

COMMERCIAL BREED RABBITS

- A. Commercial breed rabbits will be divided into the following age divisions within each breed:
- Junior Doe or Junior Buck (6 months old and younger)
 - Intermediate Doe or Intermediate Buck (6-8 months old),
 - Senior Doe or Senior Buck (over 8 months old)
 - Note: A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is exactly six months old on show day will be shown as a Junior Division rabbit; a rabbit that is six months plus one day old on show day to eight months old will be shown as an Intermediate Division rabbit; a rabbit that is exactly eight months old on show day will be shown as an Intermediate Division rabbit; a rabbit that is eight months plus one day on show day will be shown as a Senior Division rabbit.
- B. Rabbit age will be age of the rabbit on show date.
- C. Division breakdown will be by the age of the rabbit and not by the weight of the rabbit.

COMMERCIAL BREED CLASSES:

American	Checkered Giant	Giant Chinchilla
American Chinchilla	Cinnamon	New Zealand
Argente Brun	Creme D'Argent	Palomino
Beveren	English Lop	Satin
Blanc d Hotot	Flemish Giant	Silver Fox
California	French Lop	
Champagne D'Argent	Giant Angora	

CAT DIVISION

ARRIVAL TIME: The cat project will be entered 15 minutes before the Cat Show on Thursday, August 10 which starts at 1:30 pm. The cats can be taken home following the conclusion of the Cat Show.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR - An exhibitor may make two entries.

AGE OF CAT: Cats must be 4 months of age and older to be shown.

HEALTH: Cats should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasite and infectious disease. Cats are required to be current on their vaccinations of Rabies, panleucopenia, 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. Proof of vaccinations must be presented at check-in. One of the following is required as proof of vaccination: veterinary health certificate with a veterinarian's signature or a vaccination printout or vaccination receipt from a vet clinic. 4-H'ers vaccinating their own cats must provide proof by including a statement from their vet or by including the vaccination labels on a form signed by a parent. A rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given by a Certified Veterinarian ONLY. This vaccination must be current and printed on a veterinary clinic report.

If the cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. This will be a point of judging during competition. No expectant or nursing mother cats may be entered in the show.

ALL CATS MUST BE SHOWN ON A LEASH and be on a leash at any time they are removed from the carrier/cage. Cats should be brought in carriers. Cats will remain in carrier except for when being judged.

DRESS CODE: See Livestock/Animal General Rules

CAT SHOWMANSHIP

Champion and Reserve Champion banners will be awarded to the first and second place purples in each division. Purple, Blue, Red and White ribbons will be awarded to all participants. The Showmanship scoresheet can be obtained from your county extension office. The scoresheet includes the following point breakdown: cage/bench area - 15 points, exhibitor - 10 points, handling of animal - 15 points, presentation - 30 points, knowledge - 30 points (15 from test and 15 from judge's questions). Cats and kittens will be shown together in showmanship. Kittens must be at least 4 months old in order to be shown.

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$4.00; Blue, \$3.00; Red, \$2.00; White, \$1.00

- Senior Cat Showmanship (14 & over on December 31 of previous year)
- Junior Cat Showmanship (11-13 on December 31 of previous year)
- Novice Cat Showmanship (8-9-10 on December 31 of previous year)

Showmanship Order: Senior, Junior & Novice

CAT SHOW CLASSES

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$2.50; Blue, \$1.75; Red, \$1.40; White, \$.70

TROPHIES: Champion & Reserve Champion Cat

CLASSES:

- Long Hair Cat
- Short Hair Cat

DOG DIVISION

ARRIVAL TIME: The dog project will be entered 15 minutes before the Dog Show on Thursday, August 10 which starts at 2:30 p.m. The dogs will be taken home after the Dog Show is concluded.

DOG SHOW RULES: Procedures described in *Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rule*, 4-H421 will be followed in the 4-H Dog Show.

DOG ELIGIBILITY: Exhibitor should provide primary care and training for the dog. The dog should reside with the exhibitor or be cared for by the exhibitor the majority of the year.

DOG EQUIPMENT: A show lead and/or training collar made of either leather or fabric of a length and width appropriate for the dog and handler.

VACCINATION: All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies. Proof of vaccination for each dog must be provided at check-in. The vaccination record 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 County Fair Dog Show. Explanation: Some vaccinations are viable for one year and some 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.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR - An exhibitor may enter one showmanship class, and two obedience classes (using different dogs and in different level of classes).

ADVANCEMENT IN OBEDIENCE CLASSES - Follow rules in *Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rule*, 4-H421 available at the Extension Office.

ADVANCEMENT IN SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES - classes are divided into age divisions. All 4-H dog exhibitors must show their own animals to be considered as participants in the Showmanship Contest.

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. Lameness 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.

AGE OF DOG -A dog that is exhibited at the State Fair Dog Show must be 6 months or older.

DRESS CODE -See Livestock/Animal General Rules.

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 or superintendent has the authority to disqualify violators.

Dogs are to be on the grounds **ONLY** for the show. When not in the ring, dogs must be on leashes held by the exhibitor or a responsible adult at all times.

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

DOG SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$4.00; Blue, \$3.00; Red, \$2.00; White, \$1.00

Champion and Reserve Champion banners will be awarded in each division. Purple, Blue, Red and White ribbons will be awarded to all participants. 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.

- Senior Dog Showmanship (14 & over on December 31 of previous year)
- Junior Dog Showmanship (11-13 on December 31 of previous year)
- Novice Dog Showmanship (8-10 on December 31 of previous year)

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$3.50; Blue, \$2.75; Red, \$1.80; and White, \$.90

TROPHIES: Champion Beginning Novice Division A, Champion Beginning Novice Division B, Champion Beginning Novice Division C, Champion Novice A, Champion Novice B, Champion Graduate Novice, Champion Advanced Graduate Novice, Champion Open, Champion Graduate Open, and Champion Utility.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES – Follow rules in *Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rule 4-H 421* to determine class entry and exercises within each obedience class. A youth will move up to a 'transition year', after they receive 2 purples in a specific class at county or state level competition. Move up may be under the discretion of the superintendent or 4-H staff.

- **BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION A** - exhibitor and dog is in first year of competition (started Dog Project after October 1, 2022). Exhibitors incorrectly entered will be moved to Beginning Novice Division B.
- **BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION B** - exhibitor **or** dog is beyond first year of competition.
- **BEGINNING NOVICE DIVISION C** – exhibitor **and** dog are beyond first year of competition.
- **NOVICE A** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and are in first year of Novice Class competition (started after October 1, 2022)
- **NOVICE B** – exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of Novice Class competition.
- **GRADUATE NOVICE** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice.
- **ADVANCED GRADUATE NOVICE** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Novice.
- **OPEN** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Advanced Graduate Novice.
- **GRADUATE OPEN** – exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open.
- **UTILITY** - exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Open.

COMPANION ANIMAL DIVISION

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS:

- Only those animals listed below will be allowed to show in the Companion Animal Show.
- Classes with few entries may be combined into one "companion animal" class.
- Entries are judged on the overall health and appearance of the animal, and the exhibitor's presentation and knowledge of the animal; not judged according to breed standards. Mixed breed animals can be entered, and identification is not required.
- Rabbits shown in the Pet Rabbit Class cannot be shown in the Rabbit Show.
- Poster Division (class 11) can include entries covering any companion animal (including reptiles, companion birds, or others). Exhibitors should make a poster with information on the proper care of a companion animal that they are not showing in another class of the Companion Animal Show. Poster should be the size of one full standard poster (should not exceed 22" x 28") board. Exhibitors must be present at time of judging and will be judged on quality of the poster, accuracy of information provided, and ability of the exhibitor to explain the information and answer judge's questions.

ARRIVAL TIME - The companion animals need to check in 15 minutes or more before the time of showing on Sunday, August 13 at 8:00 am. The companion animals can be taken home after the show.

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. 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. Following the presentation, exhibitors will be interviewed on knowledge of their animal and its care.
- The judge will evaluate the participant on the following basis: animal health and well-being - 35 points; cage evaluation (appropriateness of travel housing as well as description of everyday housing) - 25 points; and overall knowledge and presentation skills - 40 points.
- See 4-H Companion Animal Judging Sheet for more complete breakdown of points available.
- Participant should bring animal, adequate cage and accessories, completed health certificate for ferrets, and pictures of normal habitat if appropriate.

HOUSING:

- All animals should be brought in appropriate housing either their normal cage or a durable plastic or wire travel cage (not cardboard). Cages must be secure. Exhibitors should provide water and food for all animals as appropriate. If a cage/enclosure is deemed inappropriate by the show superintendent, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show.

HEALTH & VACCINATIONS:

- All animals should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasite and infectious disease. If any signs of these external parasites or other contagious health conditions are presented, exhibitors will be asked to leave without being allowed to show. If an animal shows the possibility of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other animals in the show and will not be allowed to show. Animals that pose a danger to others will not be allowed to show.
- Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and have a completed health form signed by the administering veterinarian.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR - An exhibitor can have one entry per class with a maximum of four entries total.

AGE OF ANIMALS - All animals must be weaned prior to show. Minimum age of animals to be shown:

Ferrets: 4 months	Guinea pigs: 4 weeks	Pet Rabbits: 9 weeks
Chinchillas: 7 weeks	Hedgehogs: 5 weeks	Gerbils/Hamsters/Mice/Rats: 4 weeks

DRESS CODE -See Livestock/Animal General Rules.

CLEAN UP - Exhibitors must clean up their own exhibit area.

COMPANION ANIMAL CLASSES

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$2.00; Blue, \$1.50; Red, \$1.00; White, \$.50

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| • Pet Rabbit | • Gerbil | • Hedgehog |
| • Ferret | • Hamster | • Lizard |
| • Chinchilla | • Mouse | • Poster |
| • Guinea Pig | • Rat | |

HORSE DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION: All 4-H horses must be identified by description on the 4-H Horse ID sheet (F2-97-77) as to color, markings, brands, etc., or colored photo. Be detailed with markings and color and use registered names (if appropriate). There is no limit on the number of horses identified by each 4-H member. ID forms are due in the Extension Office by June 15. **Horses not identified by June 15 will not be allowed to show.**

Regulations, dress code and procedures will be those set forth in the "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" available from the extension office or UNL Marketplace.

WESTERN DRESS CODE:

- A western hat must be worn and should stay on during the performance. Hats are optional only in barrel racing and pole bending. Hat must stay on in barrel racing and pole bending if rider enters the