

## Using the *Dog Resource Handbook*

The Dog Resource Handbook contains subject matter for 4-H members to learn a lot of information about dogs. This book replaces all of the former dog project books. The subject matter is divided into 19 chapters.

- *Chapter 1* discusses the 'Characteristics of Dogs.'
- *Chapter 2* discusses the AKC dog groups and has pictures of two breeds in each group, chosen because they had the first and second highest AKC registrations in their respective groups at the time this publication went to print.
- *Chapter 3* describes various types of conformation. Note that a lot of the illustrations throughout the book are the same as those in the Dog Learning Laboratory (Skillathon) Kit. This will help youth better prepare for their skillathons.
- *Chapter 4* contains detailed information about grooming dogs.
- *Chapter 5* discusses selecting the right dog.
- *Chapter 6* discusses how dogs communicate and how you should communicate with your dog. Dog Bite Prevention and the AKC Canine Good Citizen® program are also in this chapter.
- *Chapter 7* focuses on how to get started right with a new puppy.
- *Chapter 8* teaches beginning training using positive training techniques. The information in this chapter is good for training and reinforcing training of any dog.
- *Chapters 9 and 10* focus on Obedience, including Brace, Team, and Rally.
  - Information in *Chapter 9* not only discusses the obedience classes, but gives training tips for preparing dogs and handlers for obedience.
- *Chapter 11* covers all aspects of showmanship, including the patterns used in judging 4-H showmanship.
- *Chapter 12* discusses performance events. Agility is covered in greater detail than the other performance events. However, information about training for agility, course design, building or purchasing agility equipment is not in this chapter. Where to get this information will be posted at <http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog>.
- *Chapter 13* includes information about working dogs, including assistance dogs.
- *Chapter 14* explains the kinds of dog shows, people who make up the show personnel, as well as show ring integrity.
- *Chapters 15, 16, and 17* discuss anatomy and physiology, health, and nutrition and exercise respectively.
- *Chapter 18* explains reproduction.
- *Chapter 19* talks about dog-related careers.

Chapters that pertain most directly to *obedience* include Chapters 8, 9, 10, and 14.

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