There are many interesting dog projects available through Clermont County 4-H. Each year youth can participate in monthly clinics where they learn from qualified instructors and guest speakers about obedience, showmanship and general dog care. They can take part in the guide dog program, dog skill-a-thon and dog drill team or rally. There is a yearly fun match, county fair judging and many levels of state competition. We offer many educational opportunities for the 4'-Her. We also have numerous awards presented yearly including the “Rocky Memorial Scholarship”. We welcome and look forward to having you become a part of Clermont County 4-H.

**DOG OBEDIENCE**

Dog Obedience projects offer training techniques and exercises in different levels of obedience for the 4-H member. The Beginner Project offers Sub-novice and Novice Levels, while the Advanced Project offers Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open and Utility Training Levels. Brace and Team are also a part of the Advanced Obedience project. Each project may be repeated, however 4-H’ers must progress to higher levels of dog obedience according to county and state fair rules. This progression depends on the experience of the 4-H member and/or dog. All levels obedience are offered at the Ohio State Fair.

**SKILL-A-THON**

Youth have the opportunity to test their knowledge of dogs at skill-a-thon activities by using educational materials provided in the Dog Learning Laboratory Kit. Through participation in these experienced-based, action oriented learning activities, youth are encouraged to explore, reflect and apply knowledge. The You and Your Dog Project offers many aspects about dogs and dog care, you and Your Dog may be taken as a project by itself or to complement another or other dog projects, You and Your Dog should be taken by all first-year dog project members regardless of other dog projects taken.

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**ASSISTANCE DOG**

This is a project for youth interested in raising or fostering puppies for Pilot Dogs, Inc., Canine Companions for Independence, Paws With A Cause or a similar assistance dog organization. Assistance dogs are guide dogs that assist people who are blind and visually impaired. Hearing dogs that assist people who are deaf and hard of hearing, and Service Dogs that assist people who are physically disabled and/or mobility impaired. Each youth enrolled in the Assistance Dog Project will raise or foster a puppy according to that respective Assistance Dogs organization guidelines using the Self Determined Project Guide and the Assistance Dog organization puppy raising curriculum.