

New for 2011 You and Your Dog

At the SRI 4-H Fair

You and Your Dog is a program created to allow all 4-H members an opportunity to include their four legged k9 family member as their 4H project without the intensity of training and competing on the dog show level. It is for all members/dogs regardless of ability/disability. Once a member has shown in a 4-H dog show they are not eligible to enter into You and Your Dog.

The judging is done as an individual interview and runs parallel with the 4-H dog show at the SRI 4-H Fair. The areas to be evaluated are the ***Interview***; Knowledge of dog's care and welfare, 4-Her responds accurately to age appropriate questions taken from the dog knowledge resources which is found on the 4-H web site. ***Member's appearance and attitude***; appropriate dress, courtesy, poise and good sportsmanship. ***Dog's appearance and attitude***; presents evidence of good health (consider age) and good grooming attention given to eyes, ears, coat, teeth, and toenails. Demonstrates good manners and allows examination without resistance. ***Creative achievement of member and dog***; this could be done with a scrapbook or poster of activities, special tricks, etc. Demonstration should not be longer than 3 minutes. All **You and Your Dog** participants are invited (but not required) to take the dog knowledge quiz that is required for the 4-H dog show participants.

You and Your Dog participants must follow the same rules and guidelines concerning inoculations and safety set by the RI 4-H dog committee and SRI 4-H fair committee. Registrations can be found on the SRI 4-H Fair website. Once registered, the show secretary will place entries in the age appropriate categories, Clover buds thru seniors. You can email Mary Ann Reynolds for more info and questions about this program at maryann4h@gmail.com

This program is meant to be fun and a place where 4-H members can include their dogs in a 4-H activity and gain some recognition for the care that they are given on a daily basis.