. The first workshop session begins at 9:00AM. Pick up time is at 4:00PM. Parents and/or guardians are required to sign in and sign out their child at arrival and departure. If someone other than the parent will pick up the child, written notification and permission from the parent/guardian is required. Please include the name and relationship to the child of the adult who will pick up the child.

**WHO CAN ATTEND:**

The New England 4-H Dog Clinic is open to all registered 4-H Dog Project members 7 - 18 years of age and their registered 4-H project dog. Registered 4-H members from any New England state may attend. Only one dog is allowed to attend per registered person; no dogs in season may attend. Youth members ages 12 and under MUST be accompanied either by a parent, guardian or leader/chaperone. If a number of youth are attending from one club, the club may provide one adult chaperone for every 4 youth ages 12 and under. All participants are expected to follow and adhere to the 4-H & the Dog Clinic Code of Conduct, including participating in all activities and staying with your assigned groups throughout the day. **The 4-H member is expected to control and handle their dog at all times throughout the day.**

All dogs must be crate trained; crates must be brought to the event. Dogs that show aggression to other dogs or people or dogs that are uncontrollable will be asked to leave, and that person's registration will be refunded. The event will be held outdoors; however should there be inclement weather the event will take place in buildings on the Tolland Agricultural Center (TAC) grounds. Wear appropriate clothing for all weather possibilities.

**REGISTRATION MATERIALS, FEES AND OTHER FORMS:**

All necessary forms for the Dog Clinic are included in this packet. In addition, forms can be found on the Connecticut 4-H website (<http://www.4-h.uconn.edu/>) the Tolland County 4-H website, <http://www.4-h.uconn.edu/TollCo/> or by calling at 860-875-3331 to request a mailed packet. Health forms are required for participants under the age of 18 who may be attending without an accompanying adult.

**Fees:**

Registration fees: \$15.00 for first child; \$10.00 for additional children in immediate family up to a maximum of \$25.00 per immediate family. This fee includes materials, workshops, handouts and snacks.

**Registration:** Complete and return the following items to Nancy Wilhelm, State 4-H Office, University of Connecticut, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 1376 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06269-4134. **Items must be postmarked by midnight, April 21, 2017.** No late forms will be accepted. **No walk in registrations allowed.**

- ✓ Registration Form
- ✓ Participant's Health Form
- ✓ Signed New England 4-H Dog Clinic Code of Conduct form
- ✓ Registration fee (see above).
- ✓ Checks must be made payable to The University of Connecticut; in the memo section indicate "dog clinic."
- ✓ Copies of:
  - Proof of Current Rabies Vaccination
  - Proof of Current Distemper & Parvovirus vaccinations. Titers for Distemper & Parvovirus done within one year of the event are acceptable.

Please Note: Lyme disease vaccinations and Kennel Cough vaccinations are recommended, but not required.

**PARENTS:**

Parents or designated chaperones must stay for the day if their child/club members are age 12 and under. Parents/Chaperones are not allowed to assist with care and handling of animals. The 4-H member is expected to control and handle their dog at all times throughout the day. Adults planning to stay must also register in order for event organizers to know how many will be attending. Adults staying do not need to pay. No additional dogs may accompany the participant or adult.

**DOG INFORMATION:**

Dogs must be in good health, free of contagious diseases and fleas. All dogs must have proof of immunizations as described above. Dogs need to be under the control of their 4-H handlers. Dogs showing aggressive behavior toward other dogs or people may be asked to leave. Participants are responsible for picking up after their own dog.

**MEALS:**

**No meals** are provided at this event; however snacks will be available mid-morning and mid-afternoon. *It is the responsibility of each participant to bring their own lunch, beverages and any additional food items.* No vending machines or lunch food is available on the grounds; participants are not allowed to leave the grounds during the event. Anyone with special needs diets must bring all their own foods. Snacks and water will be available throughout the day to participants.

**BANDANA PROGRAM:**

Dogs who need more space will be wearing a special orange bandana provided by the program. If you see a dog wearing an orange bandana, approach cautiously and speak with the handler about the best way to handle approaching the dog or about dog-to-dog interactions. Some of these dogs may be shy, nervous, or new to large group situations.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

Dog dishes	Sunscreen & Insect Repellant
Obedience and show leashes	Lunch and a beverage
Clean up bags for doggie bathroom	Water to drink throughout the day for you and your dog
Grooming supplies	A folding chair
Tarp for under crate (optional)	Dog Crate
Appropriate clothing for outdoor activities	Dog toys
Sheet or other item to put over crate for shade	

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES/PROGRAM CANCELLATION:**

In the event you need to contact someone at the event, please call **Maryann Fusco-Rollins at 860-428-9065**. You may also contact the Vernon Police Department at 860-872-9126. Prior to the event, in case of severe inclement weather, check the following sites for information regarding program cancellation: 860-870-6929 (for recorded message) after 4PM on Friday, view WFSB television (CBS station) or wfsb.com, or NBC30 at <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/> or radio stations WTIC FM (96.5), WRCH FM (100.5), or WTIC AM (1080).

**SAFETY:**

The Connecticut 4-H program reserves the right to add rules prior to the start of this program. All rules will be posted and reviewed at the start of the day; these rules are mandatory. If anyone choosing not to follow the rules or the Code of Conduct, a parent will be contacted to pick up the participant. Close toed shoes must be worn. There is no medical staff in attendance at this event. In the case of a medical emergency, paramedics will be called and parents will be notified. Participants are not allowed to leave the 4-H Dog Clinic grounds during the times of the program.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE EVENT:**

The Tolland Agricultural Center is located at 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon CT. For directions, see their website at [tollandcountysagriculturecenter.org](http://tollandcountysagriculturecenter.org) or use a search engine such as <http://maps.google.com>.

**WORKSHOPS AND ACTIVITIES:** All participants are expected to participate in their assigned workshops throughout the day. Times or content of workshops are subject to change.

**DOG OBEDIENCE:** Placement in sessions is based on your dog's current obedience level. Both dogs and handlers will work towards improving their obedience skills and handling.

**SHOWMANSHIP:** Workshop placement levels are based on handler's previous showmanship experience and expertise. Dogs and handlers will use learn problem solving methods and approaches to help fine tune showmanship skills.

**DOG KNOWLEDGE:** Dog general knowledge activities are based on topics for the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Show. Other topics will include dog anatomy, basic dog care, and dog first aid.

**AGILITY:** All dogs and handlers will have the opportunity to participate in dog agility to improve their skills and learn about canine safety as they practice on several obstacles.

**"RALLY O":** Rally-O combines characteristics of traditional obedience and following directions into a canine sport that can be fun and challenging. Dogs and handlers will learn new skills or improve their existing skills.

**Farm Dog Certified Test practice:** One of the newest AKC activities open to ALL dogs-both purebred and All-American. Dog and handler go through a series of obstacles (on leash!!) that may be encountered on a farm, both with and without livestock. Handlers and dogs will practice the pieces of the test with actual AKC Farm Dog Judges. Several Farm Dog Certified tests will be offered to 4-Hers and their dogs throughout New England in the upcoming months- get ready to participate and earn titles with your dog!  
<http://www.akc.org/events/herding/farm-dog-certified-test/>

**Tricks:** Learn the basics of positive reinforcement while teaching your dog fun tricks! Be sure to bring lots of small soft treats that your dog absolutely loves and a clicker if you have one. Learn tricks so that your dog can earn new trick dog titles from the AKC! (<http://www.akc.org/trick-dog/>)

**Canine Massage & Reiki:** Massage is a great way to bond with your dog while helping your dog reduce stress, aches and pains, and become more focused on you. In this workshop, you will learn some hands on techniques you can use to either get your dog settled after a busy day or to get the muscles ready for a big day at the fair.

**Canine Good Citizen:** a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. There are 10 steps to becoming a "good citizen". When ready, dog and handler can take the test to become an official AKC Good Citizen. The steps will be taught in workshops and the instructor will inform dog and handler teams if they are eligible to take the test on the day of the clinic. Depending on time, testing may be done at the end of the day.

Workshops & activities subject to change due to availability of presenters or enrollment.

The Connecticut 4-H Program is a division of UConn Extension and is available through the University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The University of Connecticut is an equal opportunity program provider.

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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

TOLLAND AGRICULTURAL CENTER, ROUTE 30, VERNON CT  
REGISTRATION FORM



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Member's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Parent E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

4-H County and club \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog and Handler Information:**

Number of years of dog showmanship experience (both in and out of 4-H) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of dog obedience experience (both in and out of 4-H) \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex of dog: \_\_\_\_\_

My dog will be participating in the bandana program: Circle: Yes No

**Showmanship: Circle the level of showmanship in which you plan to participate:**

Experience Level	<b>Novice</b> 0-2 years	<b>Intermediate</b> 3-4 Years	<b>Advanced</b> 5+ years	<b>Open</b> Show in AKC or other Non 4-H Venues
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**Obedience: Circle the level of obedience in which you plan to participate:**

<b>Sub Novice A</b> <i>All on leash 1<sup>st</sup> year dog;1<sup>st</sup> year handler</i>	<b>Sub Novice B</b> <i>All on leash 1<sup>st</sup> year</i>	<b>Sub Novice C</b> <i>Call on leash No training beyond Sub Novice level</i>	<b>Beginner Novice</b> <i>On and Off Leash No Novice Level Dogs</i>	<b>Novice</b> <i>On and Off Leash No Novice Level Dogs</i>	<b>Grad Novice /Open/Utility</b> <i>Off Leash No Novice Level Dogs</i>
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**Agility: Circle the level of Agility in which you plan to participate:**

<b>Sub Novice – On Leash</b> New to this sport	<b>Novice – On Leash</b> Little or some experience	<b>Advanced – Off Leash</b> Performs off leash currently
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**Rally: Circle the level of Rally in which you plan to participate:**

<b>Sub Novice – On Leash</b> New to this sport	<b>Novice – On Leash</b> Little or some experience	<b>Advanced – Off Leash</b> Proficient at this sport
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**Dog Sports:** Please Choose 3 events. Rate them 1-3, 1 being the event you are most interested in trying with your dog, and 3 being the event you are not so interested in trying with your dog. See descriptions of each at the beginning of the packet.

_____ Canine Good Citizen	_____ Massage & Reiki
_____ Agility	_____ Farm Dog Test
_____ Rally-O	_____ Tricks

*\*Note\*: The Canine Good Citizen Test is eligible for a title with the AKC for a fee paid directly to the AKC. Those members participating in the CGC test are tested free of charge as part of their participation in the New England 4H Dog Clinic. Please bring your dog’s registration number, PAL number, or Canine Partner’s number and your dog’s own comb or brush.*

**PARENT SIGNATURE REQUIRED:**

Any personal items, such as but not limited to i-Pods, Kindles, iPads, cell phones, cameras, laptops or other electronic portable devices are brought to the New England 4-H Dog Clinic at your own risk. The New England 4-H Dog Clinic and the organizers, and the University of Connecticut are not responsible for any lost, stolen or misplaced items. Cell phones must be kept off during all scheduled activities and workshops. **No electronic devices, including cell phones, are to be used during any workshops.**

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is an active and currently registered Connecticut 4-H dog project member for the 2016-2017 4-H program year. I give my child/ward permission to participate in the New England 4-H Dog Camp & Clinic.

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_