



## Arapahoe County 4-H Dog Participant Requirements

2018-2019

Welcome to the 4-H dog program for Arapahoe County. This is a very involved project and you will need to be committed to be successful. I have been a 4-H dog leader for 15 years and my daughter has been a leader for one year and in the project for 9 years. I have trained dogs for over 40 years and I know how rewarding this project can be but I also know how hard. You must commit to be at practices and working with your dog a few minutes each day. The bond you will build with your dog is extraordinary and you will always be thankful for sticking with it.

Because you must be committed to be successful, there are some guidelines that you must adhere to:

1. You must attend 75% of practices. They will be on Wed evenings at the fairgrounds.
2. You must participate in 2 fund raising events for the Companion Animal Committee.
3. You must attend one "fun match" in the state before fair. There are many available and you will be notified in plenty of time.
4. You must let Janele and Debbie know if you will be at practice via text or email each week. We do volunteer and we do not want to drive to class if no one is able to attend. If you do not let them know it will not be considered an excused absence.
5. Debbie will provide a sign in sheet at each practice/meeting.
6. Debbie will provide a list of dates so that members can get practices on calendars.

Aggressive dogs must be evaluated by leaders before we will work with them. If we determine a dog is too aggressive they will not be able to attend class. If they have worked with a certified animal behaviorist we will reevaluate the dogs again and they may be able to return to class. A written note from the behaviorist must come with you to class.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_