



NEW ENGLAND 4-H DOG CLINIC



Saturday, May 2, 2009

Tolland Agricultural Center, Route 30, Vernon CT

Registration – 8am-8:45am

Workshops begin at 9am

Event ends at 4:00pm



University of Connecticut

Enrollment in the 2009 New England 4-H Dog Clinic is limited to 30 participants and their dogs. All youth ages referred to in this brochure are as of January 1, 2009

Arrival/Departure Times:

Check in is from 8:00AM-8:45AM. The first workshop session begins at 9:00AM. Pick up time is at 4:00PM for those not participating in the Canine Good Citizen workshop. CGC will take place beginning at 4:00PM

Who Can Attend?

The New England 4-H Dog Clinic is open to all registered 4-H Dog Project members 9 - 18 years of age and their registered 4-H project dog. Only one dog is allowed to attend per registered person; no dogs in season may attend. Youth members under age 12 **MUST** be accompanied by a parent, guardian or leader/chaperone.

All dogs must be crate trained; crates must be brought to the event. The event will be held outdoors; should there be inclement weather the event will take place in buildings on the TAC grounds. Dogs that show aggression to other dogs or people will be asked to leave. That individual's registration will be refunded.

Registration Materials:

To register, each participant must complete and return the following items which are found in this packet:

- ✓ Registration Form
- ✓ Participant's Health Form
- ✓ Signed New England 4-H Dog Clinic Code of Conduct form
- ✓ Registration fee (\$15.00) for first child in immediate family; \$10. for additional children in immediate family
 - A copy of dog's current immunization records on your veterinarian's printed statement.
Immunizations required are as follows:
 - Proof of current Rabies vaccination
 - Proof of current Distemper & Parvo vaccinations.
 - Lyme disease vaccinations and Kennel Cough vaccinations are recommended, but not required.

Completed registration packet must be returned postmarked by midnight, April 1, 2009. No late forms will be accepted; no registrations accepted on the day of the program. Return all registration items to Nancy Wilhelm, State 4-H Office, University of Connecticut, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 1376 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06269-4134.

Adults planning to stay and participate in the activity must also register. No additional dogs may accompany the participant or adult.

All forms are included with this packet; additional forms are available on the State 4-H website (www.4-h.uconn.edu), the Hartford County 4-H Website (<http://www.hartfordcounty4-h.uconn.edu/>) or by contacting linda.horn@uconn.edu or 860-570-9074.

Meals:

No meals are provided at this event. 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.

Cost:

Registration fee includes all workshops, handouts and snacks. The cost for youth is \$15.00 for the day. Make check payable to the University of Connecticut and in the memo section indicate "dog clinic." For families with more than one sibling attending, the cost is \$15.00 for the first sibling and \$10.00 for each additional sibling. This discount applies to siblings only. There is no fee for parents attending to observe.

What to Bring:

All participants must bring their own dog food, water and treats. It is the responsibility of each participant to pick up after their dog. Additionally, it is recommended that you bring:

Dog dishes	Sunscreen
Obedience and show leashes	Lunch and a beverage
Clean up bags	Water to drink throughout the day
Grooming supplies	A folding chair
Tarp for under crate (optional)	Water for your dog

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures:

Parents and/or guardians must sign their child in upon arrival as well as sign out the child at pick up. If someone other than the parent is picking up the child, written notification and permission from the parent/guardian is required. This written notification must include the name and relationship to the child of the adult who will pick up the child.

Emergency Procedures/Program Cancellation:

In the event of an emergency please 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: 860-570-9074 after 4PM on Friday, May 1, 2009 or view WFSB television (CBS station) or wfsb.com for storm closing listing.

Workshops and Activities: All participants must take part in their assigned workshops throughout the day.

Obedience ~ Participants and their dogs will work towards perfecting their obedience skills. Sessions will be divided based on your dog's current obedience levels.

Showmanship ~ Both dogs and handlers will use a problem solving approach to help fine tune showmanship skills. Workshop participants will be grouped by previous showmanship experience.

Dog Knowledge ~ Participate in learning about and identifying the *Non-Sporting* Group, as defined by the AKC (www.akc.org) as well as dog emergency first aid for dogs and Rally. These topics will be highlighted on the Dog Knowledge test at this year's Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Activity.

Agility ~ Participants and dogs will practice on several obstacles to learn about or perfect skills in this fun and exciting canine sport!

"Rally O" ~ This workshop provides an opportunity to either try Rally-O for the first time or to improve skills for you and your dog. Rally-O combines characteristics of traditional obedience and following directions into a new fun sport. Rally is timed and includes 12-20 performance stations depending on the level of participation.

Canine Good Citizen Test – CGC- To be held from 4-5PM; this test will be limited to 15 dogs. Those participating in this test must have had at least one year of sub novice (or higher) training and be able to work on a loose leash.

CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club. <http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/index.cfm>

Dog First Aid – This interactive workshop will be conducted by a veterinarian. Learn and practice first aid skills that you can use with your dog in emergencies.

Workshops & activities subject to change due to availability of presenters and enrollment