



# Minnesota 4-H Dog Project

## *A Brief History of Dog Agility*

1978

Crufts Dog Show in England needs a filler between the breed judging and groups. John Varley and Peter Meanwell invent agility.

1980

Agility is sanctioned by the Kennel Club in England.

1986

United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) is founded by Ken Tatsch in Richardson, Texas.

1987

National Club for Dog Agility (NCDA) is founded by Charles Kraemer in Manhattan, Kansas. Primary purpose is for AKC acceptance of agility.

1990

First 4-H Agility in Minnesota at the county level – Dakota and North St. Louis counties.  
Agility demonstration given by Dakota County 4-H'ers at the State 4-H Dog Show

1991

Minnesota 4-H Agility spreads to Anoka and Scott counties.  
USDAA creates their Junior Handler Program.

1993

First USDAA Junior Handler Program show is held in June at Lake Elmo, Minnesota.  
North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) is founded by Sharon Nelson in St. Maries, Idaho.  
First 4-H Agility Demonstration at the Minnesota State Fair – open to all 4-H'ers.  
Agility demonstration given by Dakota County 4-H'ers at the State 4-H Dog Show.

1994

Minnesota 4-H Dog Project Development Committee forms a committee to look into establishing guidelines for agility.  
AKC adopts agility classes. The first AKC show in the USA to include agility is held in August at the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club Show in Lake Elmo, Minnesota.

1995

Agility demonstration given by the Minnesota Dog Agility Club at the State 4-H Dog Show.

1996

First year for agility competition at Minnesota 4-H Regional and State Dog Shows. This is a provisional, two-year trial.

1997

In November, the Minnesota State Dog Project Development Committee approves agility as a regular 4-H dog show event.