

BOULDER COUNTY 4-H DOG ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

April 23, 2015

In attendance – Linda McBee, Anne Janicki, Nicolette Ahrens

REPORTS

State Dog Advisory meeting was held on Sat, April 18. Anne Janicki attended the meeting and made connections with several other dog leaders new and experienced throughout the state. Anne volunteered and was accepted by Nicolette to continue to serve as the State Dog Project Representative for Boulder County.

Anne shared a non-4-H Juniors Dog Workshop organized by Twins Peak Dog Club. Nicolette will add the Dog calendar and share with Connie up at the State 4-H Office.

Anne also shared the 4-H Livestock Application for record keeping. It is only available for apple devices at this time. Nicolette agreed to include it in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Dog ID Forms

They are due May 1 in order to show at county or state fair. Only dogs that are ID are allowed to be shown at county or state fair. Dog IDs must include a current shot record provided by their vet. This is to be scanned and uploaded to 4-H online. Nicolette shared that once an Animal ID has been verified on 4-H Online, only the Extension office staff can edit an Animal ID. Changes needing to be made can be emailed to Audra and Nicolette. The Dog ID summary has also been changed since the revaccination date is not calculating correctly. Nicolette also explained that it is not the responsibility of the 4x4 club leader to verify the IDs of dogs owned by members outside the club.

County Fair

Anne shared confusion on the application of the "Puppies" class at fair. There is no dog age limit listed. The group decided that the importance of the class is to allow kids and dogs who are not ready for a competitive class to have an opportunity to exhibit just for participation and no awards, despite the age of the kid or dog. Nicolette shared that no changes may be made to classes for the 2015 Fair but would have to wait until the 2016 Fair. This item was tabled.

County Fair will serve as the qualifying event for State Fair. In the event there are not enough individuals qualified and able to attend State Fair, individuals with qualifying scores at Fun Matches may become eligible for open spots. In order to be considered for an open spot, the individual must have submitted a copy of the qualifying Fun Match score sheet to Nicolette NO LATER than 2 weeks prior to County Fair. The

Boulder County Fair Dog Superintendent and Boulder County 4-H Extension Agent will determine the State Fair qualifiers.

Linda McBee volunteered to develop a spreadsheet for recording and reporting County fair scores and state fair qualifications and county fair round robin qualifiers.

A list of recommended judges for county fair will be shared with Emily, dog superintendent.

There will be a pre-meeting on Wed, July 22 for the dog project members. This meeting will include information on round robin, what to expect at county fair and determine which families are able to attend state fair in the event they receive a qualifying score.

Anne shared that state has changed to a set of ten pre-released questions for showmanship that are true/false or multiple choice. At State, each member will be asked 5 of the ten questions, and will be given a specific window of time to take the written test. The committee would like to mimic this at county fair as much as possible. Nicolette will link to the questions on the county dog page and work with Emily, superintendent on developing the written test for County fair.

County Dog Training Policies

The following policies were presented by Nicolette and discussed by leaders in attendance. These policies will be added to the Boulder County 4-H policy manual:

If a dog bites a person or another dog at a 4-H training or event, the dog needs to be immediately removed and the Extension Agent overseeing the program must be notified immediately. The Extension Agent will lead and provide direction on what steps and forms (accident report) may need to be completed based on the individual situation.

If a dog is or is suspected to be ill, it shall not participate or attend 4-H trainings or events.

The instructors of 4-H dog trainings have the authority as volunteers of the CSU Extension office in Boulder County to excuse any dog from a training that they deem unsafe or ill. The instructor is encouraged to find alternate ways for the member to still participate in the training (ie. using a different dog, assisting the instructor) and to provide recommendations to the family on how to proceed in the program (ie. use a different dog, seek outside individual training).

If an instructor is involved in 4-H year-round, for their liability and CSUs, they need to go through the volunteer application process and become an authorized 4-H leader. Guest or infrequent instructors or presenters are considered contacts and are not required to become leaders as long as they are always working with 4-H members in the presence of an authorized 4-H leader. An authorized 4-H leader must always be present at all 4-H facilitated trainings, events, meetings, etc.

A current vet record of rabies vaccination is required to be turned into the lead 4-H volunteer/instructor at the first county wide dog training attended in order for the dog to participate.

County Dog Trainings

County-wide dog trainings are open to all dog project memberships. The facility is provided by the Extension office. Trainings will be structured to a specified topic and published on the dog calendar at boulder4h.org. County trainings are open trainings available to all Boulder County 4-H members enrolled in the dog project. Only members wishing to participate in the published topic shall attend the training.

It is the member's responsibility to determine their training level

Dog project members will be communicated with via the website dog calendar and in the newsletter.