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Best Friends 4-H Club Team Instructor Policy

1. Team Instructor must apply for and be accepted as a 4-H Leader. The purpose is liability. You will be process and interviewed exactly as a teacher applying for a teaching position would be in the State of Michigan. To obtain the New 4-H Leader Application forms, please contact the Berrien County Michigan State University Extension Office at 269-944-4126 or contact Best Friends 4-H Club's Coordinator, Linda Shannon-Chaillet at 269-934-0462.
2. Team Instructor must attend yearly Team Instructor Class to be held on the first Monday in May of each year.
3. Team Instructor must be willing to attend the 4-H summer dog project classes every Monday night during June, July and August for eight to nine weeks to teach his or her assigned non-traditional 4-H team.
4. Team Instructor must be willing to donate up to three (3) hours one night a week to pair up with your assigned team to teach, demonstrate and practice canine training methods.
5. Team Instructor understands that he or she is responsible for the **SAFETY** of the team canine and the assigned non-traditional 4-H'er entrusted into his or her care during, and until relinquished from his or her care from, canine training classes.
6. Team Instructor must be prepared to team up with the most difficult and unwanted assigned non-traditional 4-H'er.
7. Team Instructor must have a willingness to learn the knowledge of the canine material being taught by taking his or her own canine (*if he or she has one*) to obedience classes and agility classes on his or her own time.
8. Team Instructor must have a willingness to learn about the knowledge of the non-traditional 4-H'er's disabilities.
9. Team Instructor must have a concept of the canine training goals by studying the judging competition rules and regulations for canine competition.
10. Team Instructor must have a willingness to befriend his or her assigned 4-H'er and have fun while in canine classes.