

Member Name: _____

Club: _____

Alameda County 4-H Dog Care and Training Program

Guidelines to Project Proficiency Award

Purpose: The purpose of the Proficiency Program is to encourage you to learn new things and to demonstrate your knowledge and skills. In order to advance through the program, you will need to continue to increase your knowledge and skills, to participate in your project meetings, and to keep a record of your dog project activity.

In order to qualify for any Proficiency Award you must meet the following requirements:

- Must be in 4th grade or above.
- Must attend at least 80% of your project meetings for the current year.
- Complete a project report.
- Must complete each level before going on to the next level.
- Each level is cumulative, meaning they may be carried from one year to the next.
- Awards will be given out at County Awards Night.

BEGINNING/ LEVEL 1

Complete 10 questions & terms from the list below

	Date Completed	Leader's Initials
1. Demonstrate where these parts are on a dog: withers, croup, shoulders, topline, loin, flews, and occiput.	_____	_____
2. What are external parasites: <u>Give two examples and how do you prevent them.</u>	_____	_____
3. Demonstrate basic grooming techniques and equipment necessary for the care of your	_____	_____
4. Demonstrate the basic commands: heel, sit, stay and come.	_____	_____
5. Show how to correctly put a collar and leash on your dog, demonstrate how to walk your dog in 'heel' position. Identify the prong, training, and flat buckle collar.	_____	_____
6. What are the seven AKC recognized dog groups? Give an example of a breed from each group.	_____	_____
7. List five items to consider if your family is thinking about getting a dog. Why is it important to think about these items before you get a dog?	_____	_____
8. List three things you should never feed your dog.	_____	_____
9. Name three signs of a healthy dog. Name three signs of a sick dog.	_____	_____
10. Discuss the importance of vaccinations. Name two diseases preventable by vaccination. Show your Project Leader proof that your dog's shot records are current.	_____	_____

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11. Name two internal parasites and how to prevent them. _____

12. Describe the best way to avoid an aggressive dog _____

13. What are five guidelines to be aware of when training your dog? _____

14. Name three dog performance events you can enter your dog in. _____

15. Show an understanding/purpose of the following terms _____

- halter collar
- incisors
- gait
- hackles
- microchip
- crate
- dewclaw
- foot pads

KEEP IN YOUR RECORD BOOK WITH YOUR PROJECT RECORDS.

Project Leader's Signature: _____ Date: _____