BARRY COUNTY DOG PROJECT NOTEBOOK

JUNIORS

THIRD YEAR

NAME OF 4-H JUNIOR: ____________________________________________

NAME AND BREED OF DOG: ______________________________________
If dogs could speak and understand our language, communicating with them sure would be a lot easier. Unlike people, dogs don’t use their voices very much for communication, even with each other, this activity will help you investigate how a dog is friendly, scared, playful or mean an important skill for everybody, even if they don’t own a dog! Many people are bitten by dogs each year. If you understand dog body language, you will be more able to tell which dogs are friendly and which ones you should avoid. Dogs use body postures facial expressions and tall positioning to communicate with other dogs and people. A dog’s body language can tell us if the dog is submissive, fearful, friendly or aggressive.

**Dog Body Language**

A **Wants to play**
B **Friendly greeting and asking for attention**
C **Threatening and afraid**
D **Polite greeting**
E **Something has the dog’s attention**
F **Threatening and aggressive**
G **Scolded or fearful**
DOG PARASITE MATCH

Round worms, fleas, mites- all these and more are lurking out there, just waiting for the chance to infect your dog. Besides harming your dog, some of these pests can affect your health, too.

___ Whipworm egg
___ Adult flea
___ Mange mite
___ Adult round worm
___ Tape worm
___ Giardia egg
___ Coccidia egg
___ Adult ear mite
___ Hookworm
___ Adult tick
___ Adult heartworm
New Puppy in the house

You just got a new puppy! Or, maybe your family is considering getting a new puppy. If it’s going to live in the house with your family, you’ll need to design a house-training plan. This activity will help you improve your planning and organizational skills as you train your puppy.

There are many different ways to housetrain a puppy. Talk with a veterinarian, get some books or read articles about housetraining and choose the method that will work best for your dog. Develop a schedule for housetraining your new puppy and record it in the chart below. Also include time for the other things your puppy needs to do during his day. Include other things your puppy needs to do during his day. Include other family members in the schedule where you can. Also, watch your puppy for signs that he needs to go out. Write what you saw.

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How my puppy acts when he needs to go potty:
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Oh Where, Oh Where Is my Little Dog From?

German shepherd, French poodle, English bulldog, Portuguese water spaniel.... The country of origin of some dog breeds is pretty obvious! But what about Mastiffs, Bloodhounds, Vizslas, Whippets and all the other breeds.

Do a short story of the breed of dog you have and what country they are from.
Tool Time

In an ideal world, a dog owner would never need to use a leash or any other type of training tool because the bond between the two would be so strong that communication would flow effortlessly. However, that is not the norm; leashes and collars are needed to help dogs understand what is expected of them and to keep them safe.

Match collars with description of its use.

a. Flat buckle collar
b. Head collar
c. Martingale collar
d. Prong collar
e. Choke chain collar
f. Clicker training

____ This is used widely for obedience because it is one of two collars allowed in AKC competition. The handler offers a correction by giving a quick upward jerk on the end attached to the leash. This collar does not have a “stop” to the amount of chain you can pull through and needs to be monitored carefully, especially with how hard and long youth pull on the end of the chain. The leash should never be tight unless the youth is issuing a correction and then it should be immediately loosened.

____ This is the other choice AKC offers to obedience competitors. This collar offers the least resistance on the dog’s neck and works well where the handler and dog have a good bond.

____ Also known as a head halter, this collar gives the handler control of the dog’s head. Thorough familiarization with proper use of this tool is essential for dog acceptance and successful training.

____ These tools are popular in the breed ring and have some popularity in obedience training because they reduce the amount of choking, are “escape-proof”
and reduce coat damage. The amount of control varies depending on the dog’s breed, size and behavior.

_____ This tool is an interlocking chain of blunt, metal prongs connected by a loop of small link chain. Contrary to its looks, this collar is humane because it will only tighten a limited amount and less pressure and strength are needed as compared to the choke collar. The owner should attach the leash to the two rings on the collar to evaluate the dog’s reaction to tightening before moving down to one ring. Only small or medium sized links should be used.

_____ This is a fun, non-aversive training technique that gives an animal feedback about its behavior. A sharp sound is produced by the clicker when the trainer presses it. The purpose is to mark a desired behavior being performed by the dog. It is as though the trainer is saying “THAT is what I want you to do.” The animal hears the sound and associates the action it performed with a positive reward.
What Should I do if my dog gets lost and how can I prevent my dog from getting lost.

Think about all the ways your dog could become lost, then think of a way to prevent each thing from happening. Write your plan in the chart below. Think about all your dog’s environments, inside, outside, traveling and so on.

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Create a “Lost Dog” poster to be prepared in case you ever lose your dog. Use space here to design your poster before you make it.