



# Dogs

## Starter Guide.



**Overview:** <https://co4h.colostate.edu/projects/pages/Dog-PT.pdf>

This project educates on the basic knowledge of dogs. You will learn the basics of taking care of your dog, dog obedience and agility.



### Requirements:

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/projects/erecords/DogRecordJr.docx>

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/projects/erecords/DogRecordInt.docx>

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/projects/erecords/DogRecordSr.docx>

(Attend 2 projects meeting)

Record book in a 3-ring folder will be graded prior to the SLV Fair Dog Show and a written test will be given before SLV Fair Dog Show.

### Guidelines for a 4-H Dog Show-

- Educate yourself on being a successful dog owner with the Dog Resource Handbook
- Complete Record book according to your project area: Obedience, Showmanship, Performance Dog, Working Dogs
- Continual care of your dog
- Follow state and county guidelines
- Register your dog on 4-H Online
- Understand state fair rules if you plan to show at state fair



### Purchasing a Dog: Things to consider when buying a dog.

- Purebred or Mixed
- Show Type
- Indoor or Outdoor
- Male or Female



## Feeding your animal-

Feeding a dog depends on the age, and physical activity of that animal. Ample number of calories, protein, and minerals are needed depending on life stage, lifestyle, and body condition.

Body Condition Scoring Chart:



**Handling you Dog:** The relationship you build with you dog is very important. This how they learn to trust you. It's important to be firm but hurtful.

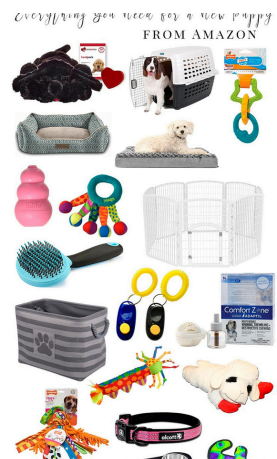


**Showing your Dog:** It's important to groom you dog frequently depending on length of hair. Bathing, Brushing, keeping eyes clean and nail trimmed are all vital parts of dog grooming.



## Materials Need and Cost:

Annual Cost for a dog is \$2500 that includes dog food, grooming, vet checks, etc.





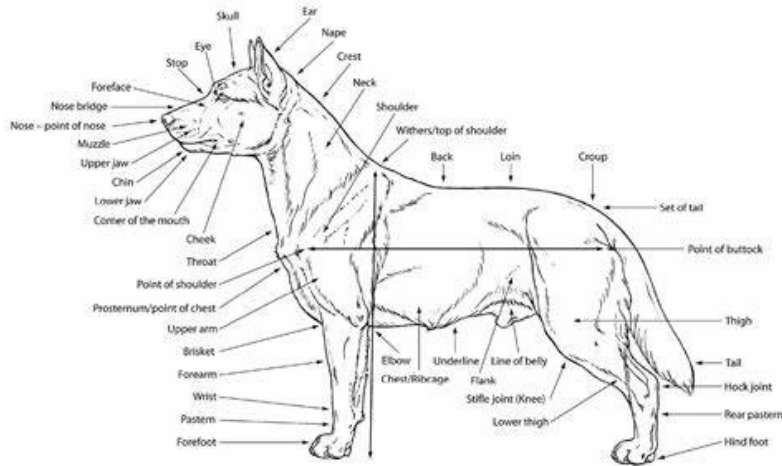


### Common Health Problems:

Rabies-viral infection that attacks the central nervous system in all warm-blooded animals.  
Parvovirus-highly contagious viral disease caused by a pathogen called canine parvovirus  
Internal Parasites-roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, tapeworms, and heartworms.  
External Parasites-Fleas, Lice, Ticks, Mites, and Chiggers



### Parts of the Dog



### Resources:

- <https://www.akc.org/>
- <https://co4h.colostate.edu/projects/manuals/Dog-4-H-Guide-Dog.pdf>

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