

## **LARGE AND SMALL ANIMAL DIVISIONS**

### **IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport (conduct) 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 structured 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 be 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. (Health Certificates are not required for Cedar County Fair.)
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 volatile 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 with 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. 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 animal 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 are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to 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.

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 animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure of injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any 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 of 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 representative 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 or not 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 this 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 of 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 Rings 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.

# **GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION, ENTRY, OWNERSHIP & HEALTH**

- A. GENERAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION** – All animals need to be identified with an identification number and pre-entry form due in the Extension Office by **June 15**. Animals can be owned as a family unit (brothers/sisters) provided the animals are listed on each pre-entry form. See Ownership division below and see specific animal divisions for identifying requirements. Only those animals identified on the Pre-entry form will be allowed to exhibit at the County Fair, Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. Market beef, lambs, goats and swine must be certified with a DNA sample to be eligible for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben and will need to be pre-registered on-line.
- B. PRE-ENTRY** – All animal exhibits to be entered at County Fair and Pre-Fair Shows must be pre-entered on a Livestock/ID Entry Form available at the Extension Office due by June 15 at the Extension Office
- C. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS** – Beef, sheep, dairy cattle, goat, horse, swine, rabbit, poultry, dog, cat or other small animal project animals may be owned:
1. Solely by the 4-H exhibitor
  2. Partnership by the 4-H exhibitor and other members of his/her immediate family. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters and youth in care of the head of the household.
  3. Horses, registered dairy heifers, dairy goats, sheep and bucket calves may also be owned: by someone outside of the immediate family, provided the owner signs the Identification/Ownership Affidavit bottom giving permission for use of the animal. Also, the exhibitor must manage feeding, grooming, exercising, training and stall management and have use of the animal as a project animal at least 75% of the time during the project year.
- D. GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ANIMALS**
1. Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY ANIMALS UNDER QUARANTINE BE EXHIBITED.**
  2. Any animal found to be infected with an infectious, contagious or otherwise transmissible disease or is suspected of being so affected or exposed shall be removed immediately to a place of quarantine as ordered and directed by an official veterinarian or his authorized agent.
  3. **POLICY ON RINGWORM, WARTS AND ABSCESES-** A veterinarian will make the final call on any of the following situations.
    - a. Animals that have active ringworm, visible warts or abscesses, will not be allowed to remain on the premises and be exhibited.
    - b. The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun regrowth in the area.
    - c. Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises and be exhibited.
    - d. Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to remain on the premises and be exhibited.
    - e. Sheep that have active club lamb fungus as determined by the inspecting veterinarian will not be allowed to remain on the premises and to be exhibited.
- E. LARGE ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – Nebraska Origin
1. **BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE** – See POLICY ON RINGWORM, WARTS AND ABSCESES above. NO Tuberculosis or Brucellosis tests are required to exhibit.
  2. **SHEEP AND GOATS** – See POLICY ON RINGWORM, WARTS AND ABSCESES above.. Under no circumstances may sheep and goats be exhibited which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infected flocks.
  3. **SWINE** – All Swine shall originate directly from any herd not under quarantine for pseudorabies and;
    - a. A stage IV or V county; or
    - b. A pseudorabies qualified herd; or
    - c. Be individually tested and classified negative for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to exhibition.
  4. **HORSES** – No coggins testing required.
  5. **POULTRY** – No testing requirements.

## **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- A. ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS** – See GENERAL RULES, page 1 for eligibility requirements of exhibitors.
- B. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENTRY** – The responsibility for making proper entry rests with the 4-H or FFA member, not the leader. The exhibitors of all animals shall conduct themselves with honesty, good sportsmanship and support all rules and regulations of the Nebraska 4-H program and the County Fair.
- C. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS** – All animals must be owned by the exhibitor who entered it. Ownership of beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, horse, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, cats, companion animals, dogs and pets must be certified where required on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office by June 15. Those planning to participate at State Fair need to register their animals on-line.
- D. ELIGIBILITY, CONTROL AND REMOVAL OF ANIMALS** – Any 4-H project animal that has been offered for auction, where the intent of the auction is change of ownership, is ineligible for the 4-H livestock classes. A project animal that has been through a “premium only” auction is eligible to be exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair, provided it and its exhibitor meet all other ownership and eligibility requirements. 4-H members may not enter the same animal in both the 4-H show and the Open Class Show. Unruly or

questionable animals may be declared ineligible to show and dismissed from the premises by appropriate authority. An animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable or sick during the show may be declared ineligible and dismissed by the appropriate authority. No animals will be permitted to run at large on the fairgrounds during the fair. Cedar County 4-H encourages active participation and encourages youth to experience the full impact of showing animals at the Cedar County Fair.

As we do not want to discourage participation, we do want all youth to have the same experience in exhibiting their animals. That experience includes much more than showing the animals. It also includes the responsibility of caring for their animals by feeding, watering, grooming, cleaning pen/cages, not only on show day but during the ENTIRE fair. Therefore, no animal may leave the fairgrounds to be returned at a later time or switched with another animal.

We do understand that there are circumstances beyond your control and/or conflicts that occur. If a 4-Hers animal is unable to be present when required or will be removed before the scheduled release time, the 4-H exhibitor MUST submit in writing a letter explaining his/her circumstance and request permission for such an exemption. This letter must be presented to the Cedar County 4-H Council prior to their July meeting. By submitting this letter, 4-Hers are aware that they WILL NOT be eligible for Livestock Premium Recognition (if applicable), premiums on the animal(s) being removed, or eligible for Round Robin.

Due to emergencies that arise at the fair regarding a 4-Hers animal, there is an Emergency 4-H Animal Removal Form in the back of the fairbook. This form needs to be filled out with the proper signatures and handed directly to a Nebraska Extension staff member in Cedar County. Removal of animals without proper documentation will result in the forfeiture of all premium monies including premium recognition monies. This is the new statement from the 4-H Council.

- E. **ANIMAL TESTING AND EXAMINATION** – Any animal entered in 4-H classes is subject to any type of testing at the discretion of either the superintendent or the official show veterinarian. If the results of testing indicate the possible use of compounds or drugs not approved for use in that species by FDA or compounds or drugs used outside the specified withdrawal requirements of FDA, these animals will be declared ineligible for competition and awards. In the case of market animals, show management will determine the appropriate disposal of the animals. An animal that is tampered with to change appearance or weight may be declared ineligible by the division superintendent.
- F. **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (formerly called Quality Assurance)** – All exhibitors in beef (breeding, bucket calf, feeder calf, and market), dairy cattle, goats (dairy, meat, pygmy), sheep (breeding, market), swine, poultry and rabbits must have received Quality Assurance training or testing through a UNL Extension program prior to exhibiting at the County Fair. **Training must be completed prior to the June 15 pre-entry deadline date.** County Extension Staff will certify completion of training.
- G. **DESIGNATED SHOWMAN** – All animals must be shown before the judge by the member. Only animals exhibited by their owners will receive ribbons or prizes unless the owners are excused by the division superintendent. Family partnership project will normally be shown by the designated member except when an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class. At weigh-in on entry day, each 4-H member of a family holding their animals in joint ownership must designate who is going to show each animal.
- H. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN** – An animal must be shown before the judge by the 4-H member who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the division superintendent because of serious illness, disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg) or conflict with other livestock classes in a 4-H show. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another 4-H member, eligible to exhibit livestock, to show the additional animal in the class. Substitute showman must be a 4-H member who is capable of assisting with showing a specific animal species. The substitute does not have to be enrolled in that specific project but should be knowledgeable of it. The substitute is required to check in with the show superintendent and adhere to all dress code and other showmanship rules.
- I. **ANIMAL SUBSTITUTIONS** – Within the same class or division, substituting a different animal for a pre-entered/identified animal, providing the substitute meets all ownership and eligibility rules, is acceptable and does not require prior approval. Substitutions between divisions is not allowed (i.e. a market lamb cannot be substituted for a breeding sheep entry.)
- J. **GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK**
  - 1. **Caring for and grooming the animals are primarily the responsibility of the 4-H member;** however, immediate family members, 4-H club leaders and other 4-H members can help. FFA chapter advisor and FFA members can also assist. **Professional help will not be allowed.** The 4-H member must be present for all grooming unless he or she is in the show ring.
  - 2. Swine must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oil, powder or any other coat dressing compound considered objectionable by the packer. Only unadulterated water is permitted. Pigs found in violation will be disqualified from the live show. They will also be subject to all price discounts imposed by the packer for such compounds.
  - 3. Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits.
  - 4. Upon violation of above rules, the exhibitor's animal involved may be lowered one or two ribbon placing(s) or may be disqualified from the show.
  - 5. The State Fair 4-H and FFA Beef Shows are no-fit or Blow and Show. Cedar County will remain the same as in the past. Fitting is allowed but not required.
- K. **HAY, GRAIN OR BEDDING** – Will not be permitted on the grounds for sale to exhibitors. Feed and bedding must be furnished by exhibitors at their own expense. All stalls must use approved bedding. The Ag Society reserves the right to exclude any animal(s) from competition if this rule is not observed by the exhibitor.
- L. **EQUIPMENT** – Livestock superintendents have the authority to dictate where blocking chutes, generators, etc. are to be located.
- M. **STATE FIRE MARSHALL** – The use of flammable and combustible grooming sprays inside the barns is strictly forbidden. These types of materials must be used outside the building only.
- N. **DRESS CODE** – All exhibitors in the 4-H animal shows and 4-H Premium Recognition are required to wear a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached or the white or green 4-H T-shirt. Dark blue jeans are preferred. Dark blue jeans or white pants are allowed for dairy and dairy goat exhibitors. Shoes or boots providing adequate protection and comfort for the exhibitor are preferred. Hard soled shoes or boots are required in the beef division. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn in the show ring. 4-H club/county, state fair and Ak-Sar-Ben shirts are not considered appropriate. FFA shirts will be allowed for those exhibitors participating

as a FFA member. Exhibitor numbers will be assigned to all exhibitors and should be worn in the ring. Horse exhibitors will comply with the dress code contained in 4-H 373, 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide.

- O. ARRIVAL DEADLINE** – Arrival and entry deadlines for all animals are listed in the schedule of events. Superintendents may make exceptions for certain situations provided arrangements are made in advance and approved by the overall Livestock Superintendent.
- P. FFA MEMBER ELIGIBILITY** – FFA members are considered 4-H members and will adhere to all 4-H rules and regulations.
- Q. 4-H PREMIUM RECOGNITION** – 4-H market livestock will have to be shown at the fair to be eligible for the 4-H Premium Recognition. Eligible livestock include beef, bucket calf, horse, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits and poultry. Appropriate 4-H show attire or FFA show attire must be worn for the 4-H Premium Recognition Program on Sunday. Exhibitors must be present to collect a premium. For more information see General Rules, Page 7, Section D. All premiums solicited from donors will be used for the current year premium which will be pooled and divided equally among participating 4-H and FFA members. Thank you cards will be completed and turned into the Extension office to receive their premium money. They must participate in Showmanship
- R. FAIR CLEAN UP: DAILY AND AT CLOSE OF FAIR** – Exhibitors failing to clean their stalls, alleys and assigned area each day of the fair and at the close of the fair may be asked to forfeit their premium money.

## SHOWMANSHIP RULES

- A. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS** – All 4-H members, who are exhibiting their own animals, in dairy, goat, beef, sheep, swine, horse, dog, cat, rabbit, and poultry division may participate in the Showmanship Contest. Must participate to receive Premium Recognition.
- B. ELIGIBILITY** – All exhibitors must show their own animals to be considered as participants in the Showmanship Contest. The same animal may not be used by more than one member of the same family.
- C. DIVISIONS** – 4-H'ers will be divided into 3 groups according to their age as of January 1 of the current year.
  - Senior Division – 14 years and older
  - Intermediate Division – 11 to 13 years
  - Junior Division – 8 to 10 years (10 year olds eligible for State Fair)Winners from these divisions will not compete against one another for selection of an overall showman.
- D. BASIS FOR JUDGING** – Showmanship judging is based on preparation of animals for show, their apparent training and the appearance and behavior of the showman. Minor technical points are not to be over-emphasized, nor do minor infractions disqualify. Primarily in showmanship it is the skill of the showman in presenting the animal before the judge that counts, while individual excellence of the animal does not.
- E. DISQUALIFICATION** – The division superintendents may disqualify any 4-H'er from showmanship for any violations of rules or unsportsmanlike conduct of the County Fair.
- F. PARTICIPATION** – In order to receive a premium recognition bonus, members must participate in showmanship.

## YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

(Formerly Quality Assurance)

Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality of Animals (YQCA). This training is a national multi-species quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. YQCA training is completed online through self-directed courses. Face-to-face training or a testing out for Junior and Senior Divisions is also available. Watch your newsletter for more details or contact the Extension office for questions. This must be completed before the 4-H member is allowed to show at fair. Horse, pygmy goat, dog and cat are not included in the YQCA training.

## HERDSMANSHIP

Livestock exhibitors are expected to keep their pens and exhibit area clean, neat and as attractive as possible. The entire area in the case of club exhibits must also be clean and presented in an attractive manner to the spectators and public at all times.

- A. HERDSMANSHIP RESPONSIBILITY** – Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the 4-H members, not leaders and parents.
- B. WHEN HERDSMANSHIP BEGINS AND STOPS** – Herdsmanship begins at the time a division of livestock is to be in place and ends when the exhibits are released at the close of the fair.
- C. CLUB RESPONSIBILITY** – It is the 4-H member's responsibility to assist his or her club with feeding and general care of animals, cleaning of pens and walkways and presenting their 4-H exhibit to the public. The 4-H members shall show proper courtesy and conduct at all times. All poultry and rabbits require food and water at all times. The 4-H member or a member of his/her club is responsible for their care. If this rule is neglected, the superintendent has the right to release the 4-H member's exhibit.
- D. RELEASE OF EXHIBITS** – The superintendent of each area reserves the right to release 4-H exhibits that are not properly cared for or have not followed herdsmanSHIP rules.
- E. HERDSMANSHIP JUDGING TIMES** – County livestock exhibits may be judged for herdsmanSHIP beginning on Friday and continue through Sunday.
- F. JUDGING OF DIVISIONS** – Each livestock division: beef, sheep, dairy, goats, swine, horse, rabbit and poultry will be judged separately. Awards will be given to Clubs and Independents (families).
- G. DISPLAY OF ANIMALS** – All animals should be in their stalls or pens between 8:00 a.m and 8:00 p.m. except for weighing, washing, showing and exercise periods. All pens and stalls should be clearly identified with club and exhibitor's name.
- H. CLEANING STALLS AND PENS** – All stalls and pens should be thoroughly cleaned before 8:00 a.m. Manure and wet bedding should be collected on the need basis throughout the day.

- I. **CLUB SIGNS** – Uniform club signs will be permitted. Stall decorating will be allowed.
- J. **RESULTS** –Ratings will be made on club basis in the division stated above. Results will be announced in newsletter.
- K. **BASIS OF RATING HERDSMANSHIP** – All pens need to be cleaned immediately after the livestock is removed on Sunday afternoon. Uncleaned stalls after exhibits has been removed will disqualify clubs/individuals from winning herdsmanship premium or recognition. This will be determined by the respective superintendent. Herdsmanship judges will use the following scoring guide in judging club exhibits for herdsmanship.

**Categories**

I. Cleanliness of Alleys and Stalls or Pens ..... 5 points

**Criteria**

- A. Bedding adequate, reasonably clean and kept in place.
- B. Feed boxes in front of animals only at feeding time.
- C. Manure hauled out/trays emptied and deposited in proper places
- D. Alleys are to be free from obstructions and clutter, clean, debris free, dust controlled, inviting and accessible to all fair patrons.
- E. Watering points and drains kept clean.

II. Arrangement of Exhibit ..... 1 point

**Criteria**

- A. Exhibits lined up in attractive manner.
- B. Tack and feed clean and neatly arranged.

III. Appearance of Animals ..... 3 points

**Criteria**

- A. Animals clean with grooming apparent.
- B. Animals in stalls or pens at all times, except for weighing, showing and washing.
- C. Animals securely tied or penned.

IV. Courtesy and Conduct of Exhibitors & Stall Card Displayed ..... 1 point \_\_\_\_\_  
10 points possible

**BONUS POINTS**

Each club will be awarded bonus points according to how many different barns are being used by the club. Barns are listed as cow/calf, horse, beef/dairy, goats/bucket calf, swine and sheep. Bonus points will be added to clubs final score.

**STALL DECORATING CONTEST**

Stall decorating allows each club/family/independent the opportunity to decorate livestock building areas to enhance the visual appeal of the barns and to make 4-H more visible on the grounds. With the layout of the new show arena/barn it is not as easy to decorate or judge. At this time you are welcome to decorate stalls but there will be no contest.

**4-H ROUND ROBIN CONTEST**

The Round Robin Contest provides an opportunity for the Champion and Reserve Champion Showman from the 4-H/FFA divisions of the large animal species (beef, sheep, swine, dairy and horse) to compete for the best all-round senior showman honors at the fair. It is very possible that one of the reserve showman could be named as Champion Round Robin Showman.

1. Each contestant will rotate from station to station, while being judged on their showmanship skills with each species of animal. Contestants will be asked three questions and awarded points on how they handle and present each respective specie. The judge will use a numerical scoring system to evaluate each individual at each station, with the winner determined by the total score over all species.
2. The champion and reserve senior showman from the beef, sheep, swine, dairy and horse shows are eligible. In the event that a person wins the senior showmanship contest in more than one species in a given year, they will be allowed to chose the species they qualified in. In that show, the next highest ranking individual from the second species is eligible to compete. Exceptions will be allowed if there are no eligible showman in the other species.
3. If the individual who has qualified has a conflict or otherwise chooses to not participate in the contest then the next highest ranking individual in that species will be eligible to compete. A purple ribbon is required to qualify.
4. Contestants will bring the animal that they qualified in back for the Round Robin Contest. A lactating dairy cow may be the exception. These animals will be used by all contestants as they rotate from species to species.
5. In the rotation, the champion showman will always rotate to the champion showman’s animal while the reserve showman will rotate to the reserve showman’s animal.
6. Each individual will begin with the specie that they qualified with and then rotate to the other four species.
7. The champion and reserve champion winners are eligible to win another year if they return to the contest.

**PREMIUM RECOGNITION**

The 4-H/FFA Livestock Premium Recognition will be held on Sunday, the last day of the fair, in the Open Class Building. **Participants must dress in show attire.** (See dress code previous page). Exhibitors who show beef, horse, dairy, bucket calf, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits and poultry are eligible. We do understand that there are circumstances beyond your control and/or conflicts that occur. If a 4-hers animal is unable to be present when required or will be removed before the scheduled release time, the 4-H exhibitor MUST submit in writing a letter explaining his/her circumstance and request permission for such an exemption. This letter must be presented to the Cedar County 4-H Council prior to their July meeting. By submitting this letter, 4-Hers are aware that they WILL NOT be eligible for Livestock Premium Recognition (if applicable), premiums on the animal(s) being removed, or eligible for Round Robin.

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## ANIMAL SCIENCE

### BEEF

#### GENERAL RULES – BEEF SHOW

**A. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER INDIVIDUAL** – One entry per class per exhibitor.

#### **B. IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY**

1. **Market Beef** - All market beef must be weighed-in (if participating in the rate-of-gain contest) and ear tagged with the official 4-H ear tag, which is obtained from the Extension office. All identification of market beef must be documented on a Beef Pre-Entry/ID form and submitted to the Extension office. (This form may be completed on the Market Beef weigh-in day for county showing). All market beef eligible to be exhibited at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben must be tagged with an official 840 USDA EID tag, owned by the exhibitor and have DNA envelope and hair sample submitted by June 15. All market beef exhibitors must complete online market beef nomination entry submitted by June 15. For more information see State Fair book on-line.

2. **Breeding Beef** - All identification of breeding beef must be documented on a Beef Pre-Entry/ID form and submitted to the Extension Office in the county in which you intend to show by closing on **June 15**. Heifers must be identified as either market or breeding beef, they cannot be identified under both categories. No individual heifer may show in both market and breeding classes. Family ID/eartag may be used for county records. Breeding heifers will need a tattoo and be registered by the member on-line to show at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben by June 15.

3. **Feeder Calf/Bucket Calf** – All feeder calves and bucket calves must be tagged using appropriate 4-H tags. All identification of feeder calves and bucket calves must be documented on a Pre-Entry/ ID form and submitted to the Extension Office in the county in which you intend to show by **June 15**. All feeder calves going to Ak-Sar-Ben must have DNA envelopes and ear tags supervised by Extension staff.

**C. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – See GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS.

**D. SHOWMANSHIP** – See GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES. Also see ROUND ROBIN RULES.

**E. DRESS CODE** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

**F. CERTIFICATION OF DRUG USE AND WITHDRAWAL** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

**G. QUALITY ASSURANCE – YQCA** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

**H. GROOMING RULES** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

#### **I. FEEDER CALF RULES**

1. GENERAL RULES – See above GENERAL RULES – BEEF SHOW.

2. Any beef calf born between January 1 and June 1 of the current year.

3. Unweaned calves may be brought to the fairgrounds and taken home on the day of the show if not accompanied by the dam.

4. A class winner steer and heifer calf will be selected, then a champion and reserve champion feeder calf will be selected.

5. **SHOWING CLASSES** – Calves MUST BE on a halter and broke to show. Classes with more than six calves may be split into another class. No more than eight will show in one class or decision of the Superintendent.

#### **J. BREEDING BEEF RULES**

1. GENERAL RULES – See above GENERAL RULES – BEEF SHOW.

2. **CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION** – Class Winners will be selected from the 2 & 3 year old class and the 4+ year old class. A champion and reserve champion from the breeding heifer and cow-calf will be selected. A supreme champion will be selected from these division champions.

3. **SHOWING CLASSES** – Classes with more than six beef may be split into another class. No more than eight will show in one class.

4. **SHOW ORDER:** Breeding beef will be shown from youngest to oldest.

*4-Her's who take cow/calf projects to fair will be required to participate in an interview segment of the project where a designated judge will ask participants a series of questions.*

#### **K. MARKET BEEF RULES**

1. GENERAL RULES – See above GENERAL RULES – BEEF SHOW.

2. Steers and heifers born after January 1 of preceding year are eligible to show in this class.

3. SHOWING CLASSES –Purchased and Bred and Fed. A calf purchased from a Cedar County beef producer or a calf produced by the 4-H member would be allowed in the Bred & Fed class as long as the animal was born and raised in Cedar County. Embryo transfer and artificial insemination is included in the Bred & Fed as long as the animal was born and raised in Cedar County.

**L. RATE OF GAIN RULES**

1. Animals officially weighed in at the designated weigh-in day are eligible.
2. Top rate of gain steer and heifer will receive an award.
3. The average daily gain will be determined using the county fair weight minus weigh in weight divided by the number of days between those two dates.

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 10 – BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**

- SF) G010910 Senior Division – 14 years and older
- SF) G010920 Intermediate Division – 11 to 13 years
- C) G010930 Junior Division – 8 to 10 (10 year-old is eligible for State Fair in Intermediate Division)

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 11 – MARKET BEEF**

- SF) G011910 Market Beef – Steers (Bred & Fed)
- SF) G011915 Market Beef – Steers (Purchased)
- SF) G011920 Market Beef – Heifers (Bred & Fed)
- SF) G011925 Market Beef – Heifers (Purchased)

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 11 – RATE OF GAIN**

- C) G011912 Steers
- C) G011913 Heifers
- C) G011914 Club Group (maximum of 3 groups per club) 3 animals same class but different showman from the same club or family

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 25 BREEDING BEEF (Commercial/Registered))**

- C) G025910 Heifers (Born after January 1 of the previous year)
- C) G025911 Cow-Calf – 2 & 3 Year old
- C) G025912 Cow-Calf – 4+ year

*4-Her's who take cow/calf projects to fair will be required to participate in an interview segment of the project where a designated judge will ask participants a series of questions.*

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 25 – FEEDER CALVES**

Feeder calves must be born between Jan 1 and June 1 of the current year.

- C) G025908 Feeder Calf – Steer/Bull calf
- C) G025909 Feeder Calf – Heifer/Female calf

**SHEEP**

**GENERAL RULES – SHEEP SHOW**

- A. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER INDIVIDUAL**– An exhibitor may show a maximum of 6 sheep, limit of three entries per class. Showmanship and pen of three classes do not count as an entry.

**B. IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY**

**NOTE:** All ewes (market and breeding) and rams must be individually identified with USDA Official ID (part of the scrapie eradication program). **This is in addition to the official 4-H ear tag. Each family must have their own tags. Tags cannot be shared with other exhibitors.**

**Market Sheep** – All market lambs must be ear tagged with the official 4-H ear tag/scrapie tag and if going to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben have DNA envelopes and online nomination. Contact the Extension Office for this. All identification of market sheep must be documented on a Sheep Pre-Entry/ID form and submitted to the Extension Office by **June 15**.

**Breeding Sheep** – All breeding ewes must be ear tagged with the official 4-H ear tag/scrapie tag or be tattooed and if going to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben have DNA envelopes and the online nomination completed. A Sheep Pre-Entry/ID form must be submitted to the Extension Office by closing **June 15**.

- C. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – See GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS
- D. **SHOWMANSHIP** – See GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES. Also see ROUND ROBIN RULES. The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping lambs and exhibiting the lamb with its feet off the ground, are not acceptable. Exhibitors displaying such practices may be given one warning. A second offence may result in the lowering of a ribbon placing or forfeit of class premiums.
- E. **DRESS CODE** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- F. **CERTIFICATION OF DRUG USE AND WITHDRAWAL** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- G. **QUALITY ASSURANCE – YQCA** See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- H. **GROOMING RULES** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. All sheep must be slick shorn within the last 30 days of the show.

**I. MARKET SHEEP RULES**

1. GENERAL RULES – See above GENERAL RULES – SHEEP SHOW.
2. All market lambs (ewes and wethers) must be born after January 1 of the current year.
3. **WEIGHT ELIGIBILITY** – To be eligible to show in the market class, lambs must weigh **90** pounds or more on entry day. A lamb weighing less than **90** pounds must show in the feeder class and is not eligible to show for champion market lamb.

4. Wether and ewe lambs will show together depending on numbers. Short scrotum, cryptorchid or ram lambs are not eligible as market lambs. Male lamb cannot be intact (meaning the sack has fallen off)
5. Market lamb classes will be divided into light, medium and heavy weights.
6. A Champion and reserve champion market lamb will be selected from the class winners or division champions.
7. Class breaks will be determined by weight. Market lambs will be judged from lightest to heaviest.

**J. BREEDING SHEEP RULES**

1. GENERAL RULES – See above GENERAL RULES – SHEEP SHOW
2. Ewes or rams born January 1 or after of the current year are classed as lambs. Ewes born during the preceding year are classed as yearlings.
3. Grade and commercial animals will be shown together.
4. No individual sheep may show in both a breeding and market class.

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 130 – SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP**

- SF) G130910 Senior Division – 14 years and older
- SF) G130920 Intermediate Division – 11 to 13 years
- C) G130930 Junior Division – 8 to 10 years (10 year-old is eligible for State Fair in Intermediate Division)

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 131 – MARKET LAMBS**

- SF) G131910 Feeder Lambs (All Breeds) (89 lbs or less)
- SF) G131920 Market Lambs (All Breeds) (90 lbs or more) ewes
- SF) G131925 Market Lambs (All Breeds) 90 lbs or more) wethers
- C) G131930 Pen of 3 Market Lambs (Must be from the same exhibitor)

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 133 – EWES (Commercial/Registered)**

- SF) G133910 Spring Lamb Ewe (Born January – May, this year)
- SF) G133920 Fall Lamb Ewe (Born June – December of last year)
- SF) G133930 Yearling Ewe (Born January – May, last year)
- SF) G133940 Yearling Ewe (Born June – December 2 yrs. Ago)
- C) G133950 Aged Ewe (2 years & older)
- C) G133980 Family Flock – one ram lamb, one ewe lamb and one yearling or aged ewe

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 135 – RAMS (Commercial)**

- C) G135910 Ram Lamb (under 1 year)

## SWINE

**GENERAL RULES – SWINE SHOW**

- A. **NUMBER EXHIBITS PER EXHIBITOR** – An exhibitor may show 3 market hogs. Showmanship and Pen of Three Classes do not count as an entry.
- B. **IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY**–. State Fair: All Market swine going to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben are required to have DNA envelope, USDA EID tag and online nomination by June 15. Premise ID and PQA number also required. The 4-H Swine Pre-Entry/ID form must be submitted to the Extension Office by **June 15**. Your Premise ID is required on this form.
- C. **SHOWMANSHIP** – See GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES. Also see ROUND ROBIN RULES.
- D. **DRESS CODE** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- E. **CERTIFICATION OF DRUG USE AND WITHDRAWAL** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- F. **QUALITY ASSURANCE – YQCA** See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- G. **GROOMING RULES** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

**H. MARKET SWINE RULES**

1. GENERAL RULES – See above GENERAL RULES – SWINE SHOW.
2. **WEIGHT ELIGIBILITY** – All market swine, regardless of breed, will be classified for judging purposes on the basis of weight alone. This is a non-terminal show. **All market swine will be released to go home or make other arrangements. Packers will no longer accept fair hogs from our 4-H show.**
3. Barrows and gilts will be shown in their own classes.
4. Market swine classes will be divided into divisions if there are more than 30 market swine pre-entered.
5. A grand and reserve champion market swine will be selected from the class or division champions.
6. Class breaks will be determined by weight. Market swine will be judged from lightest to heaviest. Minimum weight of #190.

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 35 – SWINE SHOWMANSHIP**

- SF) G035910 Senior Division – 14 years and older
- SF) G035920 Intermediate Division – 11 to 13 years
- C) G035930 Junior Division – 8 to 10 years (10 year olds eligible for State Fair in Intermediate Division)

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 36 – MARKET SWINE**

- C) G036940 Market Gilt
- C) G036950 Market Barrow
- C) G036960 Pen of Three Market Swine (2 swine of one sex and 1 of the other sex and must be from the same exhibitor)

## DAIRY CATTLE



## GENERAL RULES – DAIRY CATTLE

- A. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** – An exhibitor may show three dairy cattle. Showmanship does not count as an entry. These three animals may be shown as a dairy herd. Animals not owned by the exhibitor must have the owner sign the owner affidavit on the back of the Identification/ Ownership Affidavit giving permission to use the animal as a project. See GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. **IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY** – All identification of dairy heifers and cows must be documented on a Dairy Pre-Entry ID form, accompanied by a drawing or photograph of the animal. Documentation forms must be submitted to the Extension Office by **June 15**.
- C. **PRE-ENTRY** – All dairy exhibits, including showmanship, to be eligible to show at the County Fair must be pre-entered on a Livestock Entry Sheet available at the Extension Office due by closing on **June 15**.
- D. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – See GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS.
- E. **SHOWMANSHIP** – See GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES. Also see ROUND ROBIN RULES.
- F. **DRESS CODE** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- G. **QUALITY ASSURANCE – YQCA** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- H. **GROOMING RULES** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- I. Dairy cows in production may leave immediately after the dairy show. The 4-H member must note this on the Pre-entry form.
- J. Production awards will be presented based on DHIA reports of the 305 2X ME records. These records need to be presented to the superintendent at check-in time. DHIA Cow identification should also be on the pre-entry form.
- K. There will be a class winner in each division and then a Champion and Reserve Champion. There will also be an Overall Junior and Senior Champion Dairy Animal selected.
- L. All dairy breeds will show together.
- M. Animals will enter the ring at the same time in order of age and be placed in ribbon groups on their individual merit.

### DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 40 – DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

- SF) **G040910** Senior Division – 14 years and older
- SF) **G040920** Intermediate Division – 11 to 13 years
- C) **G040 930** Junior Division – 8 to 10 years

### DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 42 – DAIRY CLASSES (Commercial)

- C) **G042010** Spring Heifer Calves - (3-1-22 to 4-30-22)
- C) **G042020** Winter Heifer Calves - (12-1-21 to 2-28-22)
- C) **G042030** Fall Heifer Calves - (9-1-21 to 11-30-21)
- C) **G042040** Summer Yearling - (6-1-21 to 8-31-21)
- C) **G042050** Spring Yearling - (3-1-21 to 5-31-21)
- C) **G042060** Winter Yearling - (12-1-20 to 2-28-20)
- C) **G042070** Fall Yearling - (9-1-20 to 11-30-20)
- C) **G042080** Dry Cow (Any Age)
- C) **G042090** Junior 2 year old (Must have freshened 3-1-20 to 8-31-20)
- C) **G042100** Senior 2 year old (Must have freshened 9-1-19 to 2-29-20)
- C) **G042110** 3 Year old (9-1-18 to 8-31-19)
- C) **G042120** 4 year old (9-1-16 to 8-31-17)
- C) **G042130** 5 year old and over (Prior to 9-1-16)
- C) **G042140** Junior Dairy Herds – This class contains three dairy cattle any age, at least one needs to be currently milking and all must be owned by the exhibitor.
- C) **G040969** **Club Group** – (maximum of three groups per club)

## BUCKET CALF

**BUCKET CALF PROJECT** is designed to fit the size and maturity level of youth 8-12. It teaches proper health care and nutritional requirements of young cattle. It teaches basic feed management skills without a large investment, basic record-keeping skills and a better understanding of the feeder cattle industry. A bucket calf is an orphan or newborn calf, male or female, dairy, beef, or crossbreed fed on a bottle or bucket.

**RETURN BUCKET CALF PROJECT** is the calf shown at the preceding fair. It must be the same calf and have the same eartag as last year. If it is a heifer it may be brought back next year as a breeding project and if it is a bull it must be castrated. Clipping is allowed but not required.

### GENERAL RULES – BUCKET CALF and RETURN BUCKET CALF

- A. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** – An exhibitor may show one bucket calf and one return bucket. Calves shown in the bucket calf classes will not be allowed to show in any other classes during the current year’s fair including Clover Kids. This includes the showmanship classes. The show will be divided based on the 4-H’ers age on January 1 of the current year.
- B. **IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY** – All bucket calf exhibits, to be eligible to show at the County Fair must be pre-entered on a Livestock Pre-Entry/ID form and turned into the Extension Office due on **June 15**.
- C. **DRESS CODE** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- D. **QUALITY ASSURANCE – YQCA** See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- E. Calves shall be born between January 1 and June 15 of the current year.
- F. **RECORD BOOKS** –All Bucket Calf Record Books must be turned in no later than July 5. You will complete the standard record book available on the website or at the office. The return bucket calf needs to include the record book from the previous year as well.

- G. SCORECARD** – Dairy and beef quality of the calf will not be considered.
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| Evaluation of the completed record book (size no larger than 8 ½ x 11) | 35% |
| Evaluation of member's knowledge by interview                          | 35% |
| Quality and condition of animal  | 15% |
| Evidence of training and showing                                       | 15% |

**BUCKET CALF SHOW**

- C) **G049920** Bucket calf – Intermediate Division – 11 to 12 years of age
- C) **G049930** Bucket calf – Junior division – 8 to 10 years of age
- C) **G049940** Return bucket calf - up to 13 years of age

**GOATS**

**GENERAL RULES – GOAT SHOW**

**A. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** – An exhibitor is limited to exhibit 6 goats. Mother-Daughter, Junior Herd and Showmanship classes do not count as an entry.

**B. IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY**

**NOTE:** All goats must be individually identified with USDA Official ID (part of the scrapie eradication program). **Each family must have their own tags. Tags cannot be shared with other exhibitors.** County only may use the official 4-H ear tag.

1. **Dairy Goats and Pygmy Goats** – Identification of dairy goats and pygmy goats must be documented on a Goat Pre-Entry/ID form and submitted to the Extension Office by **June 15**.
2. **Market Meat Goats** – All market meat goats must be ear tagged with the official 4-H ear tag. All identification must be documented on a Goat Pre-Entry/ID form and submitted to the Extension Office by **June 15**.
3. **Breeding Meat Goats** – All breeding meat goats must be ear tagged with the official 4-H ear tag or tattooed. All identification must be documented on a Goat Pre-Entry/ID form and submitted to the Extension Office by **June 15**.

- C. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – See GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS.
- D. **SHOWMANSHIP** – See GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES.
- E. **DRESS CODE** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- F. **QUALITY ASSURANCE – YQCA** See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- G. **GROOMING RULES** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

**H. GOAT RULES**

1. GENERAL RULES – See above GENERAL RULES – GOAT SHOW.
2. The following goat breeds are recognized as dairy goats: Alpine, LaMancha Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanens, and Toggenburg.
3. The following goat breeds are recognized as meat goats: Boer, Brush, Kiko, Myotonic, and Spanish.
4. A pygmy goat is not recognized as a meat goat or a dairy goat. They are more of a companion type of animal.
5. Class breaks will be determined by age. Market classes will be determined by weight. Classes will be shown from youngest to oldest.
6. Males and females will be shown together.
7. Any class having less than five head checked in may be allowed only one class at the discretion of the superintendent. Animals will enter the ring at the same time in order of age and be placed in ribbon groups on their individual merit.

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 50 – GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

- C) **G050910** Senior Division – 14 years and older
- C) **G050920** Intermediate Division – 11 to 13 years
- C) **G050930** Junior Division – 8 to 10 years (10 year-old is eligible for State Fair in Intermediate Division)

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 51 – DAIRY GOAT**

- C) **G051910** Doe - Under 1 year old
- C) **G051920** Doe – Under 2 years old
- C) **G051930** Doe- 2 years old and over
- C) **G051940** Mother/Daughter

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 52 – PYGMY GOAT**

- C) **G052950** Doe-Under 3 months
- C) **G052960** 3-6 mos. doe
- C) **G052970** 7-12 mos. doe
- C) **G052980** 13-24 mos. doe
- C) **G052990** 25 mos. and over doe
- C) **G052995** Mother/Daughter

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 58 – MARKET MEAT GOATS**

- C) **G058901** Feeder Goat – Under 49 lbs
- C) **G058902** Market Goat – Over 50 lbs

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 59 – BREEDING MEAT GOAT CLASSES (Age as of show date)**

- C) **G059903** Females – Under one year of age
- C) **G059904** Females – Over one year of age
- C) **G059905** Mother/Daughter

## HORSE

### GENERAL RULES – HORSE SHOW

- A. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** – Each exhibitor will be limited to the use of two horses in the show. This includes halter classes. Only one horse per class per contestant. A family project horse may not be entered twice in the same event.
- B. **IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY** – All horses and ponies must be project animals and identified on 4-H Horse Identification Certificates (F 2-97-77) by a sketch or photo and the Pre-Entry/ID form due at the Extension Office by **June 15**.
- C. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – Refer to GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS. A vet check is not required for county fair.
- D. **SHOWMANSHIP** – Refer to GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES. Also see ROUND ROBIN RULES
- E. **DRESS CODE** – Refer to GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- F. **AGE DIVISIONS** – There will be a junior and senior division in classes designated excluding showmanship. 4-H members 12 years of age and over as of January 1 of the present year will be in the senior division. 4-H members 8-11 years of age as of January 1 of the present year will be in the junior division. Refer to GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES for Showmanship class age divisions.
- G. **GROOMING** – Refer to GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- H. Each exhibitor must stall at least one horse, unless there is not enough room. In that case, the superintendent could allow some 4-H members to take their horse's home. An Animal Dismissal Form must be completed for each animal that is removed before release time.
- I. **Under Nebraska law** – An equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to sections 25-21, 249 to 25-21, 253 N.R.S.
- J. Patterns for reining, showmanship, horsemanship, etc. will be posted.
- K. 4-H 373, Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide will be followed in conducting county level 4-H horse shows. Guide available upon request for purchase at the Extension Office.
- L. **4-H SPEED EVENTS** – 4-H 373, Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide lists penalties for Speed Classes. Contestants who are disqualified will receive white ribbons. A two-second penalty will be assessed for each pole or barrel knocked down. Riders must dismount before leaving arena. Hats are not necessary; however, a 2-second penalty will be assessed for hats lost during the run.
- M. **ALL AROUND CONTEST** – only points they accumulate on a one horse-one rider combination. They can show in as many classes as they want, with multiple horses, but they have to sign up for the all-around, with which horse they want to use for the all-around, then pick up to six classes they want counted for the award. They can show multiple horses, in multiple classes, but only the horse they specified gets points. Points 4 for a purple, 3 for a blue, 2 for red, 1 for white, 2 extra for champion of an event, 1 more for reserve in an event, high score wins in each of the two age divisions.

### DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 260 – HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

- G260010 Senior Division – 14 years and older
- G260020 Intermediate Division – 11 to 13 years
- G260030 Junior Division – 8 to 10 years

### HALTER CLASSES

#### DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 261 – HALTER

- G261001 Halter, Pony, 48 inches and under
- G261002 Halter, Mares
- G261003 Halter, Geldings

### PERFORMANCE/PLEASURE CLASSES

#### DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 262 – WALK TROT PLEASURE

*4-H members with 2 years or less enrollment in the Horse project. Rider not eligible for any other pleasures class. Any 4-H'er participating in Walk Trot will not be eligible for any Class in the following division of Western Pleasure.*

- G262001 Walk Trot

#### DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 263 – WESTERN PLEASURE

- G263004 Western Pleasure, 14 hands and over – Senior (12 years and older)
- G263005 Western Pleasure, 14 hands and over – Junior (8 to 11 years of age)

#### DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 263 – HORSEMANSHIP

- G263006 Western Horsemanship – Senior (12 years and older)
- G263007 Western Horsemanship – Junior (8 to 11 years of age)

#### DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 263 – REINING

*Patterns will be announced at the start of the event. Patterns and rules in 4-H 373.*

- G263008 Reining – Senior (12 years and older)
- G263009 Reining – Junior (8 to 11 years of age)

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 263– TRAIL HORSE**

**G263010** Trail Horse – Senior (12 years and older)

**G263011** Trail Horse – Junior (8 to 11 years of age)

**SPEED CLASSES**

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 264 – BARREL RACING**

**G264001** Barrel Racing – Senior (12 years and older)

**G264002** Barrel Racing – Junior (8 to 11 years of age)

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 264 – POLE BENDING**

**G264003** Pole Bending – Senior (12 years and older)

**G264004** Pole Bending – Junior (8 to 11 years of age)

## SMALL ANIMALS & PETS

### CAT

#### GENERAL RULES – CAT SHOW

- A. ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** – Each exhibitor may enter no more than 1 cat in the show. **There must be three or more cats to have a show.**
- B. IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY/ID** – All cat exhibits, including showmanship, must be pre-entered on a Cat Pre-Entry/ID form due at the Extension Office by **June 15** to be eligible to exhibit at the cat show. A copy of the vaccination certificate or Form SF262 and a picture should accompany the pre-entry form
- C. HEALTH** – All cats must be free of fleas, tick, ear mites, ringworms, other parasites and infectious diseases or they will not be permitted to show. All shots must be given at least 1 month in advance of the shows or clinics for the protection of other animals and children. Immunization can be effective within an animal in a month's time. **PROOF OF VACCINATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SHOW OR THE ANIMAL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW.** One of the following is required as proof of vaccination: vet health certification form with a vet's signature, vaccination printout or vaccination receipt. 4-Hers vaccinating their cats must provide proof in the form of a statement from their vet or by turning in the serum vials. Any cat not meeting the health requirements will not be judged and asked to leave the show. Clover kids need to follow these rules too.
1. **KITTENS** – Vaccinations given at 3 months of age: At least one FVRCCP shot, preferably two. The first shot can be given at age 4 to 8 weeks, next shot 3 weeks later. (FVRCCP: FVR=Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, C=Calicivirus, C=Chalmydia, P=Panleucopenia). Also required are Rabies. Kittens UNDER 4 months of age will not be accepted at the local show. Kittens and cats are shown together.
2. **CATS** – All cats must have current vaccinations for rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus. **Feline Leukemia is required to show at the State Fair.** If a cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. No expectant or nursing mother cat may be shown.
- C. SHOWMANSHIP** – Showmanship will be judged according to the showmanship score sheet (available at the Extension Office) A cat study guide is available at the Extension Office for 4-Hers to study. The Showmanship score sheet includes the following point breakdown: Cage/Bench Area – 15 pts, Exhibitor-10 pts, Handling of Animal- 15 pts, Presentation- 30 pts, Knowledge-30 pts (from judge's questions). Refer to GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES for more information.
- D. DRESS CODE** – Official 4-H attire, refer to GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- E. CAGES & CARE** – Cats will be brought to the show in a secure container, preferably a cat carrier with no more than 2 cats per container. Cats will not be allowed out of the container unless held by the exhibitor. The exhibitor will provide food, water and litter for the cat's comfort. Exhibitors should provide a clean towel to show their cat on.
- F. JUDGING** – The 4-H member should be prepared to tell the judge about their pet. The judge may also ask questions about care, health and handling. Refer to 4-H 341 4-H Show Guidelines for Cats and Small Animals to assist with preparation for the show.
- G.** On the day of the show a picture and project story **MUST** accompany the cat. This story should be placed on a standard 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper displayed at the small animals building during the fair.
- H. ELIGIBILITY** – Refer to GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

#### DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 690 – CAT SHOWMANSHIP

- SF) G690910 Senior Division – 14 years and older  
SF) G690920 Intermediate Division – 11 to 13 years  
C) G690930 Junior Division – 8 to 10 years (10 year-old is eligible for State Fair in Intermediate Division)

#### DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 690 – CAT SHOW

- SF) G690940 Long Hair  
SF) G690950 Short Hair

## COMPANION ANIMALS

#### GENERAL RULES – COMPANION ANIMALS

- A. NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** – Each exhibitor may make 1 entry in each class but not to exceed a maximum of 4 entries in this section. **There must be three or more entries to have a show.**
- B. IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY** – Pets to be shown at the County Fair must be pre-entered on the Companion Animal/ID Pre-Entry form due in the Extension Office by **June 15.**
- C. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – Any animal showing signs of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the show.
- D. DRESS CODE** – Official 4-H attire, refer to GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
1. **SHOW PROCEDURE** – Exhibitors must be present at time of showing. Animals must be housed in a cage at all times of the show unless asked to remove them by the judge. Each exhibitor will be asked to give a short "showmanship" presentation on their animal. The characteristics, health, and care of the animal should be provided in this presentation. Following the presentation, exhibitors will be interviewed on their knowledge of their animal and its care.
2. The judge will evaluate the participant on the following basis:
- Animal health and wellbeing, cage evaluation (appropriateness of travel housing as well as description of everyday housing) the 4-H Story and picture of the animal.
  - Overall knowledge and presentation skills – 40 points.
3. See 4-H Small Pet Judging Sheet for more complete breakdown of points available.

4. Participant should bring animal, adequate cage and accessories, completed health certificate for ferrets, and pictures for normal display if appropriate.

E. **ELIGIBILITY** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

I. **VACCINATION** – Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and have a completed health form signed by the administering veterinarian submitted with registration information on **June 15**.

J. **PROJECT AND PICTURE STORY** – On the day of the show a picture and project story **MUST** accompany the pet. This story should be placed on a standard 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper displayed at the small animals building during the fair.

#### **DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 100 – COMPANION ANIMALS**

C) **G100910** Parakeets, Canaries, Birds

C) **G100920** Guinea Pigs

C) **G100930** Reptiles and amphibians

C) **G100940** Tropical Fish and Gold Fish

C) **G100950** Hamster

C) **G100960** Gerbil

C) **G100970** Others

## **DOG**

### **GENERAL RULES – DOG SHOW**

A. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** – An exhibitor may enter no more than one dog in the show. A dog can be entered in only one obedience class. **There must be three or more dogs to have a show.**

B. **IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY** – Exhibitors must identify their dog with a photograph on a Dog /ID Pre-Entry form from the Extension Office due by **June 15**. Additionally, records of dogs’ immunizations must be turned into the Extension Office by **June 15** or animals will not be allowed to show. The Nebraska State Fair Certificate of Vaccination for Dogs (SF263) must document the vaccinations within 1 year or 3 years for rabies and all other vaccinations within 12 months.

C. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – All dogs must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworms other parasites and infectious diseases or they will not be permitted to show. All shots/vaccinations must be given at least 1 month in advance of the shows or clinics for the protection of other animals and children. Immunization can be effective within an animal in a month’s time. **PROOF OF VACCINATION MUST BE MUST BE FILLED OUT ON FORM SF263 AND SIGNED BY A VETERINARIAN AND TURNED IN TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE NO LATER THAN JUNE 15TH. SHOW AGE OF DOGS IS 6 MONTHS OR OLDER.** The following are diseases that dogs must be vaccinated against: distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies. The Nebraska State Fair Certificate of Vaccination for Dogs must document the vaccinations within 1 year or 3 years for rabies and **all other vaccinations within 12 months**. All vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the dog show. Explanation: Some rabies vaccinations are viable for one year and some rabies vaccinations are viable for three years but are specifically designed and administered according to their label. It is not acceptable nor allowed to vaccinate a dog with a 1 year rabies vaccine and plan to have it in effect for 3 years. Clover kids showing a dog must follow the same vaccination requirements as 4-H members.

D. **ADVANCEMENT IN SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES** – Each class will be judged on handler’s appearance (10%), grooming and conditioning of dog (20%), handling-showing of dog (50%) and general knowledge (20%). Beginning Showmanship handlers are in the first year of county or any other dog show experience. Intermediate Showmanship handlers are beyond their first years’ experience. Purple ribbon winners in Intermediate Showmanship move to the Advanced Class the following year. Exhibitors move to the Trophy Class after winning a trophy in the Advanced Class at the county level. Exhibitors receiving champion at the county level Advanced Class, then move to the county level Trophy class. **See State Fair book for advancement at the state level.** Refer to GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES for more information.

E. **DRESS CODE** – Dark Jeans 4-H t-shirt and soft soled shoes.

F. **AGE OF DOG** – A dog must be 6 months or older.

G. **DISQUALIFIED DOGS** – Females in season will not be permitted to be shown. Overly aggressive dogs may be disqualified at the discretion of the extension staff, judge or superintendent. Lame 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.

H. **ELIGIBILITY** – Refer to GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

K. **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.

L. **EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY** – Dogs are not allowed on the floor except while in the show ring. **CLEANUP** shall be the EXHIBITOR’S RESPONSIBILITY. Non-entered dogs and puppies are not allowed at the show.

M. **GROOMING** – Only exhibitors are allowed to groom or work dogs at the show, both in and out of the rings.

N. **JUDGING** – Procedures described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420 will be followed in the local 4-H Dog Shows.

O. **BEGINNING NOVICE** – Obedience classes in both the A and B division of Beginning Novice: all exercises to be performed on a 6 foot 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 may lie on the floor in front of the dog or be held by the handler.

P. **PROJECT PICTURE AND STORY**-On the day of the show a picture and project story **MUST** accompany the dog. This story should be placed on a standard 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper displayed at the small animals building during the fair.

## **DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 700 – SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

- SF) G700910** Junior Division – 8 -10 year olds (10 year olds are eligible for State Fair in Intermediate Division)  
**SF) G700920** Intermediate Division – 11 – 13 year olds  
**SF) G700930** Senior Division – 14 years and older

## **DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 701 – OBEDIENCE CLASSES (See State Fairbook for State rules and guidelines.)**

- SF) G701010** Beginning Novice Division A – Handler and the dog being shown are both in their first year of county, state, 4-H, or any other dog show experience. Dog being shown may not have completed an AKC “leg” toward a “CD” degree. For example, an exhibitor in their second year of county competition is not eligible for Division A, even though this is the first year at State Fair.
- SF) G701020** Beginning Novice Division B – Beginning dogs with experience handlers and dogs that have not earned a purple in Division A or B. Handlers may repeat this class until the dog has earned a purple ribbon or award.
- SF) G701030** Novice – Dogs must heel on leash including figure 8; stand for examination off leash, heel free; come on recall off leash, long sit for one minute off leash and long down for three minutes off leash.
- SF) G701040** Graduate Novice – Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off leash; heel free including figure 8; drop on recall; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes both with handler out of sight.
- SF) G701045** Advanced Graduate Novice – Heel on leash and figure 8 (off leash). Drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, and long down.
- SF) G701050** Open – All exercises off leash. Heel free and figure 8; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes, both with handler out of sight. Refer to Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Shows for jump heights / distances.
- SF) G701055** Graduate Open – Signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, go out and directed jumping.
- SF) G701060** Utility – The dog will perform five exercises – the signal exercise; the scent discrimination exercise with leather and metal objects; the directed retrieve; moving stand and examination; directed jumping. Exhibitors must supply their own scent articles and gloves for the directed retrieve.

## **POULTRY**

### **GENERAL RULES – POULTRY SHOW**

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** – A 4-H member may enter 4 entries per DIVISION. The exception would be the Pen of Three (the three birds count as one entry)

**IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY** – All poultry exhibits, including showmanship, must be pre-entered on a Poultry Pre-Entry/ID form due at the Extension Office by **June 15** to be eligible to exhibit at the County Fair. List on the Pre-Entry form what the breed is and whether the bird is a cockerel, cock, pullet or hen.

- A. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – Health certificate not required. No additional testing required for Nebraska origin poultry. All poultry for exhibition shall be free of parasites and show no signs of disease during the exhibition. Be prepared for random testing by the State of Nebraska Veterinarian. See GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. SHOWMANSHIP** – Include Showmanship on the Pre- Entry form. Participants may use any bird they choose, so long as it was raised and trained by the 4-H member. Judging showmanship is based on grooming and training of the bird and the appearance and behaviour of the exhibitor. Exhibitors must vocally explain the steps in their routines and the merit of the bird. Showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the bird before the judge. The excellence of the bird is not considered in scoring. The maximum length of showmanship presentations is four minutes. The judge may ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. Information on Poultry Showmanship is found in “Selecting and Grooming 4-H Exhibition Poultry” (4-H 191), and in videos available at the Extension Office. Refer to GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES for more information.
- C. DRESS CODE** – Official 4-H attire, suggest a white long sleeve shirt with the chevron or a white long sleeve worn under the green t-shirt to protect your arms. Refer to GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- D. QUALITY ASSURANCE – YQCA** It is required that all exhibitors receive YQCA. See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- E. BREEDS** – To be eligible for breed exhibition, cockerel, pullet, cock or hen chicken entries must be fair representatives of one of the breeds listed in the American Standards of Perfection or the American Bantam Assoc. Standard of Perfection.
- F. CARE** – All poultry require food and water at all times. The 4-H member or a member of their club is responsible for their care. Clean-up during and after the fair is also the exhibitor’s responsibility. If this rule is neglected, the superintendent has the right to release the 4-H member’s exhibit.
- G. MINIMUM WEIGHTS** – The minimum weights for exhibition birds will be as stated in The American Standard of Perfection and the Bantam Standard. (This is 3lbs. for females and 4 lbs. for males of light breeds and 4 lbs. for females and 5 lbs. for males in the heavy breed).
- H. BROILERS & PRODUCTION PEN** – A pen of broilers shall consist of three males or three female birds 6-9 weeks of age. A pen of hybrids, crossbred or purebred birds shall consist of 3 sexually mature females. Egg production females will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessary conform to breed standards. Birds in a pen of three may not be shown individually in other classes.
- I. RULES FOR BANTAM & OTHER POULTRY** – The rules for standard size chickens apply equally to bantams, waterfowl and turkey where applicable.
- L. PRESENCE DURING JUDGING** – Each 4-H exhibitor **MUST** be present at the exhibit area during judging. If the participant or a substitute showman approved by the superintendent is not present, the exhibit will not be judged.

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 70 – POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP**

- C) **G070910** Senior Division – 14 years and older
- C) **G070920** Intermediate Division – 11 to 13
- C) **G070930** Junior Division – 8 to 10 (10 year-old is eligible for State Fair in Intermediate Division)

**CATEGORY 1 – CHICKENS****PUREBRED/STANDARD****DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 71 – LARGE FOWL CLASSES**

- C) **G071901** **American** (Jersey Giant; New Hampshire Red; Plymouth Rock; Rhode Island Red; Wyandotte)
- C) **G071902** **Asiatic** (Brahmas; Cochin; Langshan)
- C) **G071903** **English** (Australorps; Cornish; Dorkings; Orpington; Sussex)
- C) **G071904** **Mediterranean** (Buttercup; Leghorn; Minorca)
- C) **G071905** **Continental** (Campines; Faverolles; Hamburg; Houdan; Polish)
- C) **G071906** **All Other Breeds** (Naked Neck; Game; Sumatra; Araucanas; Ameracanas)
- C) **G071907** **Breeding Trio**

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 72 – BANTAMS CLASSES**

- C) **G072901** **Game** (Modern; Old English)
- C) **G072902** **Single Comb Clean Legged** (Andalusian; Dutch; Japanese; Leghorn; New Hampshire; Plymouth Rock; Orpington; Rhode Island Red)
- C) **G072903** **Rose Comb Clean Legged** (Leghorn; Rosecomb; Sebright; Wyandotte; Belgian Bearded D’Anver)
- C) **G072904** **All Other Comb Clean Legged** (Cornish; Houdan; Polish; Sumatra)
- C) **G072905** **Feather Legged Class** (Brahma; Cochin; Frizzle; Silkie; Belgian Bearded D’Uccle; Langshan)
- C) **G072906** **Breeding Trio**

**COMMERCIAL/PRODUCTION/HATCHERY** (New this year)

(Non- standard, production type birds purchased from commercial hatcheries or from Bomgaars, TSC, or other farm stores. Examples of breeds and varieties that would fit into this category-Black or Red Sexlink, Amberlink, Cinnamon Queen, Sapphire Gem, Ameraucana, Easter Egger, Marans, Biefelder, Buff Orpington, Black Australorp, Rhode Island Red, Silver Laced Wyandotte, White and Brown Leghorn, Barred Rock)

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 70 – COMMERCIAL/PRODUCTION/HATCHERY**

- C) **G070901** **Single pullet**
- C) **G070902** **Single cockerel**
- C) **G070903** **Single hen**
- C) **G070904** **Single cock**

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 73 – PEN OF THREE Production**

- C) **G073901** **Egg Production Trio** – It is recommended that all 3 birds be of the same breed, all layers and uniform in size. currently laying.

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 78 – BROILERS**

- SF) **G078910** **Broiler, Individual**
- SF) **G078920** **Broilers, Pen of 3**

**CATEGORY 2 – WATERFOWL AND TURKEYS****DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 74 – DUCK CLASSES**

- C) **G074901** **Heavy Weight** (Muscovy, Pekin, Rouen, Aylesbury)
- C) **G074902** **Medium Weight** (Buff, Cayuga, Crested, Swedish)
- C) **G074903** **Light Weight** (Campbell, Khaki, Runner, Magpie)
- C) **G074904** **Bantam Duck** (Call, East Indie, Mallard, Wood Ducks and Mandarins)

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 75 – GOOSE**

- C) **G075901** **Geese** (all weights) **Heavy weight** (African, Emden-White, Toulouse): **Medium Weight** (American Buff, Pilgrim, Saddleback Pomeranian, Sebastopol) **Light Weight** (Canada, Chinese, Egyptian, Tufted Roman)

**DEPARTMENT G – DIVISION 77 – OTHER POULTRY CLASSES**

- C) **G077901** **Other Poultry** – Turkeys all weights, Pigeons, Guineas, Pheasants, etc.



## RABBIT

### GENERAL RULES – RABBIT SHOW

- A. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** – A 4-H member may enter a maximum of 4 rabbits, one per class.
- C. **IDENTIFICATION AND PRE-ENTRY** All rabbit exhibits, including showmanship, must be pre-entered on a Livestock Pre-Fair Entry Sheet due at the Extension Office by **June 15** to be eligible to show at the fair. List whether the rabbit is a doe or buck and its age on the Pre-Fair Entry Sheet. Include picture for markings or ID number.
- D. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** – ALL rabbits shall be free of and show no symptoms of disease during exhibition. Rabbits shall be free of all parasites and mites (i.e. ear mites, fleas, etc.) See GENERAL ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS.
- E. **SHOWMANSHIP** – Judging showmanship is based on grooming and training of the rabbit and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps of their judging routine and the merit of the rabbit. The maximum length for rabbit showmanship is 4 minutes. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the qualities of the rabbit before the judge. The excellence of the rabbit is not considered in the scoring of showmanship. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. Information on rabbit showmanship is available at the Extension Office. Refer to GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES.
- F. **DRESS CODE** – Official 4-H attire, refer to GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- G. **QUALITY ASSURANCE – YQCA** It is required that all exhibitors receive YQCA. See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- H. **CARE** – all rabbits require food and water at all times. The 4-H member or a member of their club is responsible for their care. If this rule is neglected the superintendent has the right to release the 4-H member's exhibits.
- I. **PRESENCE DURING JUDGING** – Each 4-H member should be present at the exhibit area at that time. If participant or a substitute showman approved by superintendent is not present, animals will not be judged.
- J. **ELIGIBILITY** – See GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

### DIVISION 180 – RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP (SF291)

- SF) **G180910** Senior Division – 14 and over
- SF) **G180920** Intermediate Division – 11 to 13 years
- C) **G180930** Junior Division – 8 to 10 years (10 year-old is eligible for State Fair in Intermediate Division)

### DIVISION 82 – FANCY BREED RABBITS (for Purebred rabbits only)

These rabbits will be divided into the following age divisions within each breed:

- C) **G082901** Junior Doe or Junior Buck (6 months old and younger)
- C) **G082902** Senior Doe or Senior Buck (over 6 months old)

FANCY BREED LIST: (For purebred rabbits only)

American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayn, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolie, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thrianta, Rex

### DIVISION 83 – COMMERCIAL BREED RABBITS

These rabbits will be divided into the following age divisions within each breed. Division breakdown will be by the age of the rabbit and not by the weight of the rabbit.

- C) **G083901** Junior Doe or Junior Buck (6 months old and younger)
- C) **G083902** Intermediate Doe or Intermediate Buck (6-8 months old)
- C) **G083903** Senior Doe or Senior Buck (over 8 months old)

COMMERCIAL BREED LIST: Meat Breed- Any of the breeds or a cross

American, American Chinchilla, Beveren, Blanc d Hoot, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème D'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox

## ANIMAL EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

4-H'ers are invited to create a poster highlighting an educational aspect of their animal project. The poster could focus on a current livestock issue, animal industry career, animal care or health, economic impacts of the livestock industry, within the species of dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, rabbit and horse.

Posters will be displayed in the static exhibit building at the county fair as a way to increase the educational experience of both the 4-H member and the general public increasing agricultural literacy and promoting good will at the Fair..

1. Entries are limited to those that reference species that stall on the fairgrounds during the State Fair. Species include dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry and rabbit. (Horse small animal and dog posters are not eligible in this division for State Fair).
2. Posters should be no larger than 22 x 28 inches, only standard poster board will be accepted. Foam board or cardboard poster are discouraged.
3. Poster must match the species that you show at the fair. Reference to the Scoresheet

- C) **G090100** Educational Display

## VETERINARY SCIENCE

All static exhibits must have received a purple ribbon at the county fair to advance to the State Fair.  
Premier 4-H Science Award is available in this area. See General Rules in the front of the book for more details.

### GENERAL RULES - VETERINARY SCIENCE

- A. The purpose of a Veterinary Science exhibit is to inform the public about a common health problem of animals a veterinary science principle or public health/zoonotic diseases. Do not confuse veterinary science exhibit topics with animal husbandry, history or production topics.
- B. A Veterinary Science exhibit may consist of a poster, notebook, or a display. The exhibit may represent material from any of the Veterinary Science projects including entry level exhibits from Unit 1.
- C. If photographs are to be part of the exhibit, remember that they will be viewed by the public. Make sure that the photographs are in good taste and will not be offensive to anyone. Graphic photographs of excessive bleeding, trauma or painful procedures are not appropriate. For exhibits related to veterinary surgical procedures, aseptic technique need to be shown, for example, use of drapes, use of sterile procedures, wearing of gloves, and other appropriate veterinary medical practices.
- D. **First-Aid Kits:** Because of public safety concerns and risk of theft of first-aid kit contents (veterinary drugs/equipment) with perceived potential for drug abuse,
- E. **Veterinary Science Poster:** This exhibit presents the viewer with a design that is simple and direct, unlike a display that usually presents more information. A poster should not exceed 22" x 28" and may be either vertical or horizontal.
- F. **Veterinary Science Displays:** A display may include but is not limited to a 3-dimensional exhibit, a scale model, the actual product (for example: skeleton; teeth; samples of leather, fur, or dried skin damaged by disease or parasites) or a notebook. A display is not a poster. A display may be mounted on poster board not to exceed 22" x 28" or on ¼" plywood or equivalent that does not exceed 24" high or 32" wide or in a three ring binder or another bound notebook format.
- G. **Remember, since these are science displays, all references and information needs to be properly cited.** Proper sources include but are not limited to: Professional journals and publications, professional AVMA accredited websites, interviews with Veterinarians and excerpts from Veterinary Educational Literature. *Plagiarism will result in a disqualification. Please study your topic and present the information to your audience in your own words.* Appropriate Veterinary Science Topics: 1) Maintaining health; 2) Specific disease information; 3) Photographic display of normal and abnormal characteristics of animals; 4) Animal health or safety; 5) Public health or safety 6) Proper animal management to ensure food safety & quality; 7) Efficient and safe livestock working facilities; 8) Or a topic of the exhibitor's choosing related to veterinary medicine or veterinary science.

- SF) H840001      4-H Veterinary Science Large Animal Poster, Notebook, or Display
- SF) H840002      4-H Veterinary Science Small Animal/Pet Poster, Notebook, or Display