

Henry Co. 4-H Canine Ambassador Rules & Regulations

1. Eligibility

- A. Applicants must be 14-18 years of age (as of January 1st of current year), be enrolled and an active member in a Henry Co. 4-H club for at least one year. *Must be your second year in the Dog project area.
- B. Applicants must be in good standing within their 4-H club.
- C. Successful candidates in the Ambassador position may apply in subsequent calendar years for a maximum of 2 years.

2. Application

- A. Applicants must complete all the requested information on the application form, as well as the applicants and parent /guardian signatures.
- B. Applications will be accepted until May 1st of the current year, 4:30 p.m. at the Extension Office- Henry Co. When the 1st falls on a weekend or Holiday, applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. the proceeding Monday or day after the holiday. NO late applications will be accepted.
- C. Applications must be typed.
- D. A typed write-up (75 words or less) must accompany the application. This write up will be used for the coronation and parade in the event the candidate is selected to be the Prince or Princess.

3. Interview & Selection Process

A. Judges

- a. Each applicant will be interviewed by a panel of judges who will select the top scoring candidate for Canine Ambassador.
- b. All judges will be knowledgeable about 4-H programming and the 4-H dog project area.
- c. In the event of a tie; the judges will review all of the score sheets and may ask 1 additional question to determine the winner.

B. Interviews:

- a. Will be conducted in May at the OSU Extension Office –Henry Co.
- b. Applicants will be contacted as to their exact interview time by e-mail or if no e-mail snail mail.
- c. Applicants unable to complete their interview on the date specified will forfeit their application.

C. Scoring System:

- a. Scores will be given for several different areas from the application as well as the interview on a rubric score sheet.

4. Announcement of Henry County 4-H Canine Ambassador

- A. Announcement of the Ambassador will be at the Communication & Expressive Arts Contest in June. Attire is dressy casual.
- B. Fair: Introductions will be made along with the various Junior Fair royalty, 4-H royalty, commodity royalty introductions at the Henry County Fair (date, time and place to be announced). Attire is formal for this event.

5. General Rules for the Henry County 4-H Canine Ambassador

- A. Term: The term will commence at the time of the announcement/coronation in June through the first day of the announcement/coronation of the new royalty. (approx. 1 Yr.)
- B. The Ambassador shall have the honor of representing the Henry County 4-H (Dog) Program at area events/festivals, parades and other county events as invited.
- C. Attendance/participation in specific 4-H Programs will include but are not limited to Henry Co. Jr. Fair, Fun Dog shows and others as requested.
- D. Forfeiting of reign
 - a. An Ambassador who marries and/or parents a child/children after their selection or during their reign will forfeit their position subject to a 4-H Advisory Council review.
 - b. Any court member who participates in activity unbecoming to the 4-H and Junior Fair Program, i.e. tobacco use drug/alcohol abuse, arrest, etc., will forfeit their position subject to a 4-H Advisory Council review.

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Applicant Name: _____

4-H / Dog Project Participation:	Possible Points	Your Points	Comments
Applicant has assumed multiple responsibilities within the- 4-H Program and has been an active participant.	20		
Applicant has participated in leadership activities within the club they are representing.	10		
Applicant has participated in other organizational programs such as Church Youth Group, School, etc.	10		
Shows knowledge of handling, grooming, discipline, care of, good health and the Canine Good Citizenship, the value of therapy and service dogs. They need to be knowledgeable about their own pet.	30		
Community service, and other activates (fun shows, clinics etc.) outside of their 4-H club	20		
Applicant shows clear desire and willingness to become Prince or Princess and will fulfill their duties as such.	10		
	(100)		
Application:			
All information was complete, questions were answered and application was signed and dated.	5		
Application and Essay was typed	5		
Applicant used proper grammar, spelling and punctuation.	5		
Essay addresses the applicants' 4-H experience, how it has benefited them and their future and why the candidate feels they are qualified to be 4-H Dog Prince or Princess	15		
	(30)		
Interview:			
Applicant is dressed appropriately and looks neat and well kept.	5		
Applicant is on time and shows pose and posture.	5		
Applicant is knowledgeable about their application and the 4-H program and dog projects.	15		
Applicant speaks clearly and answers questions directly and completely, makes eye contact, Is outgoing,	25		
	(50)		
Total:	<u>200</u>		

Additional Comments: