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(Image attached: 2010 Ulster County NYS Championship Dog Drill Team. See names below)

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Ulster County 4-H Dog Drill Team Named New York State Fair Grand Champions

Twelve members of the Ulster County 4-H MuttMasters Club competed in the 4-H Dog Drill Team competition at the New York State Fair in Syracuse on Wednesday, September 1. Their dedication, hard work and team effort resulted in a flawless eight minute performance of their theme "K-9 Police". While performing to a variety of theme songs from popular television police shows, they proudly smiled their way to the hearts of six judges earning them the title of New York State Grand Champion. The competition included four other 4-H Dog Drill Teams from New York State.

A dog drill team is a group of 4-H youth accompanied by their dogs which perform a choreographed routine together. Among the many exercises included is the synchronized pinwheel, dog recall and communication techniques. The 4-H Dog Drill team took top honors in 2007 as well.

The Ulster County 4-H MuttMasters train in Kingston at the Town of Ulster Highway Complex and in New Paltz at the Ulster County Fair Grounds. If you are interested in learning more about the 4-H Dog Program or the 4-H Youth Program, please contact Jenny Burkins at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-340-3990.

PHOTO: Back Row L-R: Jessica Birch, Amber Huckeba, Harry Birch of Kerhonkson, Katherine DeWitt, Accord, Bryan Huckeba of Kerhonkson, Jenny Burkins, 4-H Leader and Trainer of New Paltz, Courtney Weis, Team Captain of Gardiner, Lori Potter of New Paltz, Joy Weis, Parent of Gardener

Front Row L-R: Samantha Bruck of Accord, Evan Mardiney of High Falls, Kristen Nerone of High Falls, Elissa Mardiney of High Falls, Tim Bruck Jr. of Accord.

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