



**Calvert 4-H Updates**  
**5/26/2020**

**VIRTUAL DOG EVENT**

Typically at this time of year, our 4-H members are busily working with their dogs and preparing for the show season. Since COVID-19 is preventing us from having in-person meetings, we're going to do some virtual educational offerings. We're even going to try our hand at the first Southern MD Regional 4-H Virtual Dog Event. Woohoo!

*What's a Virtual Dog Event, you ask?* Well, it's a low-key, fun learning opportunity to show off what you are learning with your 4-H dog. We'll ask each 4-H member to **register** (Step 4) to participate. In the registration process, we will require parental permission for each 4-H member to participate.

*How does one "do" a virtual dog event, you ask?* Each 4-H member gets someone to video them working with their dog (just as you would see in a live dog show). There will be specific exercises that each dog and handler will be asked to complete. A judge will give feedback on the work of each pair. Ribbons will be awarded for all participants.

Each 4-H member will participate by age and experience level, as always. The opportunities will be different-- but just as fun. **Please submit your Dog Card**, as usual. See the link and details for Dog Card submission below.

4-H Pro Tip: You can find the 4-H Dog Project Record [HERE](#). Be sure to keep up with your training sessions, expenses and any other information for your Record Book as you go. We encourage you to keep and up to date, or active record.

Here's a list of the virtual opportunities! Everyone can participate in one, or all.

***Trick Dog Video***

Choose your dog's one best trick and share it via video. Provide a demonstration of the trick, explain how you trained the dog to do the trick, and be sure to take no more than 3 minutes for the demonstration and the explanation. Need ideas? Go to the AKC Trick Dog examples online at <https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>.

***Obedience Video***

**Virtual Titles:** Virtual Titles based on level of mastery/number of exercises demonstrated.

Virtual Beginner Obedience – Any 3

Virtual Novice Obedience – Any 5

Virtual Intermediate Obedience – Any 5 from #4 and higher

Virtual Advanced Obedience – Any 5, from #4 and higher, including one off leash exercise

Virtual Excellent Obedience - #14 - #18

*Choose from these Obedience Exercises:*

1. Walk at least 20 steps on a loose leash
2. Sit on Command
3. Heel on leash, simple pattern to include right and left turns and about turn
4. Down on Command
5. Recall on leash (Come when called) – no Finish
6. Sit – Walk around dog

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7. Sit/Stay on leash – 1 min
8. Down – Walk around dog
9. Stand
10. Heel on Leash, complex pattern to include: right and left turns, about turn, fast pace, slow pace, circle to the right, circle to the left, halt with sit.
11. Heel on Leash – Figure 8 with 2 Halt-Sits
12. Recall on Leash with Finish (to right or left)
13. Down – Stay on leash – 2 min
14. Heel off leash, complex pattern to include: right and left turns, about turn, fast pace, slow pace, circle to the right, circle to the left, halt with sit.
15. Recall off leash – approximately 10 feet between dog and handler, with finish (to right or left)
16. Heel off leash – Figure 8 with 2 Halt-Sits
17. Sit/Stay off leash – 1 min, approximately 10 feet between dog and handler
18. Down/stay off leash – 2 min, approximately 10 feet between dog and handler



### ***How Do I Get Started?***

**Step 1:** *Enroll* in 4-H Online. If you have not already enrolled for 2020, you **MUST** be enrolled in order to participate. You only need to fill out the required fields. The link to enroll is: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. If you have issues, please contact Ms. Ari Strahl via email at [astrahl@umd.edu](mailto:astrahl@umd.edu).

**Step 2:** Fill out your Dog Card. You must fill out one dog card per dog. The Dog Project Registration Form is available at <https://form.jotform.com/201135434365145>.

**Step 3:** Watch the orientation video, or review the slideshow. You **MUST** watch this video to understand what is needed. Questions about orientation, or specifically about this event, can be directed to the virtual dog group email: [cc4hdogproject@gmail.com](mailto:cc4hdogproject@gmail.com). The video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5Hdqjh3xCU&feature=youtu.be>. The slideshow can be viewed here: [4-H Dog Training Project Slides for Videos](#).

**Step 4:** *Register* for the Southern MD Virtual Dog Event. Please fill out one registration form per dog. You may register two dogs for this event. The registration form can be found here: <https://form.jotform.com/jeanneh4/SoMDVirtualDogReg>.

- Need an awesome incentive? When a 4-H member has completed their dog card *and* registered to participate in our Virtual Dog Event, their name (& dog) will be placed into a drawing. Once a week, a winner will be chosen and that person will receive a “Doggy Goody Bag” delivered to their front door.

**Step 5:** Watch the training videos and practice with your dog. Videos will be posted every Tuesday and Thursday for 5 – 6 weeks. These videos will consist of exercises to do with your dog. You can access the first of the training videos here:

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Getting Started: Focus & Attention <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egQ2Q9R7yg8&t=26s>. After watching the videos, practice these exercises with your dog.



**Step 6:** Submit your videos. This is the last step to submit to the Virtual Dog event. You must submit one form with videos per dog and handler pair to be considered for the virtual dog titles. Only ONE video may be submitted per exercise but there is NO LIMIT to how many videos you take before choosing one to submit. You MUST attach ONE video per exercise. The submission form can be found here: <https://form.jotform.com/jeanneh4/soMvirtualdogsubmission>.

*Good Luck on your Virtual Titles and let us know if you have any questions.*

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\*All UME 4-H in-person programs are canceled through **July 31**. This is per Dr. James Hanson, UME Associate Dean/Associate Director and Dr. Nia Fields, MD State 4-H Program Leader.

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\*UME employees are teleworking through **June 26**, per University of MD policy.

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\***MD 4-H Market Hogs, Lambs and Goats will NOT be weighed in for 2020.** There will be no Average Daily Gain requirements to exhibit at the MD State Fair. It is unclear at this point if Market Hogs, Lambs and Goats will be tagged or not. All animals should have official USDA identification tags from breeders. That information will be **required** when you complete the online project registration forms. To access the Calvert County 4-H Market Hog, Lamb and Goat Forms, go to <https://forms.gle/1j5xSSfVtJRrvfEz5>. Be sure to only put one species on each form. Our May Calvert 4-H Weigh-in and Tagging will NOT be held, in accordance with UME 4-H guidelines. **Project Registration Forms** should be completed online by **6/1/2020**.

\*All other 4-H Animal Science Projects (except breeding livestock) must be registered by **6/1/2020**. This includes **dogs, horses, alpacas, cavies, poultry breeding birds and rabbits**. Project registration forms for alpacas, cavies, poultry breeding birds and rabbits is available at <https://forms.gle/egSBh2j7BXW4P3t8>. The Dog Project Registration Form is

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available at <https://form.jotform.com/201135434365145>. The Horse Project Registration Form is available at <https://form.jotform.com/201135618321141>.

**\*4-H Livestock Breeding Project Registrations** are due on **7/1/2020**. The electronic form link is <https://forms.gle/1j5xSSfvTJRrvfEz5>. Be sure to correctly designate what species/type project on the form.

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**\*The Maryland 4-H Issue Forum**, July 1, 2020, from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm is a premier teen leadership experience to foster civil discourse and community action in Maryland! This year the Issue Forum will take place virtually. The forum is designed for teens 14-19 years old who want to help make a change in their community. Build a team by asking a friend or two and an adult volunteer. There are exciting breakout sessions, leading changemakers in the area of water quality, and a keynote speaker will give you the springboard to take your ideas back to your location and put a plan in place. Throughout the day there will be fun teen activities. We hope to see you there! Just fill out the form from this link <https://forms.gle/Zi4icfWCHGjsgUo69>.

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\*MD 4-H is canceling ALL in-person camps for 2020. This includes the **Calvert 4-H Outdoor Discovery Camp**. BUT . . . there will be a virtual camp, **Environmental Science**. More information will be sent from the MD State 4-H Office soon. Meanwhile, **SAVE THE DATE: Virtual Camp July 13-24, 2020**.



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Be safe, everyone!  
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