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2021 Dog Obedience, Showmanship, Agility, and Dog Care Events:

We are happy to announce that Sheila and Butch Lietz from the Starved Rock Kennel Club will be offering a dog training class free of charge for 4-H members entered in the Dog Obedience project. Class will be offered at the LaSalle County Fairgrounds, on Tuesday's beginning May 11, 2021.

Dates for obedience class, May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Obedience class begins at 6 p.m. Showmanship class for those interested will begin at 7 p.m.

Dog agility is being offered again this year as a county only event. Both Barrels and Jumpers classes are open to any dog with basic obedience (they do not have to be reliable off leash yet). First year students are welcome after they are evaluated. Training/practice for agility will be offered at 5 p.m. on the Tuesday's of the obedience/showmanship classes.

This is an eight week class. Those who attend and participate and practice will learn more.

4-Hers who do the work themselves will learn more. We need parents to bring their 4-Hers and dogs and remind their 4-Hers of their responsibility to do the work.

Dogs need to have a choke chain and 6 foot leash. Get a leash that fits the 4-Her's hand. Choke chain, medium to fine grade, measure over the biggest part of the dog's head and add 2 inches. Sheila and Butch will decide if the dog would do better with a spiked collar. They will have choke chains, obedience leashes, and confirmation leashes available for sale at class. If you buy the choke chain from Sheila and Butch, they will provide a free upgrade as your dog grows up to the time of the fair.

Important reminders:

4-Hers need to walk their dogs before going into the building for class.

4-Hers need to clean up after their dogs.

We have had trouble with 4-Hers wearing flip flops to class, the noise can scare the dogs, and they pose a safety hazard on the occasional uneven surfaces in the barns.

4-Hers need to wear shoes at class and at the dog show.

Health certificates from your veterinarian are due at the first class:

Rabies vaccination must be given by the vet.

Results of a test for worms.

Treatment for kennel cough.

Dogs need to be clean when they come to class.

4-Hers need to work with their dogs for 15-20 minutes every day.

This project is for the 4-Hers, they should do the work.

Dogs need to be 6 months old by the date of the fair.

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At the 4-H Show:**Dog Show, Thursday, July 8.**

Agility will take place at 3:30 p.m.

Check in for Obedience at 4:30 p.m., Obedience competition begins at 5 p.m.

Showmanship follows Obedience. Dogs will be examined at check in.

Obedience Scoring:

170 out of 200 possible points are required to qualify for the State Dog Show in August.

Ribbons will be awarded based on the scores earned. State qualifier, Blue 100-169, Red 60-99, White 0-59.

Dog Care testing will take place at the Extension office between June 24 and July 9 during regular business hours 8 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

4-Hers may also take the test before class on Tuesday's at the fairgrounds.

Dog Care will be scored:

1/3 on the test, 1/3 on attendance at training class, and 1/3 on the judge's evaluation of the dog at the fair.

Please be checking for updates in the online show book and in emails from the Extension office:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp/4-h-lasalle-county>

LIKE the LaSalle County Facebook page for new information

<https://www.facebook.com/LaSalleCounty4H>

Trophies for: Best Dog Care (1 trophy), Showmanship (Junior and Senior-2 trophies), Obedience (2 trophies)

Awards for agility will be determined.

Questions? Contact Steve Malinsky 815 252-9302 or stevemalinsky@hotmail.com

American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Award

We are offering 4-Hers the opportunity to attempt the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen test. This is the first step in the AKC's three levels leading to a national obedience title. Dogs do not have to be pure bred to participate in this test. Sheila Lietz will administer the tests prior to the dog show at the fair.

The American Kennel Club does make some hardware available to purchase for successful participants. The cost for the big medallions, which are \$13, will be covered by Starved Rock Kennel Club and donations. The framed certificate the AKC offers can be ordered from them and costs would be \$8. The Starved Rock Kennel Club would supply the test forms without charge.

4-Hers can sign up for this activity during dog class or by calling Steve Malinsky.