

GLOSSARY/TERMS FOR DOG

AKC	American Kennel Club. A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sport, registration, and integrity of pure-bred dogs. Founded in 1884, AKC works to promote health of, education about, and companionship with purebred dogs. The AKC hosts registered dog shows and events for which dogs and handlers earn titles. 4-H Dog Program uses some AKC rules and terminology in our competitions.
NADAC	North American Dog Agility Council. 4-H members who compete in NADAC must enter Advanced Agility.
Agility	A dog sport that requires the handler to direct the dog through a pre-set obstacle course with a time limit.
Showmanship	Helps 4-H members develop knowledge and skills in dog handling. It gives 4-H members the opportunity to present themselves and their dogs to the best of their ability. Handlers will be evaluated on five basic areas: proper breed presentation, ring procedure, knowledge, grooming of dog, 4-H'ers conduct and appearance.
Obedience	Open to all dogs. Handlers take dogs through a series of tasks and tests - walking off leash, sit and stay, retrieving, jumping etc.
Open	Level of Obedience after Graduate Novice. Dogs must have won a CD title for Open A, for Open B, they must have won a CDX title.
Utility	Most advanced level of Obedience, dogs must have an Open title to compete.
CD	Companion Dog - A title given by the AKC. A dog earns this title when it has been certified by two different judges as receiving qualifying scores in Novice classes at three licensed AKC or AKC member trials.
CDX	Companion Dog Excellent - A title given by the AKC to a dog that has been certified by two different judges as receiving qualifying scores in Open classes at three AKC or AKC member trials.
Spay/Neuter	Process in which female and male dogs have their reproductive organs removed.

