



Hello 4-H Dog Project members!!

While we are waiting for dog training classes to resume, we have a fun, optional activity for you and your pup to try! We are inviting all 4-H dog project members to participate in our **DOG TRICK VIDEO CHALLENGE!!** Tricks are a great way to play with your dog and build that bond that is so essential for training – Dogs LOVE to spend time with you and they LOVE treats and other rewards, so this activity should be a lot of fun for everyone!! Here is what you need to do:

1. Decide on which dog trick you want to share with everyone. It could be a trick your pup already knows, or you can pick a trick from the AKC Trick Dog lists. You can also make up your own trick.
2. If you don't know how to train the trick, you can research it on the internet or use other resources.
3. Once you think your pup is ready, you will make a video of the trick to share with other 4-H Dog Project members.
4. On the video, introduce yourself (first name only) and your pup, tell us your dog's breed and age, and then tell us what the trick will be.

*"Hi, my name is Jenna and this is my dog Bennett. Bennett is a Golden Doodle and he is 11 years old. For our trick, Bennett is going to "Roll Over".*

5. At the end of the video you can share tips for how to teach this trick to other dogs.

*"First we taught Bennett to "down". While he was down, we put a treat in front of his nose and moved it down towards the floor then back over his shoulder while giving the command "over". His nose followed the treat across his shoulder and towards his back which made him roll over. Once he rolled completely over, we praised him a lot and gave him the treat. Now our commands are "Down" and "Over" and he knows what to do!*

6. Once you have finished your video, send it to Anne at [ajanicki@comcast.net](mailto:ajanicki@comcast.net). If it is too big for email, you will need to upload it to the cloud using Google Drive, One Drive, or iCloud and email the link to Anne.
7. We will upload all the videos to Boulder County 4-H's YouTube channel for folks to watch and to vote for their favorites!

8. Here are a few more things to keep in mind:

- a. Please try to keep videos short ...5 minutes max.
- b. Pick a time when your pup is active and wants to participate.
- c. Try making a test video to be sure your sound and picture can be seen and heard clearly.
- d. Since this is a 4-H video, please dress as you would for any 4-H activity... dress code applies.
- e. Most of all....HAVE FUN!!

**9. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO BY MONDAY APRIL 13TH.**

If you have any questions or problems, send a note to Anne at [ajanicki@comcast.net](mailto:ajanicki@comcast.net). We are really excited to see how creative everyone can be!!