

DEPARTMENT J –SMALL ANIMAL

POULTRY

| AWARDS | Purple | Blue | Red | White |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Single | \$5.00 | \$4.00 | \$3.00 | \$2.00 |
| Pen or Trio | \$5.00 | \$4.00 | \$3.00 | \$2.00 |

Poultry Resources: <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/curriculum/animalscience>.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

JUNE 15

- **Enroll in 4-H** at v2.4honline.com.
- **Youth Quality Assurance (QA) Training must be completed**, and a copy of the certificate provided to the Extension Office. No QA certificates dated after June 15 will be accepted. QA TRAINING is required for all LIVESTOCK, DAIRY, POULTRY, and MEAT RABBIT EXHIBITORS for county and state fair. The online course is at yqcaprogram.org.

JULY 1

- **FAIR ENTRIES DUE.** Any entries submitted July 2-5 will pay a \$10 late entry fee per animal, and no entries will be accepted after that. Entry forms are available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/centralsandhills/2023-fair-book-for-central-sandhills-area/>

GENERAL RULES

- HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**-Health certificate not required and no additional testing req's for poultry if originating from Nebraska. No additional testing requirements for Nebraska origin poultry.
- DRESS CODE**-See Livestock General Rules.

CLASSES

G071001L Large Fowl

G071002L Bantam

G071003L Ducks

G071004L Goose

G071005L Turkey

G071006L Production Trios

MARKET BROILERS

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- All counties broiler entries are limited to one entry of 3 birds per exhibitor. Individual market broilers must weigh a minimum of 4 pounds each. Each exhibit must be healthy and clean. Entries will be judged on the designated day in each county. Exhibitors must be present during judging. Each exhibitor in broiler pen class will be eligible to consign their entry at the livestock sale. All market broilers must be purchased on the same date from the same poultry supplier according to each county's policy.

G072001L Market Broilers Pen of Three

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP: The participant may use any bird they choose, so long as it was raised and trained by the 4-H'er. Showmanship class must be entered with advance entry. Showmanship is judged on grooming and training of the bird and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine 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 showmanship presentation must be completed in less than 4 minutes, and it will be timed. The judges may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.

CLASSES

G077001L Junior Poultry Showmanship (8-11)

G077002L Intermediate Poultry Showmanship (12-13)

G077003L Senior Poultry Showmanship (14 and up)

POULTRY EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | \$2.00 | \$1.50 | \$1.00 | \$0.50 |

CLASSES

G078001L POULTRY EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT - An educational display will show something you learned in the project. It can be either vertical or horizontal, not to exceed 14" x 22" or, if a table display, a space not to exceed 24" deep x 24" high x 24" long. Pictures, drawings, short narrations, actual products, models, pictures, posters, etc. may be used. Only one (1) educational display per project may be exhibited. MAY BE ON ANY PROJECT FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO EXHIBITS LISTED IN PREMIUM BOOK.

EGGS

- Eggs will be judged on shape, color, and weight uniformity. Please do not refrigerate eggs prior to checking in the eggs.
- 4-H'ers are limited to exhibiting one (1) dozen of either brown, white, or other colored eggs.

CLASSES

G073001L One dozen white eggs

G073002 One Dozen brown eggs

G073003 One dozen other colored eggs

MARKET RABBIT

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CLASSES

G080001L Single Fryer. Not over 10 weeks of age. Must weigh between 3 and 5 lb.

G080002L Meat Pen. Age limit 10 weeks. Must weigh between 3 and 5 lb.

G080003L Roaster. Must be under 6 months of age. Must weigh at least 8 lb.

BREEDING RABBIT CLASS

G080005L DOE

G080006L BUCK

SHOWMANSHIP

G079068L Junior Rabbit Showmanship (8-10)

G079069L Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship (11-13)

G079070L Senior Rabbit Showmanship (14 and up)

PET SHOW – COMPANION ANIMALS

| AWARDS | Purple | Blue | Red | White |
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| | \$5.00 | \$4.00 | \$3.00 | \$2.00 |

Companion Animal Resources: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal>.

GENERAL RULES

- A. **ELIGIBILITY:** The exhibitor must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Cat or Household Pet/Small Animal Project. Rabbits shown in the Pet Rabbit Class cannot be shown in Meat Rabbit division.
- B. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** An exhibitor may make no more than one entry per class.
- C. **HEALTH & VACCINATIONS:** All animals must be weaned prior to show. All animals should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasite, and infectious disease. Any animal showing signs of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds. Animals that pose a danger to others will not be allowed in the building. Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and have a completed health form signed by the administering veterinarian submitted with registration information. Cats are required to be current on their vaccinations of Rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus. Cats must either have a current feline leukemia vaccination or proof of a negative test within 180 days of the show. **Participants should have their veterinarian fill out and sign the “Nebraska State Fair Cat/Ferret Vaccination Record Form”.** If a cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. This will be a point of judging during the competition. **No expectant or nursing mother animals may be entered in the show.**
- D. **SHOW PROCEDURE:** Animals must be housed in a cage at all times of the show unless asked to remove them by the judge. Cats must be brought in durable plastic or wire carriers (not cardboard). Cats will remain in carriers, or another appropriate cage provided by the exhibitor except for when being judged. **ALL CATS MUST BE SHOWN ON A LEASH** and be on a leash at any time they are removed from the carrier/cage. If being shown in a travel cage, exhibitors should bring photographs of the animal’s normal habitat. 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. Participants should bring animal, adequate cage, and accessories, completed health certificates for ferrets, and pictures of normal habitat, if appropriate. The judge will evaluate the participant on the following basis: knowledge of the

project - 45 points, interview - 20 points, health of the animal - 20, and cage and appropriate housing - 15 points.

- E. **DRESS CODE** - Exhibitors are required to wear a plain white shirt or blouse with a 4-H emblem (no county identification) or a local County T-Shirt. Long jeans/pants are required for cat, dog, and small pet exhibitors. Exhibitors are required to wear closed toe shoes with non-slip soles. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn in the show ring. Exhibitors shall not display local, county, commercial or other identification while showing their animals-except official 4-H and show ID tag. 4-Her's will be judged on the neatness of their appearance. This includes, but is not limited to, shirt tucked in, appropriate size of clothing, tied shoelaces, etc. Individuals not meeting these requirements will be lowered one (1) ribbon placing in showmanship.

CLASSES

G100001 Cat (Minimum age 4 mo)

G100002 Pet Rabbit (Minimum age 9 wk)

G100003 Ferret, Chinchilla, Guinea pig, Hedgehog (Minimum age 12 wk ferret, 7 wk chinchilla, 4 wk guinea pig, and 5 wk hedgehog)

G100006 Gerbil, Hamster, Mouse, Rat (Minimum age 4 weeks)

G100012L Reptiles, Fish, and Amphibians

G100014L Birds (Pigeons, Parakeets, Canary, etc.)

G100015L Companion Animal Showmanship - Junior (8-11)

G100016L Companion Animal Showmanship - Intermediate (12-13)

G100017L Companion Animal Showmanship - Senior (14 and up)

BEST DRESSED PET (No premium in BLAINE County.)

G100013L Best Dressed Pet (may include dog, cat, rabbit, or poultry)

DOG

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Dog Resources: <https://shop4-h.org/collections/animal-agricultural-science-curriculum>

GENERAL RULES

- A. **PROCEDURE**-Described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420 (<https://animalscience.unl.edu/Extension/Companion/4-H%20Dog%20Rules%204H%20420%20FINAL.pdf>).
- B. **DOG ELIGIBILITY**: 4-H'er should provide primary care and training for the dog. The dog should reside with the exhibitor or be cared for by the exhibitor much of the year.
- C. **VACCINATION**-All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies. The Nebraska State Fair Dog Show Vaccination Record Form (SF 263) must be filled out and signed by a veterinarian and returned as part of the Advanced Entry. The Nebraska State Fair Show Vaccination Record Form (SF 263) 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 label guidelines. All vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the State Fair Dog Show. Explanation: Some 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 vaccine and plan to have it in effect for 3 years.
- D. **DISQUALIFIED DOGS**-Females in season will not be permitted to be shown. Overly aggressive dogs may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge or superintendent. 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.
- E. **AGE OF DOG**-A dog that is exhibited at the county fair must be 6 months or older. Agility dogs must be 18 months or older to participate in competition.
- F. **DRESS CODE**- Exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached or a 4-H t-shirt, or a local County t-shirt. Solid blue jeans are required. No headgear is worn in the show ring. Exhibitors shall not display local, county, commercial or other identification while showing at State Fair. Closed toed shoes with a non-slip sole are required. No flip flops or sandals are allowed.
- G. **BAITING**-Baiting with food or a toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys in showmanship. The judge has the authority to disqualify violators.
- H. **CLEANUP** - This shall be the EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY. This includes all areas while on the show site. Dogs should use the designated dog exercise area.
- I. **SOILING IN THE RING** - If a dog has an accident in the show ring, the exhibitor will be asked to stop, clean up and disinfect the area with supplies provided by the show. Ring stewards will be holding the dog's leash. The exhibitor will finish their class and will be lowered one ribbon placing as a penalty for that class due to soiling in the show ring.
- J. **USE OF LEASH** – dogs are to remain on leash at all times except under the direction of judge while performing a class in the show ring.
- K. **DOG SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES** - 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%). Classes are divided into age divisions.

CLASSES

G700010L BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP - Handler is in the first or second year of county or state 4-H or any other dog show experience.

G700020 INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP- (10 – 13-year-olds)

G700030 SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP- (14 – 18-year-olds)

CLASSES-DOG OBEDIENCE

G701010 BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION A – Exhibitor and dog is in first year of competition. All exercises must be performed on a six-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.

G701020 BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION B - Exhibitor and dog is beyond first year of competition. All exercises must be performed on a six-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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420.for jump heights/distances.

G701055 GRADUATE OPEN – signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, go out, and directed jumping.

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.

AGILITY - Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines to determine class entry and obstacles for each level of competition. If a youth has not had training or practiced on agility equipment, they may not enter a competition due to safety and training experience in agility. Wither heights of all agility dogs must be included with advanced entries. Level 1 & 2 Agility classes are run on leash. Level 3, 4, and 5 are all run off leash. One of each obstacle noted in each level are mandatory and duplicate obstacles will be added to make up quantities of obstacles in each level. Obstacle equipment needing repair or deemed unsafe by judge will be excluded from the competition. Judges determine the arrangements of the obstacles on the course. Obstacles in course should be numbered to note the obstacle order for the course. Course maps will be made available and posted at time of show registration in designated area(s).

Agility Jump Heights –measure dogs at withers to determine jump height:

- Dogs 11 inches or less –4 inches
- Dogs over 11 inches up to and including 14 inches –8 inches
- Dogs over 14 inches up to and including 18 inches –12 inches
- Dogs over 18 inches –16 inches.

CLASSES - AGILITY

G702010 Level 1-6 Obstacles

G702020 Level 2-10 Obstacles

G702030 Level 3-10 Obstacles

G702040 Level 4-13 Obstacles

G702050 Level 5-15-20 Obstacles