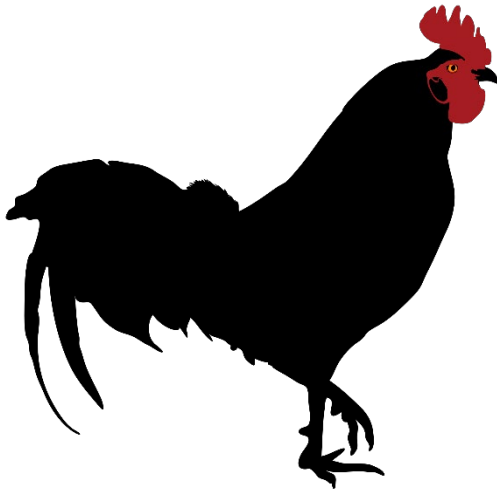
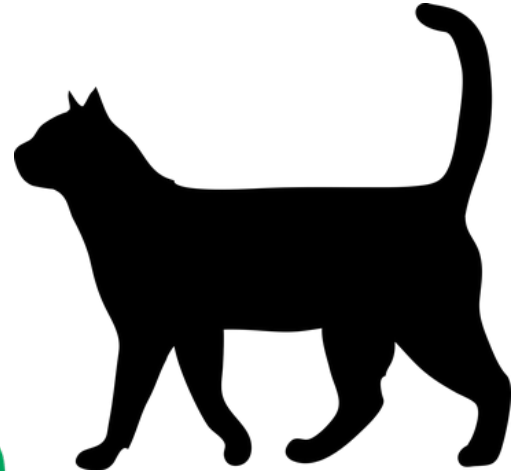
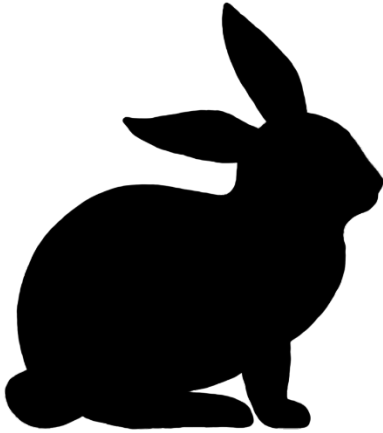


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GENERAL RULES

Only those 4-H members enrolled in Box Butte County 4-H program by the 4-H enrollment fair deadline of the current year shall be eligible to exhibit in the County Fair and receive premiums, rosettes, or awards, or participate in any 4-H related auctions. Exhibiting at the County Fair is not the sole purpose of 4-H projects. The purpose of 4-H is to give youth and adults opportunities to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and strengthen values that enable them to become increasingly self-directing, productive, and contributing citizens. 4-H projects, fair exhibits, and fair participation are simply tools that contribute to the 4-H mission.

4-H and FFA members must have been enrolled in the project area and exhibit only those items that comply with their projects. The guidelines set forth in this handbook are implemented to further the success of each exhibitor, their animal projects, and the animal show as a whole. Guidelines that are not followed will cause for disqualification of the exhibitor and the animal for that class.

New Deadline Rule: Any 4-H Online 2.0 Enrollment, Ownership Affidavit(s) or YQCA certificate(s) not received by June 15 at end of day will result in exhibitor's disqualification from the current year 4-H & FFA Livestock Show and Sale. The office would prefer you turn items in by June 1.

AGE DIVISIONS

Unless otherwise indicated in the specific rules for each area, classes are divided into three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior). The age breakdown is as follows: Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, and Senior 14 and up. All ages will be determined as of January 1st of the current year. In areas where classes are divided into two age divisions (Junior and Senior), the breakdown is: Junior 8-11 and Senior 12 and up. All ages will be determined as of January 1st of the current year.

Please note that exhibitors who will participate in the State Fair are responsible for checking the State Fair Book to determine their eligibility. Exhibitors whose presence is required for exhibiting at the State Fair (judging contests, etc.) must be 9 or older as of January 1st of the current year.

SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Superintendents in each division will be responsible for:

1. Cage assignments
2. Barn Meeting with all exhibitors
3. Show order
4. Showmanship Contest
5. Recording of official placements along with 4-H staff
6. Sale order
7. Assisting of the clean-up of the Little Red Barn

Superintendents will have rule books and will answer most questions associated with projects. Any specific problems or complaints should be directed to the Superintendent committee and Extension staff and presented in writing so an inspection can be made at the fairgrounds.

The Box Butte County 4-H Council will serve as the fair 4-H rules committee. Any suggestions for improvement, complaints, or protests must be signed and submitted in writing on the "Care to Share" form prior to the August 4-H Council immediately following the county fair to be considered. Those who submitted forms will be called into the meeting on a separate basis to have a chance to explain the reasoning for their form. Care to Share: forms can be picked up in the 4-H office at the fairgrounds during fair week. The Care to Share Forms will be shared during the August 4-H Council meeting. Authors of Care to Share Forms will be brought in on a one-on-one basis to discuss their form.

JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Junior Superintendents in each division will be responsible for:

1. For Poultry, assist after July 15th deadline with pre-entry forms.
2. Assisting members with caging their animals at check-in
3. Helping at Check-in
4. Help hand out ribbons during the show.
5. Help attach the microphones onto the following exhibitors.
6. Assisting of the clean-up of the Little Red Barn
7. Potentially help calculate showmanship scoresheets.

COUNTY FAIR REGISTRATION

The fair registration deadline is **July 1**. **Forms can be found on the boxbutte.unl.edu website.** Please remember that all exhibits, except for gardening and flowers, must be pre-registered. This includes all animals, clothing, cooking, cake & cookie jar auction exhibits, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the office. In the event a policy is not covered in this handbook, the question shall defer to the **Nebraska 4-H State Fair Rules**.

COUNTY FAIR ENTRY OF ANIMALS

Check the master schedule published with the fair book for entry times and show dates & times. Exhibitors showing dogs or cats need to be at the fairgrounds at least a half hour before the show is scheduled to begin. All Rabbit and Poultry exhibits need to enter at the south entrance to the Red Barn to be health checked by a superintendent before they may enter or be housed.

DRESS CODE

Required dress code for showing in both showmanship and animal classes at the Box Butte County Fair:

1. 4-H members in all small animal shows (poultry, rabbit, cat, dog, and small pets) will be required to wear blue jeans, the 4-H Council approved T-shirt, and close toes shoes. **EXHIBITORS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO WEAR LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS.**
2. FFA members will be required to wear a FFA polo shirt for all small animal shows (poultry, rabbit, cat, dog, and small pets) or official FFA dress.
3. In **All Species**, 4-H and FFA members will be dropped a ribbon placing for improper attire.



All exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbits must have received YQCA training through the national organization, “Youth for the Quality Care of Animals” prior to **June 15** of each year. Completion of training will be certified by the YQCA organization. Any exhibitor who **DOES NOT** complete the YQCA requirement on or before **June 15** of each year is **INELIGIBLE** to show or sell livestock at the Box Butte County Fair.

Youth will be REQUIRED to complete their YQCA tests through the YQCA organization either online or at an in-person training. Test out options are available through the YQCA online platform.

Options for youth to complete their YQCA training:

JUNIORS: Ages 8-10 as of January 1 of the current year

1. Self-Directed Online YQCA Course (\$12)

- a. Visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account. YQCA is no longer connected to 4-H Online.
- b. Select the Web-Based Training, pay for the course, and complete the knowledge builder, skills lab and quiz in 3 modules.
- c. Provide the certificate that will be available after all 3 modules are completed to the Extension Office in hard copy or email the PDF to astevens4@unl.edu.
- d. .

2. Youth can attend 1 of the offered Instructor-Led presentations that will be held at the Box Butte County Extension Office. (\$3)

- a. Visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account. YQCA is no longer connected to 4-H Online.
- b. Select a course (Instructor-Led), select the state, select the training, and pay for the course. Then you will attend the training on the date you selected.
 - i. Please refer to the newsletter for dates and times that the in person training will be held.
- c. After the course the instructor will mark attendees as complete and youth will go back into their account to access the certificate. Youth will provide the certificate to the Extension Office in hard copy or email the PDF to astevens4@unl.edu.

INTERMEDIATES: Ages 11-13 as of January 1 of the current year

SENIORS: Age 14-18 as of January 1 of the current year

1. Self-Directed Online YQCA Course (\$12)

- a. Visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account. YQCA is no longer connected to 4-H Online.
- b. Select the Web-Based Training, pay for the course, and complete the knowledge builder, skills lab and quiz in 3 modules.
- c. Provide the certificate that will be available after all 3 modules are completed to the Extension Office in hard copy or email the PDF to astevens4@unl.edu.

2. Youth can attend 1 of the offered Instructor-Led presentations that will be held at the Box Butte County Extension Office. (\$3)

- a. Visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account. YQCA is no longer connected to 4-H Online.
- b. Select a course (Instructor-Led), select the state, select the training, and pay for the course. Then you will attend the training on the date you selected.
 - i. Please refer to the newsletter for dates and times that the in person training will be held.
- c. After the course the instructor will mark attendees as complete and youth will go back into their account to access the certificate. Youth will provide the certificate to the Extension Office in hard copy or email the PDF to astevens4@unl.edu.

3. NEW: Test out Option

- a. Available only to **Intermediates age 12-14 (\$36) and Seniors age 15-18 (\$48)**
- b. Visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account. YQCA is no longer connected to 4-H Online.

- c. Select the appropriate course.
- d. You will only have ONE CHANCE to pass this test with an 80% or better.
- e. If passed, this certification will last through the end of the youths' age level.

Provide the certificate that will be available after all 3 modules are completed to the Extension Office in hard copy or email the PDF to astevens4@unl.edu.

ANIMAL PROJECT ID

All rabbit project animals which will be exhibited must be individually identified, listed on the appropriate Ownership Affidavit and on file in the Extension Office on or before June 15 for all other species each year. The Ownership Affidavits are online at the Box Butte County 4-H website: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boxbutte/animal-ownership-affidavits-id-sheets-due-june-15/> or available at the Extension Office. Cat and Dogs need to submit their vaccination records (using the appropriate forms, found here: Cat: <https://go.unl.edu/bbcatvaccine> or Dog: <https://go.unl.edu/bbdogvaccine> to the Extension Office by July 1st. Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors must complete the pre-entry form by July 15.

SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN

The Overall Champion Showman of each species (cat, dog, poultry, and rabbit) will represent that species in the Round Robin Showmanship Contest, unless that person has won the Round Robin Trophy in the past. In that event, the Reserve Overall Champion Showman of that species will be the representative in Round Robin unless that person has won the Round Robin trophy in the past. If the Reserve Champion cannot be present or is ineligible for Round Robin, then the next highest point purple ribbon showman will represent that species in Round Robin. If the next highest point purple ribbon showman cannot be present, then that species will be represented by the animal only.

If the same exhibitor is Overall Champion of two species, he or she will choose which animal to show. Then the Reserve Champion or the next purple of the other species will be the representative in the Round Robin. Showmen will be allowed five (5) minutes at each species before proceeding to the next station. Scoring for each species will be done on a score sheet specific for each species. The score sheets are then collected and accumulated by a tabulator. Accumulative total points will be used to determine the Round Robin Champion. In the case of a tie, the participants will answer the same question at each station until the tie is broken.

Dress Code: Round Robin Showmen will be expected to wear attire of species you were selected to represent in Round Robin.

RED BARN RULES

1. Coaching of exhibitors is strictly prohibited. The exhibitor is responsible for presenting their animal on their own merit. Anyone that is accused of coaching will be given one oral warning from either the superintendent of that species or Extension Staff. After one warning they will be asked to leave the show and the exhibitor will be dropped a ribbon placing.

2. Anyone interfering with the judge will be given one oral warning from either the superintendent of that species or Extension Staff. After one warning they will be asked to leave the show.
3. Any exhibitor observed cursing, displaying inappropriate behavior or if Extension Staff receives a public complaint, Exhibitor will first receive a warning. If the problem continues, they will be dropped a ribbon placing and if poor behavior continues, they will be dismissed from the show.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own animals. All animals need to be fed and watered every night. There are a limited number of feed/waters pans available. Exhibitors are encouraged to provide their own feed pans and water pans or bottles. A community feed supply will be available if you choose to feed it.
5. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning under their own pens. All exhibitors with shared pens will be assigned at least cleaning one shift. **All exhibitors who have animals housed in the Red Barn during the county fair must help clean the barn on the final Sunday of the Box Butte County Fair. Failure to do so will result in the 4-H/FFA members being assessed a \$50 fee.** Any animal not receiving proper care (feed, water, etc.) will be cared for by the specie superintendent after a verbal warning has been given and consulting the superintendent committee. The exhibitor will be assessed \$50 per day with payment being paid when the animal is checked out and before leaving the fairgrounds.
6. All exhibitors are required to attend a barn meeting held as scheduled.
7. **All exhibitors are responsible for hosting the Red Barn at least once during the fair week or families have the option to pay a \$50 fee to opt out. This fee will go towards the Small Animal Committee. Length of shift will be determined by the barn superintendent at fair-time. Length of shifts depends on the number of exhibitors participating in the county fair. Families will have the opportunity to sign up via the pre-fair newsletter and at check-in. Families must sign up or pay opt out fee prior to caging animals.**
8. **Locks are encouraged to be placed on cages within the Little Red Barn. On show day please ensure that cages are unlocked to help with the flow of the show.**
9. Exhibitors **MUST** be present at the show to exhibit their animals and to sell their animals. Exhibitors should be responsible for checking in their own animals. If a member cannot show their animal during fair week, they will not be allowed to participate.
10. In the case an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class; the exhibitor is responsible for finding a current Box Butte County 4-H or FFA member to show one of the animals for them. The additional showman must be a 4-H or FFA member. No parents will be allowed to show for the exhibitors.

11. Eggs laid during fair week need to be disposed of at the end of the week and not be used for consumption.
12. Only 4-H entered dogs are allowed to go into the Little Red Barns as well as the Livestock Barns during the shows.

GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited. Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious disease will be allowed to show. **Animals with lice or mites will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.**

Poultry being sold within the state or exhibited do not have to originate from a NPIP-participating flock or be tested for pullorum typhoid. Some counties will be randomly selected to test birds that do not have documentation stating they were purchased from a NPIP- participating flock. It is highly recommended that you purchase your birds from a NPIP-participating flock, receive documentation from the seller (proof of purchase) and present that to the superintendent at county fair. Note that the current status for pullorum typhoid may change at any time.

Small Animals are required to have all need vaccination according to their species (example ferrets).

LIVESTOCK SALE

4-H and/or FFA members may sell a maximum of two (2) animals at the annual livestock sale. If you exhibit both 4-H and FFA projects, only two animals total may be sold. This includes meat rabbits and poultry.

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to pay attention to the sale order and be ready with their animal upon their turn to sell. We do not want to disrupt the sale flow. Exhibitors not ready will be dropped to the end of the sale order.

Exhibitors must inform the Superintendent which animals they are selling in the 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction at the end of each respective show. Sale cards will be in the exhibitors' packets. Sale cards need to be turned into the office at the end of their show day. No white ribbon animals will be sold.

Exhibitors must carry their own animals through the sale ring.

Members must wear Official 4-H dress or FFA dress when selling animals in the sale (See the dress code section for additional information).

The Box Butte County Fair 4-H and FFA Livestock Auction will be Retained Ownership for the Small Animals. The exhibitor must complete the sale card and turn them into the 4-H office after their respective shows. **The exhibitor will either be responsible for taking the animal home or make arrangements outside the sale to sell the animal. If the exhibitor does not wish to keep the animal, a list**

of potential buyers will be available for the exhibitor to contact. Please reach out to the superintendents for this list.

Blank thank you notes will be available at the 4-H fair office.

Livestock checks will not be mailed to exhibitors until a written, addressed and stamped thank you note has been submitted to the Extension Office. The thank you notes should not be sealed and may be randomly checked for content.

Deductions to be withheld from Exhibitors Livestock Sale Checks

Picture	\$7.25
Promotion (BBQ)	\$20.00
3% of total earned (after deductions)	

Birds must be this year's hatch (after the start of the 4-H year, October 1).

Sellable breeds

American

Buckeyes
Chanteclers
Delawares
Dominiques
Hollands
Javas
Jersey Giants
Lamonas
New Hampshires
Plymouth Rocks
Rhode Island Reds
Rhode Island Whites
Wyandottes

Asiatic

Brahmas
Cochins
Langshans

English

Australorps
Cornish
Dorkings
Orpingtons
Sussex

Mediterranean

Standard Chickens

Buff Catalanas

Continental

Crevecoeurs
Faverolles
Houdans
La Fleche

Other

Ameraucanas
Araucanas
Aseels
Cubalayas
Naked Necks

Duck Classes

Heavy Weight

Pekin
Aylesbury
Rouen
Muscovy
Saxony
Silver Appleyard

Medium Weight

Cayuga
Crested
Blue Swedish
Buff

Light Weight

Runner

Campbell
Geese Classes

Heavy Weight

Toulouse
Emden
African

Medium Weight

Sebastopol
Welsh Harlequin
Magpie

Pilgrim
American Buff
Saddleback Pomeranian

Light Weight

Chinese
Tufted Roman
Canada
Egyptian

Disclaimer—Please note that if any breed listed in the 45th American Standards of Perfection 2023 was omitted from this handbook, they will be allowed to show and sell if a qualified project.

Rabbits

Rabbits entered in sale must be from the meat classes and be a commercial breed. The minimum weights and ages for the rabbits are as follows:

Single Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½lbs and under 69 days of age
Meat Pen Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½lbs and under 69 days of age
Roaster (over 5 ½ pounds and under 1 year of age)
Individual Stewer (4-8 pounds, over 12 weeks of age)

Sellable Breeds – Rabbits

Commercial Rabbits

American
Giant Angora
Beveren
Blanc de Hotot
Californian
Champagne D'Argent
French Lop
New Zealand
Palomino
Satin
Silver Fox
Checkered Giant
American Chinchilla
Giant Chinchilla
Cinnamon
Crème D'Argent
Flemish Giant

Disclaimer—Please note that if any breed listed in the American Standard of Perfection 2021-2025 was omitted from this handbook, they will be allowed to show.

RELEASE OF ANIMALS

Families showing animals in both the Little Red Barn and the Livestock Barn may ask to release their animals after 10 pm on Saturday. Please contact the Barn Superintendent if you wish to do so. All other animals (not sold) will be released on Sunday, of fair week between the hours of 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. If an exhibitor removes a 4-H or FFA animal from the fairgrounds early, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show livestock the following year in Box Butte County. Permission for early removal of an animal may be granted by superintendents in cases of illness, injury, and funerals. Small animal superintendent must consult with other animal superintendents in deciding for early removal. Posters and displays will be displayed in the Red Barn and released on Sunday.

The superintendents shall have the right to have an animal removed from the fairgrounds if said animal is determined to be a safety or health risk to the public, exhibitors, other animals, or itself. It shall be the consensus of the superintendents on the removal of such an animal. If said animal is dismissed because of a health risk, it shall be supported by a veterinarian opinion.

CLEANING OF CAGES

All exhibitors are responsible in helping clean the Red Bard after all animals have been released. Failure to clean all cages at the Box Butte County Fair will result in the 4-H/FFA members receiving a fine that must be paid before they can check out on Sunday of fair.

Exhibitors must be present for clean-up by **8:00 AM on the last Sunday of the Fair.**

POULTRY

Number of entries per exhibitor

4-H/FFA members are limited to a barn limit of six entries.

Breeds

To be eligible for breed exhibition, the poultry exhibit **MUST** be a fair representation of one of the breeds listed in the American Standard of Perfection 2023, 45th edition.

Minimum Weights

Minimum weights are according to breed standards listed in the American Standards of Perfection 2023.

Exhibits will be shown by type.

Each type will be divided into the appropriate classes, breeds, and varieties. If there are less than five, varieties will be combined and shown by breeds. If less than five exhibits of a breed are entered, the Superintendent reserves the right to combine breeds to provide for an orderly show. The Type, Class, Breed, Variety, and Age and Sex (Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet) for all birds must be given to the Superintendent at check-in. Entries Must Be 4-H/FFA Project Birds. All poultry exhibited must be grown in a 4-H/FFA member's project.

Poultry Showmanship

All exhibitors are encouraged to enter poultry showmanship.

Basis for judging:

Showmanship is based on grooming and training of the bird and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are encouraged to present their bird to the judge. Presentation of the bird is up to the individual showman. Showmanship scores will be based on the criteria listed on the showmanship score sheet. The excellence of the bird is not considered in scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. Exhibitors must wear the 4-H Council approved T-shirt and blue jeans. **EXHIBITORS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO WEAR LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS.** FFA members will be required to wear FFA dress code. The Overall Champion Showmen will be determined by total points. If there is a tie, oral questions will be given to break the tie.

To conform to State Fair and Round Robin guidelines, poultry showmanship presentations shall not exceed 5 minutes. Points will be deducted for presentations exceeding the 5-minute limit.

American

Plymouth Rocks:	Barred, White, Buff, Silver Penciled, Partridge, Columbian, Blue Dominiques
Wyandottes:	Silver Laced, Golden Laced, White, Black, Buff, Partridge, Silver Penciled, Columbian, Blue
Javas:	Black, Mottled
Rhode Island Reds:	Single Comb, Rose Comb
Rhode Island Whites:	Rose Comb
Buckeyes:	
Chanteclers:	White, Partridge
Jersey Giants:	Black, White, Blue
Lamonas:	White
New Hampshires	
Hollands:	Barred, White
Delawares:	
California White:	
Cinnamon Queen:	
Black Sex-Link	
Red Sex-Link	

Asiatic

Brahmas:	Light, Dark, Buff
Cochins:	Buff, Partridge, White, Black, Silver Laced, Golden Laced, Blue, Brown, Barred
Langshans:	Black, White, Blue

English

Dorkings:	White, Silver-Gray, Colored, Red, Cuckoo
Red Caps:	
Cornish:	Dark, White, White Laced Red, Buff
Orpingtons:	Buff, Black, White, Blue
Sussex:	Speckled, Red, Light
Australorps:	Black

Mediterranean

Leghorns:	Single Comb Black, Single Comb Dark Brown, Single Comb Light Brown, Single Comb White, Rose Comb Dark Brown, Rose Comb Light Brown, Rose Comb White, Single Comb Buff, Single Comb Silver, Single Comb Red, Single Comb Black-Tailed Red Leghorns, Single Comb Columbian, Rose Comb Black, Rose Comb Buff, Rose Comb Silver, Single Comb Golden
Minorcas:	Single Comb Black, Rose Comb Black, Single Comb White, Rose Comb White, Single Comb Buff
White-Faced Black Spanish:	

Andalusians:	Blue
Anconas:	Single Comb, Rose Comb
Sicilian Buttercups:	
Catalanas:	Buff

Continental

Barnevelders:	
Campines:	Silver, Golden
Hamburgs:	Golden Spangled, Silver Spangled, Golden Penciled, Silver Penciled, White, Black,
Lakenvelders:	
Welsummers:	
Bearded Polish:	Golden, Silver, White, Buff Laced
Non-Bearded Polish:	White Crested Black, Golden, Silver, White, Buff Laced, White Crested Blue, Black Crested White
Houdans:	Mottled, White
Crevecoeurs:	Black
La Fleche:	Black
Faverolles:	Salmon, White

Other Standards

Modern Games:	Black Breasted Red, Brown Red, Golden Duckwing, Silver Duckwing, Birchen, Red Pyle, White, Black, Wheaten
Old English Games:	Black Breasted Red, Brown Red, Golden Duckwing, Silver Duckwing, Red Pyle, White, Black, Spangled, Blue Breasted Red, Lemon Blue, Blue Golden Duckwing, Blue Silver Duckwing, Self Blue, Crele
Sumatras:	Black, Blue
Malays:	Black Breasted Red, Spangled, Black, White, Red Pyle, Wheaten (females)
Cubalayas:	Black Breasted Red (Wheaten), White, Black
Phoenix:	Silver, Golden
Yohohamas:	White, Red Shoulder
Aseels:	Black Breasted Red, Dark, Spangled, White, Wheaten (Female)
Shamos:	Black, Black Breasted Red, Dark, Wheaten (Female)
Sultans:	White
Naked Necks:	Red, White, Buff, Black
Araucanas:	Black, Black Breasted Red, Golden Duckwing, Silver Duckwing, White
Ameraucanas:	Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Wheaten, White

Egg Production Hybrid Class

(Examples but not limited to)

Australia White
California White
Cherry Eggers
Indian River
Pioneer

Mixed Breed Class

Birds are to be of at least two different breeds. Birds entered in the mixed breed class are not eligible for the Best of Show award.

Bantam Chickens

Game Class

Modern:

Blue, Blue Breasted Red, Lemon Blue, Birchen, Black, Black Breasted Red, Brown Red, Golden Duckwing, Red Pyle, Silver Duckwing, Wheaten, White

Old English:

Black Breasted Red, Spangled, Black, Golden Duckwing, Silver Duckwing, White, Wheaten, Red Pyle, Brown Red, Blue Breasted Red, Blue Golden Duckwing, Blue Silver Duckwing, Lemon Blue, Self Blue, Birchen, Blue, Crele, Cuckoo, Ginger Red, Quail, Brassy Back, Blue Brassy Back, Columbian, Silver Blue, Fawn Silver Duckwing, Mille Fleur, Black Tailed Buff

American Game:

Birchen, Black, Black Breasted Red, Blue, Blue Breasted Red, Brown Red, Golden Duckwing, Red Pyle, Silver, White

Single Comb Clean Legged

Ancona:

Mottled

Andalusian:

Blue

Australorp:

Black

Campine:

Golden, Silver

Catalana:

Buff

Delaware:

Dorking:

Colored, Silver Gray

Dutch:

Light Brown, Silver, Blue Cream Light Brown, Blue Light Brown, Black, Cream Light Brown

Holland:

Barred

Japanese:

Black Tailed White, Gray, Mottled, Black Tailed Buff, Black, White, Barred, Brown Red, Wheaten,

Java:

Black, Mottled

Jersey Giant:

Black, White

Lakenvelder:

Lamona:

White

Leghorn:

White, Black, Black Tailed Red, Buff, Columbian, Dark Brown, Light Brown, Red, Silver, Golden Duckwing, Barred,

Minorca:

Black, Buff, White

Naked Neck:

Black, Red, Buff, White

New Hampshire:

Orpington:

Black, Blue, Buff, White

Phoenix:

Silver, Golden

Plymouth:

Barred, White, Blue, Buff, Columbian, Partridge, Silver Penciled, Black

Rhode Island:

Red

White Faced Black Spanish:

Black

Sussex:

Light, Red, Speckled

Welsummer:

Rose Comb Clean Legged

Ancona:	Mottled
Belgian Breaded d'Anvers:	Black, Blue, Cuckoo, Mille Fleur, Mottled, Porcelain, Quail, Self Blue, White
Dominique:	
Dorking:	White
Hamburg:	Silver Spangled, Black, Golden Penciled, Golden Spangled, Silver Penciled, White
Leghorn:	Dark Brown, Light Brown, White, Silver, Black, Buff,
Minorca:	Black, White
Redcap:	
Rhode Island:	Red, White
Rosecomb:	Black, Blue, White
Sebright:	Golden, Silver
Wyandotte:	Black, Buff, Columbian, Partridge, Silver Laced, Silver Penciled, White, Golden Laced, Buff Columbian, Blue

All Other Comb Clean Legged

Ameraucana:	Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Wheaten, White
Araucana:	Black, Black Breasted Red, Golden Duckwing, Silver Duckwing, White
Buckeye:	
Chantecler:	Partridge, White
Cornish:	Dark, White, White Laced Red, Buff, Blue Laced Red, Spangled, Black, Mottled,
Crevecoeur:	Black
Cubalaya:	Black, Black Breasted Red, White
Houdan:	Mottled, White
La Fleche:	Black
Malay:	Black Breasted Red, Black, Red Pyle, White, Spangled, Wheaten (Female)
Bearded-Polish:	White, Buff Laced, Golden, Silver
Non-Bearded Polish:	White, Buff Laced, Golden, Silver, White Crested Black, White Crested Blue
Shamos:	Wheaten, Black, Black Breasted Red, Dark
Sicilian Buttercup:	
Sumatra:	Black, Blue
Yokohama:	White, Red Shouldered

Feather Legged Class

Booted:	White, Mille Fleur, Porcelain, Black, Self Blue,
Belgian Bearded d'Uccle:	Mille Fleur, Porcelain, White, Black, Golden Neck, Mottled, Self Blue,
Brahma:	Dark, Buff, Light

Cochin:	Black, Buff, Partridge, White, Barred, Brown Red, Golden Laced, Mottled, Silver Laced, Red, Birchen, Blue, Columbian
Faverolle:	Salmon, White
Langshan:	Black, White, Blue
Non-Bearded Silkie:	White, Black, Blue, Buff, Gray, Partridge,
Bearded Silkie:	White, Black, Blue, Buff, Gray, Partridge, Splash
Sultan:	

Duck Classes

Heavy Weight

Pekin:	White
Aylesbury:	White
Rouen:	
Muscovy:	White, Black, Blue, Chocolate
Saxony:	
Silver Appleyard:	

Medium Weight

Cayuga:	Black
Crested:	White, Black
Swedish:	Blue
Buff:	Buff

Light Weight

Runner:	Fawn and White, White, Penciled, Black, Buff, Chocolate, Cumberland Blue, Gray
Campbell:	Khaki
Magpie:	Black and White, Blue and White
Welsh Harlequin:	Silver

Bantam Ducks

Call:	Gray, White, Blue, Snowy, Buff, Pastel, Butterscotch, Chocolate
East Indie:	Black
Mallard:	Gray, Snowy

Geese Classes

Heavy Weight

Toulouse:	Buff, Gray
Embden:	White
African:	Brown, White

Medium Weight

Sebastopol:	White
Pilgrim:	Sex-linked
American Buff:	Buff

Saddleback Pomeranian: Gray, Buff

Light Weight

Chinese:	Brown, White,
Tufted Roman:	White
Canada:	Eastern
Egyptian:	Brown

Turkeys

Bronze:	Slate:
Narragansett:	Bourbon Red:
White Holland:	Beltsville Small White:
Black:	Royal Palm:

Individual Broiler

A broiler is a single bird 6-9 weeks of age. Broilers will be judged for meat production qualities only, may be a cross of meat breeds.

Disclaimer—Please note that if any breed listed in the American Standards of Perfection 2023 was omitted from this handbook, they will be allowed to show.

RABBIT

General Rules

ALL RABBITS EXCEPT FRYERS MUST HAVE PERMANENT ID NUMBERS OR NAMES TATTOOED IN THEIR EAR WITH AN APPROPRIATE TOOL. (Permanent marker numbers written in the ears of rabbits are NOT permanent ID numbers. ID numbers or names along with class information must be supplied to the Superintendent at time of entry.

Number of Entries

A barn limit of six rabbits may be entered by one exhibitor. Market Pens of 3 rabbits will be considered as one rabbit entry.

Rabbits will be shown by breed

All rabbits must be a part of the 4-H/FFA member's project.

Rabbit Showmanship

All exhibitors are encouraged to enter rabbit showmanship.

Basis for judging

Showmanship is based on grooming and training of the rabbit and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are encouraged to present their rabbit to the judge. Presentation of the rabbit is up to the individual showman. Showmanship scores will be based on the criteria listed on the showmanship score sheet. The excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. ARBA rules will be used as guidelines for Rabbit Showmanship. Exhibitors must wear the 4-H Council approved T-shirt and blue jeans.

EXHIBITORS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO WEAR LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS. FFA members will be required to wear the FFA dress code. The Overall Champion Showman to be determined by total points. If there is a tie, oral questions will be given to break the tie.

To conform to State Fair and Round Robin guidelines, rabbit showmanship presentations shall not exceed 5 minutes. Points will be deducted for presentations exceeding the 5-minute limit.

Rabbit Classes

Fancy Breeds (for purebred rabbits only, Junior or Senior, Buck or Doe)

American Fuzzy Lop	Agouti-Broken-Pointed White-Self-Shaded-Wide Band
American Sable	
Belgian Hare	
Britannia Petite	Black-Black Otter-Chestnut Agouti-Ruby Eyed White-Sable Marten
Dutch	Black-Blue-Chocolate-Gray-Steel-Tortoise - Chinchilla
Dwarf Hotot	Black-Chocolate
English Angora	Agouti-Pointed White-Self Shaded-Ticked-Wide Band
English Spot	Black-Blue-Chocolate-Gold-Gray-Lilac-Tortoise
Florida White	

French Angora	Agouti-Broken-Pointed White-Self-Shaded-Ticked-Wide Band
Harlequin	Japanese-Magpie
Havana	Black-Blue-Broken-Chocolate-Lilac
Himalayan	(Black-Blue-Chocolate-Lilac) Orange, Steel
Jersey Wooly	Agouti-AOV-Broken-Self-Shaded-Tan Pattern
Holland Lop	Agouti-Broken-Pointed White- Self-Shaded-Tan Patten-Ticked-Wide Band
Lilac	
Lionhead	Ruby Eyed White. Tortoise Shell (Black, Blue, Chocolate & Lilac)
Mini Lop	Agouti-Broken-Pointed White-Self-Shaded-Ticked-Wide Band
Mini Rex	Black-Blue-Blue Eyed White-Broken Group-Castor-Chinchilla-Chocolate-Himalayan-Lilac-Lynx-Opal-Otter-Red-Sable Point-Seal-Tortoise-White
Mini Satin	Chinchilla-Opal-Red-Siamese-White
Netherland Dwarf	Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Blue Eyed White, Ruby Eyed White, Sable Point, Siamese Sable, Siamese Smoke Pearl, Tortoise Shell, Chestnut, Chinchilla (Lynx, Opal, Squirrel, Otter Black, Blue, Chocolate & Lilac), Smoke Pearl Marten, Tans (Black, Blue, Chocolate & Lilac), Broken, Fawn, Self-Shaded-Agouti-Tan Pattern-Any Other Variety
Polish	Black-Blue-Broken-Chocolate-Blue Eyed White-Ruby Eyed White
Rex	Amber-Black-Blue-Broken Group-Californian-Castor-Chincilla-Chocolate-Lilac-Lynx-Opal-Otter-Red-Sable-Seal-White
Rhineland	
Satin Angora	Agouti-Pointed White-Self-Shaded-Ticked-Wide Band
Silver	Black-Brown-Fawn
Silver Marten	Black-Blue-Chocolate-Sable
Standard Chinchilla	
Tan	Black-Blue-Chocolate-Lilac
Thrianta	

Rabbit Hopping

This event will be held following the conclusion of the Small Animal Round Robin. Exhibitors must have their rabbits on a leash for the entire time. They will be allowed 2 minutes to have their rabbit jump through the course. The handler must walk on the sides of the course and cannot switch sides after they begin. Once a handler and rabbit has two clean runs, they are allowed to advance to the next level at the competition.

Corrections: A correction happens any time a handler must intervene to get the rabbit to advance in the course. This may include the handler bending below 24 inches to tickle or touch the rabbit with their hand. Two corrections are allowed for each run through the course. This will be considered a "clean run". Three corrections will be counted as one fault.

Faults: One fault for bars knocked down on each jump. One fault for disturbing or bumping a jump by handler or their leash. The handler must not walk through the jumps. Picking up or

helping your rabbit over the jump is a fault. You may help them over the first jump only; this is a fault free jump, where timing starts. Rabbit may be placed on the course where it would naturally land after its' jump. Fault would also include a rabbit going around a jump. Handlers must not walk through the jumps or change sides after starting.

Immediate Disqualification: Beginner Level Rabbits must be on leash through the course; do not drop the leash on the course. No lifting, sliding, or pushing the rabbits by the leash or by a foot. Rabbits may not turn around and go over the previous jump. Obvious neglect or mistreatment of the rabbit, bad sportsmanship heckling or name calling will result in disqualification.

Commercial Breeds (for purebred rabbits only, Junior, Intermediate, or Senior, Buck or Doe)

Junior – six months old and younger

Intermediate – 6-8 months old

Senior – over 8 months old

American	Blue-White
American Chinchilla	
Argente Brun	
Beveren	Black-Blue-White
Blanc de Hotot	
Californian	
Champagne D'Argent	
Checkered Giant	Black-Blue
Cinnamon	
Creme D'Argent	
English Lop	Agouti-Broken-Self-Shaded-Ticked-Wide Band
Flemish Giant	Black-Blue-Fawn-Light Gray-Sandy-Steel Gray-White
French Lop	Agouti-Broken-Self-Shaded-Ticked-Wide Band
Giant Angora	Ruby Eyed White
Giant Chinchilla	
New Zealand	Black-Broken-Red-White
Palomino	Golden-Lynx
Satin	Black-Blue-Broken Group-California-Chinchilla-Chocolate-Copper-Otter-Red-Siamese-White
Silver Fox	

MEAT CLASS (Only Meat Class may be in Auction)

- Single Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½lbs/under 69 days of age
- Meat Pen Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½lbs/under 69 days of age
- Roaster (over 5 ½ pounds and under 1 year of age)
- Individual Stewer (4-8 pounds, over 12 weeks old)

OTHER and/or MIXED BREED

Rabbits are to be of at least two different breeds. Rabbits entered in the mixed breed class are not eligible for the Best of Show award.

Disclaimer—Please note that if any breed listed in the American Standard of Perfection 2021 thru 2025. was omitted from this handbook, they will be allowed to show.

CATS

CAT SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors are limited to one entry in a showmanship class. Exhibitors will be given a score for showmanship based on handling of the cat. The total showmanship score also includes points earned from a cat knowledge test. The knowledge test is given to exhibitors prior to presentation of the animals. After finishing your showmanship presentation, the animal will then be judged. Exhibitors must wear the 4-H Council approved T-shirt and blue jeans. **EXHIBITORS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO WEAR LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS.** FFA members will be required to wear the FFA dress code. The Overall Champion Showman to be determined by total points. If there is a tie, oral questions will be given to break the tie.

To conform to Round Robin guidelines, cat showmanship presentations shall not exceed 5 minutes. Points will be deducted for presentations exceeding the 5-minute limit.

CAT SHOW

Number of entries

Cat exhibits will be limited to two animals per exhibitor.

Age of Cat

Cats must be four months of age or older. Cats under four months of age will not be accepted.

Combining of Classes

The Superintendent may combine cats and kittens into one class. Short hair and long hair will still be shown separately.

Presentation of Cat

The exhibitor must present the cat to the judge. Animals must always wear a collar or harness with a leash attached. Exhibitor must always secure end of leash to their wrist. Bring a carpet sample for your cat to stand on. After finishing your showmanship presentation, the animal will then be judged. If showing more than one cat, the second animal will be judged after showmanship classes are finished.

Cage Requirements

Exhibitors must furnish their own travel cages, feed, water, and litter (secure homemade travel cages are acceptable). **Animals will be placed in 19" x 24" by 19" high joined cages or one larger, provided by the superintendent, after check-in.** Bring towels or material and clothespins, clips, or pins to cover the sides and top. Towels or rugs work well for the bottom.

Health & Vaccinations of Cat

Cats should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasite, and infectious disease. A veterinarian will be performing required veterinary checks on each cat entering the show. If a cat shows the possibility of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other cats in the show and will not be allowed to show. Cats that pose a danger to others will not be allowed to enter the building. ALL DECISIONS by the VET ARE FINAL. If a cat is disqualified due to the vet check, the 4-Her may perform in the showmanship part of the cat show, using another exhibitor's cat and are still

able to place in showmanship, but are not eligible to receive grand or reserve champion. Exhibitors should also fill out the cat knowledge test.

Cats are required to have current rabies, distemper, panleucopenia, viral rhino tracheitis, calici virus and feline leukemia vaccinations.

Proof of vaccinations must be sent in with fair registrations using the provided 4-H vaccination form: <https://go.unl.edu/bbcatvaccine>. The vet requested all forms be uniform! You NEED to turn in this form by July 1 to the Extension Office!

If the cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. No expectant or nursing mother cats may enter. Any cat not meeting these health requirements will not be judged and will be asked to leave the show.

Cat Classes

Long Hair Cat or Kitten (cats are 8 months or over, kittens are 4-8 months)

Short Hair Cat or Kitten (cats are 8 months or over, kittens 4-8 months)

DOGS

General Rules

Procedures described in [4-H 421, Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Shows](#) published by the Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service will be followed in the County Fair 4-H Dog Show and State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Exhibitors must wear the 4-H Council approved T-shirt and blue jeans. **EXHIBITORS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO WEAR LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS.** FFA members will be required to wear the FFA dress code. The Overall Champion Showman to be determined by total points. If there is a tie, oral questions will be given to break the tie.

Vaccination

All dogs must be immunized with DHL, Parvo, and Rabies. **Proof of vaccinations must be sent in with fair registrations using the provided 4-H vaccination form: <https://go.unl.edu/bbdogvaccine>.** Please be sure to fill out the form to completion. The form must document all vaccinations within 1 year or 3 years depending on the vaccine given. All required vaccinations must be given within 1 to 3 years of the show date based on the label guidelines.

Arrival Time

All exhibitors should check in at their assigned ring 30 minutes prior to judging.

Number of Entries per Exhibitor

An exhibitor may take no more than two entries. For example, an exhibitor may take two entries in obedience or, one entry in obedience and one entry in showmanship.

Disqualified Dogs

Females in season will not be permitted to be shown. Lamé or crippled dogs will not be permitted to show if it is determined by a show superintendent that it is affecting the health of the dog. Overly aggressive dogs may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge or superintendent.

Age of Dog

A dog that is exhibited at the county fair must be six months or older.

Show Schedule

The 4-H Dog Show will be held in the Livestock Arena at the time listed in the fair schedule.

Ownership

The State Dog Committee recognizes that neighbors/friends allow kids to work with their dogs when the immediate family cannot/will not outright own a dog. As long as the youth does the management/training with the dog(s), that meets 'ownership' standards. In the State Fair Dog Show, under P. - substitutions, it is inferred that a dog can be from another household other than the exhibitors.

Baiting

Baiting with food or a toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys. The judge has the authority to disqualify violators.

Other Dogs & Puppies

Non-entered dogs and puppies are not allowed in the Livestock Arena/Barn area.

Advancement in Obedience Classes

The following applies to progression within obedience classes-- A youth will move up to a 'transition year', after they receive 2 purples in a specific class at county or state level competition. Youth will finish their 4-H year at the same level if the second purple ribbon occurs in the middle of their 4-H year. Youth do not have to move up in the middle of a 4-H year. Youth will then have the option to stay in their current class for one additional year (after receiving 2 purple ribbons) called the 'transition year'. During the transition year, youth will practice the more advanced class (gaining skills such as off leash work) but may compete in their same level. Youth may advance up to the next level more quickly with advice/assistance from a leader and parent to help evaluate skill and readiness of youth and dog. This may especially occur if the youth has had previous dog handling experiences.

A dog will stay in its highest attained class. A 'new' handler will enter such class.

DOG SHOWMANSHIP

Each class will be judged on handler's appearance 10%, grooming and conditioning of dog 20%, coordination of the dog and handler 50%, and general knowledge 20%.

Showman will be allowed to compete in a division each year based on their age.

Junior Showmanship- (8 - 10 years old as of Jan. 1 of the current year)

Intermediate Showmanship- (11 - 13 years old as of Jan. 1 of the current year)

Senior Showmanship-(14 - 18 years old as of Jan. 1 of the current year)

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Beginning Novice Classes: All exercises must be performed on a six-foot long leash. Dogs must heel including figure 8; come on recall; stand for examination; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes. The leash will be held by the handler.

Beginning Novice Division A- Handler and dog being shown are both in their first year of county, district, state, 4-H or any other dog show experience. Dog being shown may not have completed an AKC "leg" toward a CD degree.

Beginning Novice Division B- Handler **OR** dog is beyond first year of competition.

Beginning Novice Division C – Handler **AND** dog is beyond first year of competition.

Novice Class Divisions- Dog must heel on leash including figure 8; heel free; stand for examination off leash, come on recall off leash, long sit for one minute off leash and long down for three minutes off leash with handler across the ring.

Novice A- exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and are in their first year of Novice Class competition.

Novice B- exhibitor and dog is beyond first year of Novice Class competition.

Graduate Novice – Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off lead; heel free including figure 8; drop on recall off leash; long sit off leash for 3 minutes and long down off leash for 5 minutes both with handler out of sight.

Advanced Graduate Novice – Dogs must heel on leash and figure 8 (off leash), drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, and long down.

Open – All exercise off leash. Dogs must: heel free and figure 8; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; long sit for 3 minutes and long down for 5 minutes, both with handler out of sight. For more information, refer to the Nebraska State Dog Guidebook.

Graduate Open – includes – signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, go out and directed jumping.

Utility- All exercises are off leash. The dog will perform five exercises; the signal exercise, the scent discrimination exercise with leather, and metal objects, the direct retrieve, directed jumping, and the moving stand and examination. Exhibitors must supply their own scent articles and gloves for the directed retrieve.

Class

- **Beginning Rally** - dog is on leash and there are 5-10 stations.
- **Rally 1** - dog is on leash and there are 10-15 stations.
- **Rally 2** - dog is off leash and there are 12-17 stations.
- **Rally 3** - Dog is off leash and there are 15-20 stations.

Rules

1. Rally will follow those procedures and classes described in the [Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4H421](#).
2. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines to determine class entry for each level of competition.

Small PETS

General Rules – apply to all classes.

Number of entries per exhibitor

Each exhibitor can enter up to **four** small pet projects.

Classes

Mammals
Birds
Reptiles

Fish
Amphibians

Other (must be cleared
through the Extension Office)

Presentation of Small Animal

The exhibitor must present the animal and poster or display to the judge. Animals will be presented in their cage or environment. The judge may request an animal to be removed and presented if needed. Exhibitors are required to provide their own food, water, and litter for their animals. Exhibitors must wear the 4-H Council approved T-shirt and blue jeans. **EXHIBITORS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO WEAR LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS.** FFA members will be required to wear the FFA dress code. The Overall Champion Showman to be determined by total points. If there is a tie, oral questions will be given to break the tie.

The Box Butte 4-H Council adopted the following Code of Ethics on June 17, 1997 on the advisement of the Fair Board. Exhibitors showing market animals must read, sign, return and follow this code of ethics.

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS
NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall always deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structure classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules.
 - a. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animals either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

- b. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animals shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.



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This agreement must be returned to the Box Butte County Extension Office on or before the fair pre-registration deadline for the Box Butte County fair, which is

July 1, 2024

We, the undersigned, certify that we have received, read, and understand the rules and regulations for being permitted to exhibit at the Box Butte County Fair. We agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, including the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) as stated in the Small Animal Handbook for the 2023 Box Butte County Fair.

EXHIBITORS

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN