

Boulder County 4-H Dog Project
Policy on Sharing Family Dogs
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The Boulder County 4-H Dog Project requires participants to own their project dog and to provide the majority of care for the animal during the project. However, if more than one 4-H member in a family wants to participate in the 4-H Dog Project, and the family cannot provide a separate dog for each member, siblings can share a Family Dog for the Boulder County 4-H Dog Project. A Family Dog is defined as a dog living in the same household as a 4-H dog project member. Shared Family Dogs are subject to the following requirements:

- The Family Dog must be entered in the Dog ID for each child.
- Each child must complete their own record book for the Family Dog.
- Each child must be responsible for a significant portion of the Family Dog's care (must share morning/evening feedings, grooming, walks, etc).
- Siblings sharing the Family Dog may participate in all Boulder County 4-H dog training classes.
- Siblings may exhibit the shared Family Dog in 4-H competitions (Fun Matches, County Fair, State Fair) under the following conditions:
 - Only one sibling may compete with the Family Dog in Obedience.
 - Only one sibling may compete with the Family Dog in Rally.
 - There are no restrictions on competing with the Family Dog in Showmanship events each year, so long as the siblings are not in the same Showmanship class (ie; Junior Novice, Intermediate Open, etc).
 - The sibling not competing with the Family Dog may request to show "Exhibition Only" in that event at County Fair.
 - If the Family Dog receives a qualifying score with one sibling in any class (ie; Beginner Novice Obedience, Novice Rally, Novice Showmanship) at the **Boulder County Fair**, a sibling may compete with the Family Dog in the same class the following year, but must enter the "Open", "B" or "C" level.
 - Shared Family dogs are not eligible to compete for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion at the **Boulder County Fair**.
 - If the Family Dog receives a **qualifying score** (receives a title) in any class (ie; Beginner Novice Obedience, Novice Rally) **at State Fair**, that same dog is not eligible to show in the same class (regardless of the level) at subsequent State Fairs. For a Shared Family Dog, that may mean the second sibling will need to move up and train at a higher starting level if their goal is to show the Family Dog in the same event at State Fair.