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Hello Dog Project Families,

You are getting this mailing because there is somebody in your family that enrolled in the dog project when they enrolled in 4-H. If you do not wish to receive information about the dog project anymore, please notify Penny at penny.tank@wisc.edu.

The dog leader group has held a few meetings to begin to prepare for the 2024 project year and we are looking forward to the first start up meeting on **Monday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Manawa Elementary School.** (NO dogs come to this meeting) Project Leaders will review the project rules, schedule, enrollment paperwork, fundraiser, and other details for the project year.

Enclosed is a t-shirt order form. At this first meeting, all members are invited to bring a simple drawing that all youth will vote on their favorite for the 2024 clothing design. This needs to be an original design. The leaders would like to order shirts so they are ready for the Culver's fundraiser. Therefore, the order form will be due the night of the meeting on February 19.

Also mark your calendars with the following dates:

- The 2nd member meeting without dogs will be **Tuesday**, **March 19** at 6:30 p.m. at Manawa Elementary School.
- Monday, March 25 There will be a Culver's fundraiser night in Waupaca again for a project fundraiser, please plan to help a sign up will be available at the dog meeting.
- The first training night <u>with dogs</u> for FIRST YEAR members will be **Monday, May 13** at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Weyauwega.
- The first training night for all members and dogs will be **Monday**, **May 20** at the Fairgrounds in Weyauwega.
- PLEASE NOTE dog project training will be held on <u>Monday nights</u> this coming summer. The leaders are aware that many 4-H club meetings are on Monday nights and this will be reflected in the schedule when it is made available and there are enough training nights planned that club meetings can be accommodated.
- For those interested in **agility**, Kalisa Nutter, graduated 4-H member, has volunteered to work with agility for this project year on Monday nights.

Thank you, Penny Tank

On behalf of the Dog Project Leader Group