

# Dog Advancements Requirements for the 4-H Dog Gold Award

Skill and Knowledge Requirements (can be done verbally or in writing)	Date	Approved
1. Explain the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification process. What is the program’s goal and where can your dog be tested?	_____	_____
2. Identify two types of mange. What are the symptoms and how are they treated?	_____	_____
3. Research Therapy Dog certification. What are the requirements? Would your dog be a good candidate?	_____	_____
4. Detail the life cycle of one canine parasite.	_____	_____
5. Research a breed that you believe has become less sound over the years. What traits were preferred by its breeders? What were the negative results?	_____	_____
6. Complete worksheet: “Breed Standard”.	_____	_____
7. Research responsible breeding practices (frequency of litters, specific medical tests, etc.). Compile a list of questions that you would ask before deciding on a breeder.	_____	_____
8. Is your dog at its ideal weight? How can you tell? If not, what actions might you take to get there?	_____	_____
9. Research an inheritable defect in dogs and explain how responsible breeders work to reduce or eliminate this trait from the gene pool.	_____	_____
10. What is the AKC Miscellaneous Class? Which dogs were introduced to it this year?	_____	_____
11. Are mixed breed dogs healthier than purebred dogs? Consult at least three resources and identify arguments for and against. What is your opinion?	_____	_____
12. Discuss differing temperaments in dogs and which would be best for family life, competition, and breeding.	_____	_____
13. Complete worksheet: “Dog Comparison to Breed Standard”.	_____	_____
14. Research any recent dog-related legislation. Take a position for or against and explain your stance.	_____	_____
15. Find and compare three puppy buyer contracts, then create the one you’d use if you were a breeder. What health guarantees, if any, would you make for your puppies? Would you offer to take a puppy back if the buyer was no longer able to care for it?	_____	_____

16. Tour an animal shelter and find out the percentage of their animals that are adopted. What do they do to help find homes for their animals? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What is the OFA and what is it doing to help lower incidence rates of genetic disease? Why should a breeder always x-ray a dog's hips before selecting it for breeding? Should a dog with fair hips be bred? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What might make you suspect that a dog was being neglected? What agencies are available to investigate these cases? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What is angulation? Define three different faults that have to do with angulation. \_\_\_\_\_
20. How do you prepare a female dog for breeding? (ie, what vaccines need to be given, how old should she be, what weight should she be at, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
21. If your dog were pregnant, how would you prepare for the litter? \_\_\_\_\_
22. How would you advise a friend who is no longer able to care for her dog? What are three suggestions you might give her? \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Development Requirements (leaders may approve one alternate)**

1. Give a demonstration or illustrated talk to your club (Min. 10 minutes). \_\_\_\_\_
2. Develop an educational display related to the dog project. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Contribute your time to a rescue organization or animal shelter in some way (walk dogs, foster a rescue, help with grooming, fund raise, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Complete your 4H Record Book. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Plan a community service project for your club \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of club member

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# Breed Standard

Research the AKC breed standard of a dog breed of interest. Briefly summarize the breed's standard below.

Dog Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: faults refer to appearance, movement, or temperament qualities that are contrary to the breed standard, and do not judge a dog's suitability as a pet)

<b>Standard Requirements &amp; Faults</b>
Size / Proportion / Substance:
Faults:
Head:
Faults:
Neckline / Topline / Body:
Faults:
Forequarters:
Faults:
Hindquarters:
Faults:
Coat:

Faults:
Color:
Faults:
Gait:
Faults:
Temperament:
Faults:

Would the AKC Dog Breed club recommend breeding a dog that exhibits a major fault?  
Why or why not?

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How would the breed be affected if standards were not maintained?

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## Dog comparison to Breed Standard

Use your 'Breed Standard' worksheet to judge a dog of this breed against its standard. You can use any dog, but you must be able to examine it fully (ie, bite, gait, etc.)

Dog Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog to Compare against Standard: \_\_\_\_\_

What are the dog's overall strengths and weaknesses as compared to the standard?

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Do you think the dog has enough breed merits to be bred? Why or why not.

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