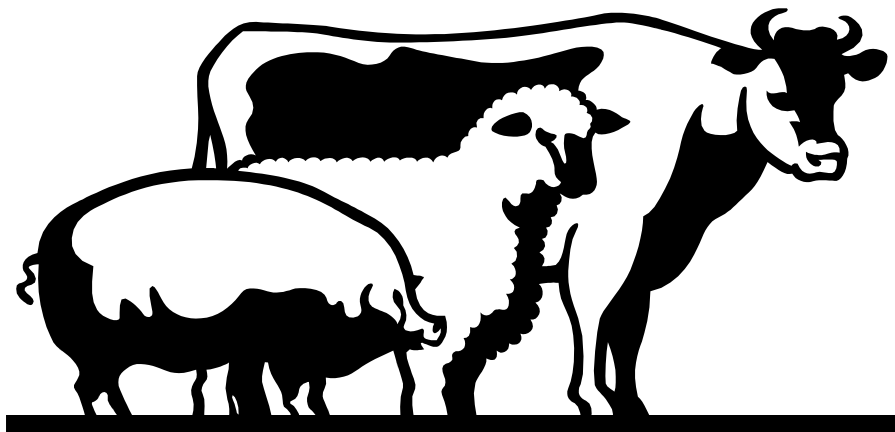


# PERKINS COUNTY 4-H ANIMAL & LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR FAIR BOOK



*(Includes Rules and Code of Conduct for 4-H Livestock Exhibitors and Parents)*  
*(revised 2024)*

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

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times 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 ALL 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 parents/leaders working with 4-H 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. Parents/guardians or exhibitors who violate the code of ethics will forfeit awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

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

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Parents/guardians or exhibitors shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. 4-H 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 drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the parent/guardian or exhibitor 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 approved 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 parent/guardian or exhibitor to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or 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, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the

furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No parent/guardian or exhibitor 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 a parent/guardian or exhibitor 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 parent/guardian or exhibitor 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 parent/guardian or exhibitor that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

# **DEPARTMENT G: ANIMAL SCIENCE**

## **General Instructions: Small Animal Shows**

**Dress Code:** Exhibitors showing cats, pets and dogs are required to wear the official 4-H T-shirt (any color). If there is no official 4-H shirt, exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached. Long jeans/pants (dark blue) are required for cat, dog and small pet exhibitors. While hard soled shoes are not required for the cat, dog and small pet shows, exhibitors are required to wear closed toed shoes with non-slip soled. 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 such identification the show ring may require.

## ***Companion Animal Show***

**Projects:** *Cat, Companion Animal*

## **General Instructions: Companion Animal Show**

### **Show Procedure:**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. **The Judge Will Evaluate the Participant on the Following Basis:**
  - a. Animal health and wellbeing-35 points
  - b. Cage evaluation (appropriateness of travel housing as well as description of everyday housing)-25 points
  - c. Overall knowledge and presentation skills-40 points
4. See 4-H companion Animal Judging Sheet for more complete breakdown of points available.
5. Participant should bring animal, adequate cage and accessories, completed health certificate for cats and ferrets, and pictures of normal habitat if appropriate.

### **Housing:**

- **Cats:** Cats must be brought in durable plastic or wire carriers (not cardboard). Cats will remain in carriers or other appropriate cage provided by the exhibitor except for when being judged. The exhibitor may provide food, water, and litter for the cat in the carrier if necessary. Exhibitors may want to provide a cover for the carrier to prevent their cat from seeing other cats. **ALL CATS MUST BE SHOWN ON A LEASH** and be on a leash at any time they are removed from the carrier/cage.
- **Other Animals:** All other 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.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to show, the 4-H'er must be currently enrolled in the Cat or Household Pet/Small animal project.

**Health & Vaccinations:** All animals should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal parasite and infectious disease. Required veterinary checks will be performed on each animal entering the show. If any signs of these external parasites or other contagious health conditions are presented, exhibitors will be asked to leave without being allowed into the show area. It is highly recommended that a veterinary check is performed or preventative measures are taken prior to the show to ensure the animal is free of external parasites. **ALL DECISIONS OF SHOW OFFICIALS ARE FINAL.** 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 in the building.

- Cats: Cats are required to be current on their vaccinations of rabies, distemper, panleucopenia, viral rhinotracheitis and calicivirus. Proof of vaccination must be sent in with the fair pre-registration forms. Participants should have their veterinarian fill out and sign the "Nebraska State Fair Cat/Ferret Vaccination Record Form". Exhibitors will not be allowed to show without a signed Vaccination Form. 4-H'ers vaccinating their own cats must provide proof including a statement from their vet on the Vaccination Record form or by including the vaccination labels on the form and having it signed by a parent. A rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given by a Certified Veterinarian ONLY. This vaccination must be current and include a veterinarian signature on the Vaccination Record Form. If a cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. This will be a point of judging during the competition.
- Ferrets: Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and have a completed health form signed by the administering veterinarian submitted with the fair pre-registration form.
- Mother Animals: No expectant or nursing mother animals may be entered in the show.

Number of Entries: An exhibitor may make no more than 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:

- Cats: 4 months
- Ferrets: 4 months
- Chinchillas: 7 weeks
- Guinea pigs: 4 weeks
- Gerbils, hamsters mice, rats: 4 weeks
- Hedgehogs: 5 weeks
- Pet rabbits: 9 weeks

Dress Code: Dress code for this show is stated in the *general instructions*. 4-H'ers will be judged on the neatness of their appearance. This includes but is not limited to; shirt tucked in, appropriate size of clothing, tied shoe laces, etc. Individuals not meeting these requirements will be lowered one (1) ribbon placing in showmanship.

Required Poster for ALL Pets: County Fair requires a poster, related to the companion animal shown for classes 900-910. Poster should be the size of one full standard poster (should not exceed 22" X 28"). Poster should be presented at time of animal 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.

## **Division 100**

**Class G100900 Cat**

**Class G100901 Pet Rabbit**

**Class G100902 Ferret**

**Class G100903 Chinchilla**

**Class G100904 Guinea Pig**

**Class G100905 Gerbil**

**Class G100906 Hamster**

**Class G100907 Mouse**

**Class G100908 Rat**

**Class G100909 Hedgehog**

**Class G100910 Other Small Pet not listed**

**Class G100911 Poster** 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"). 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.

# Dog Show

## **General Instructions: Dog Show**

**Procedure:** Those procedures described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4H421. It is the dog exhibitor's responsibility to pick up after their dogs at all times. Dogs soiling in the show ring (during a class) will be lowered one ribbon placing. Dogs soiling anywhere on the show grounds without pick up will be disqualified from all entered classes on that show day regardless of the person who is holding the dog leash.

**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.

**Vaccinations:** All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies. A Dog Show Vaccination Record Form must be filled out and signed by a veterinarian and returned as a part of the county fair pre-entry. The Vaccination Record Form must document all vaccinations within 1 year or 3 years of the show date based on label guidelines. All vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the 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. A vaccination form must be submitted for each dog according to the entry guideline due date or it will not be allowed to show.

**Advancement Levels in Obedience and Agility Classes:** Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4H421.

**Advancement in Showmanship Classes:** Classes are divided into age divisions (exhibitor age Jan. 1).

**Disqualified Dogs:**

- Females in season will not be permitted to show.
- 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 the show superintendent that is affecting the health of the dog.
- See "Procedure" for information about disqualification for dog soiling on show grounds.

**Age of Dog:** A dog that is exhibited at the fair must be 6 months or older. Agility dogs must be 18 months or older to participate in competition.

**Dress Code:** Dress code for this show is stated in the *general instructions for small animal shows*.

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

**Cleanup:** Shall be the EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY. This includes all areas while on the show site.

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

**Substitutions:** A dog may be substituted for showmanship classes only if it is injured or dies following the entry deadline. Substitutions are generally not allowed in obedience and agility classes. However, substitutions may be considered at the discretion of the fair superintendents. A substitute can be selected from the exhibitor's household family or from the household where the originally entered dog resides. Dog(s) may be substituted only if Extension Staff is directly consulted prior to the show date. A Vaccination Record Form must be completed for all substitution dogs and received by Extension Staff prior to the show date.

**On Leash:** All dogs must remain on a leash held by the exhibitor or a responsible adult at all times.

### **—Showmanship Classes—**

Each class will be judged on handler's appearance (10%), grooming and conditioning of dog (20%), coordination of the dog handler (50%), and general knowledge (20%). Classes are divided into age divisions at fair.

## **Division 700**

### **Class G700900 Dog Showmanship**

## **Division 701**

### **—Obedience Classes—**

Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H dog Show Guidelines 4-H421 to determine class entry and exercises within each obedience class.

**Class G701900 Beginning Novice Division A** Exhibitor and dog is in first year of competition.

**Class G701901 Beginning Novice Division B** Exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition.

**Class G701902 Beginning Novice Division C** Exhibitor and dog is beyond first year of competition.

**Class G701903 Novice A** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and are in first year of Novice Class competition.

**Class G701904 Novice B** Exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of Novice Class competition.

**Class G701905 Graduate Novice** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice.

**Class G701906 Advanced Graduate Novice** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Novice.

**Class G701907 Open** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Advanced Graduate Novice.

**Class G701908 Graduate Open** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open.

**Class G701909 Utility** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Open.

### ***Classes 910-913 in this division are ineligible for State Fair***

**Class G701910 Pre-Beginning Novice A** Both handler and dog are in their first year of county, state, or any other dog experience. Dogs being shown may not have completed an AKC “leg” toward a CD” degree.

**Class G701911 Pre-Beginning Novice B** Exhibitor OR dog are beyond first year of competition. This class also includes dogs that have been shown previously by others but have not moved past the pre-beginning novice level.

**Class G701912 Team** The team will consist of 2-4 well-trained dogs. Each 4-H member may only participate in one team.

**Class G701913 Brace** Two dogs, one handler, beginning novice performance.

## **Division 702**

### **—Agility Classes—**

**Procedure:** Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4H421. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules to determine class entry and obstacles for each level of competition.

**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

**Class G702900 Level 1: 6 Obstacles**

**Class G702901 Level 2: 10 Obstacles**

**Class G702902 Level 3: 10 Obstacles**

**Class G702903 Level 4: 13 Obstacles**

**Class G702904 Level 5: 15 to 20 Obstacles**

## **Division 703**

### **—Rally Classes—**

Rally will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4H421. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules to determine class entry for each level of competition.

**Class G703900 Beginning Rally** Dog is on leash and there are 5 to 10 stations.

**Class G703901 Rally 1** Dog is on leash and there are 10 to 15 stations.

**Class G703902 Rally 2** Dog is off leash and there are 12 to 17 stations.

**Class G703903 Rally 3** Dog is off leash and there are 15 to 20 stations.

# **DEPARTMENT G: Livestock**

## ***Livestock Shows***

### **General Rules: Livestock**

1. ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS-An Exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the project they are exhibiting in. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H by the deadline set by the County Extension Office to exhibit. To exhibit at the county level, the youth must be at least 8 years of age as of January 1 of the current exhibiting year and no older than 18 as of January 1. Youth wanting to exhibit livestock at State Fair must be at least 9 years of age as of January 1 of the current exhibiting year to exhibit in classes where the presence of the 4-H'er is required (such as animal exhibits). Contact the Extension Office for complete State Fair exhibition rules and qualifications.
2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENTRY (county fair)-The responsibility for making proper entry rests with the exhibitors and the Extension Educator. It is the responsibility of the Extension Educator to make sure that each beef, sheep, swine, dairy, meat goats, or rabbit entry that he/she submits was properly identified on an appropriate ownership affidavit and that the ownership affidavit was submitted by the deadline date. The exhibitors of all animals shall conduct themselves with honesty, good sportsmanship, and support all rules and regulations of the Nebraska 4-H program. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to confirm that each beef, sheep, swine, dairy, meat goat, or rabbit being brought to the fair has ID (ear tag, ear notches, tattoo) that matches the ownership affidavit. Compare notches, tattoos, and ear tags to the ownership affidavit before leaving for the fair.
3. FAIR ENTRY DEADLINES-All advance entries are due in the County Extension Office by the date set in that county.
4. BRAND INSPECTION-All 4-H show cattle that are moved, driven, shipped or transported, in any manner from any point within the brand area to any point outside the brand area shall first have a brand inspection by the Nebraska Brand Committee, and a certificate of inspection issued. A copy of such certificate shall accompany the cattle and shall be retained by all persons transporting or moving such cattle, as a permanent record. The responsibility of ensuring the cattle are inspected prior to removal falls equally on the parent, owner, seller, shipper, person, persons, firm, motor carrier, railroad company, or other carrier or corporation of his, her, its, or their agent or agents or servant or servants moving, driving, shipping, or transporting. Cattle that are transported in and out of the brand area numerous times for showing may qualify for a show permit, utilized for show purposes only and is valid for 1 year from date of issuance. For more information, contact your local brand inspector or the Nebraska Brand Committee.
5. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS & POULTRY-All animals and poultry in the 4-H Show must be owned by the exhibitor who entered it. Ownership of beef, sheep, swine, dairy, meat goats, and rabbits must be certified where required on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office (due June 1 for county fair). All market & breeding animals (including feeder calves) to be shown at State Fair must be owned by the exhibitor, completed the online nomination with payment through the official online database, and have the DNA collector envelope with hair sample turned in the County Extension Office by June 15. Registered heifers to be shown at State Fair MUST have legible tattoo matching registration and online nomination. Commercial heifers may have a legible tattoo OR an EID tag matching the online nomination. Any heifer not having a legible tattoo or that shows evidence of a fresh or recent tattoo will be disqualified from the show. A calf-hood vaccination tattoo is not considered an official identification tattoo. All heifers will be checked for tattoos. **All market and breeding animal nominations for State Fair MUST be done by the 4-H family.**
6. 4-H/FFA EXHIBITS FOR STATE FAIR-4-H animal entries will be entered through ShoWorks online **by the 4-H family**. The entry deadline is **August 10 at 8 PM Central Time (7 PM Mountain)**. For livestock entries (beef, swine, sheep, goats), youth will have until August 10 to declare if they will show 4-H or FFA at State Fair.
7. DAIRY ANIMALS-In the case of dairy animals, some lease arrangements are acceptable, but must be certified on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office.



8. ELIGIBILITY 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 at the Nebraska State Fair. This includes animals offered for sale in other events at the Nebraska State Fair, when the event is prior to the 4-H event the animal is entered in. 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. To be a “premium only” auction, there can be absolutely NO change of ownership that occurs during the auction. All exhibitors and animals need to be treated the same in this process. In a premium only auction, exhibitors will receive a check that represents their premium and is in no way related to the market value of the animal.

Additionally, an animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable during the show may be declared ineligible by the Division Superintendent.

9. VET CHECKS-All livestock animals entering the Perkins County Fair will undergo a health check performed by a local licensed veterinarian or multiple veterinarians. Veterinarians will work with the species superintendents and/or with the Perkins County 4-H Council/Extension Staff to ensure all animals entering the facilities are in good health.

- Any animal that is observed to meet either of the following conditions will fail vet checks and will be denied the ability to show at the Perkins County Fair and must be removed from the grounds immediately.
  - A. Any animal that is observed to have any condition, disease, or physical ailment that caused an animal to pose a major risk to its own life or quality of life.
  - B. Any animal that is observed to have any condition, disease, or physical ailment that cause an animal to pose a major risk to another animal's life or quality of life.

Any animals observed to have minor conditions such as skin diseases, fungus, minor physical injuries, or external parasites will be allowed to show, as long as those conditions do not break the rules set in A and B listed above. All animals will be evaluated on an individual basis and any decision made on an animal's status will be made in conjunction with both the veterinarian and the superintendents. Any animals entering the fair after initial check-in or animals with changing health concerns post vet-checks will be held to the same standards and a veterinarian may be brought back to evaluate any concerning health issues.

All exhibitors should be aware of the inherent risk with bringing animals to a single location and that contamination/spread that may occur. The exhibitor is responsible for the health of their own animal and should consult a veterinarian for any health concerns before and/or after the fair.

10. ANIMAL TESTING AND EXAMINATION-Any animal entered is subject to any type of testing at the discretion of either the superintendent or 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.

11. CERTIFICATION OF DRUG USE AND WITHDRAWAL-Each exhibitor will be asked to submit a signed affidavit certifying correct withdrawal from legal drugs, vaccines, or other substances. They will also certify that their entries have not received any non-approved drugs. Affidavits for beef and sheep will also state that animals have not been fed any “prohibited” mammalian derived protein (i.e. ruminant meat and bone meal) while under the care of the exhibitor. Affidavits will be presented to the department superintendent prior to or at the time of animal weighing and check-in.

12. YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA): Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). This may be done through the YQCA online course, through a UNL Extension Staff taught course or by completing the Intermediate or Senior test out test (online only). Quality Assurance training/testing must be complete by July 1.

13. 4-H AND FFA-Projects cannot be shown in both 4-H and FFA at county fair.

14. ONLY PURPLES CAN BE CHAMPIONS-Any beef, dairy, sheep, swine, meat goat, dog, companion animal, poultry or rabbit entry must be awarded a first or second purple ribbon in a class to be eligible to compete for champion or reserve champion.

## 15. GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK

Preparation and grooming of an animal should be the primary responsibility of the 4-H exhibitor and family members.

1. Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits. These animals will be disqualified from competition. Additionally, animals showing signs of illegal drenching, injections, etc. will be disqualified from competition.
2. 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.
3. Exhibitors will be asked to submit a signed affidavit certifying they know and understand these rules.

16. BY ORDER OF THE 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 buildings only.

17. SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN-An animal must be shown by the FFA or 4-H owner 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 or FFA show. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another FFA or 4-H member, eligible to exhibit livestock, to show the additional animal in the class. A substitute exhibitor for an FFA animal can only be another FFA exhibitor at the current fair, and a substitute exhibitor for a 4-H animal can only be another 4-H exhibitor at the current fair. All substitute showmen should wear an exhibitor number identifying him/her as a substitute showman (available in the 4-H Livestock Office and/or from species superintendent.)

18. ANIMAL SUBSTITUTIONS-Within the same class or division, substituting a different animal for a pre-entered animal, provided the substitute meets all ownership and eligibility rules, is acceptable and does not require prior approval from the Division Superintendent. Substitutions between divisions, except within Breeding Beef and Dairy are not allowed (i.e. a market lamb cannot be substituted for a breeding sheep entry). For Breeding Beef and Dairy, where each breed is listed as a separate division, substitution between divisions is allowed (i.e. an Angus heifer can substitute for a Charolais heifer).

19. AUTHORITY-Each Division Superintendent (i.e., Beef Superintendent) shall have the authority to make all decisions within their respective Divisions in accordance with rules and regulations set forth in this premium list.

20. DRESS CODE-Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, dogs, companion animals, goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits are required to wear an official 4-H T-shirt (any color). If there is no official 4-H T-shirt, exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached. Dark blue jeans and hard soled shoes or boots are required for beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors. Dairy exhibitors may wear dark blue jeans or white pants. 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 such identification the show ring may require.

21. SHOW TIMES-Show times printed in the newspaper are *TENTATIVE*. Consult the exhibitor letter you receive with your fair pre-entry forms for the most accurate show times. The times stated in this letter *will* be the time of the shows *unless* you are notified by the Extension Office.

22. **CARE FOR ANIMALS**-Animals must be securely tied in stalls or in pens unless exhibitor is with animal. All animals must be properly feed and watered throughout the fair. Stalls and pens need to be cleaned daily and the stalls/pens must be cleaned by the exhibitor at the end of the fair. Any animal not receiving proper care (food, water, etc.) will be cared for by the 4-H Council. A verbal warning will be given to the exhibitor and the 4-H council/Extension Educator will be consulted. Exhibitors not caring for animals will be charged **\$50 per day**. Payment will be made to the Perkins County 4-H Council and collected at the Extension Office. All care payments must be received before an exhibitor may receive their Livestock Sale Check.

23. HERDSMANSHIP-To be considered for the herdsmanship award members must demonstrate exemplary care for their animals for the entire duration of the fair.

The following are guidelines to follow in presenting your animals:

1. Animals clean at all times.
2. Animals adequately cared for with proper feeding, clean and proper amount of bedding and adequate feeding equipment. Beef animals are to be securely tied with 18-20 inches of lead.
3. Trappings and feed area clean and neatly arranged. Fork handles and similar equipment kept down.
4. Proper courtesy and conduct shown by exhibitors at all times and at all places.

24. SHOWMANSHIP AGES-Ages for ALL animal projects (cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits, pets, dog and horse) will be:

- Juniors—(age 8-10 years)
- Intermediates—(age 11-13 years)
- Seniors—(age 14-18 years)

25. NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK ANIMALS THAT CAN BE SHOWN-

- Market Rabbits—one entry per class (6 rabbits total)
- Non-Market Class Rabbits—one entry per class (maximum of 5 classes total)
- Market Chickens—one entry per class (4 birds total)
- Non-Market Class Poultry—one entry per class (maximum of 5 classes total)
- Market Goats—three (3)
- Breeding Goats—three (3)
- Dairy Goats—three (3)
- Market Sheep—three (3)
- Breeding Sheep—two (2)
- Swine-total of three (3), market and breeding classes combined
- Market Beef—two (2)
- Breeding Beef—three (3)
- Feeder Beef—two (2)
- Bucket Calf—one (1)
- Dairy Beef—two (2)

26. ONLY MARKET ANIMALS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SALE. Animals may be shown for PREMIUM ONLY if they will be shown at the Nebraska State Fair (this applies to MARKET animals ONLY).

This includes:

- ✓ **Market Goats**
- ✓ **Market Sheep**
- ✓ **Market Swine**
- ✓ **Market Beef**

27. MINIMUM ANIMAL WEIGHTS FOR SALE ELIGIBILITY-

- Market Goats—minimum of 50 lbs.
- Market Sheep—minimum of 90 lbs.
- Market Swine—minimum of 220 lbs./maximum of 325 lbs.
- Market Beef (Steers)—minimum of 1000 lbs.
- Market Beef (Heifers)—minimum of 900 lbs.

ANY MARKET ANIMALS LIGHTER THAN MINIMUM WEIGHT MAY SHOW BUT MAY **NOT** BE SOLD.  
MARKET SWINE THAT ARE OVER THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT MAY SHOW BUT MAY **NOT** BE SOLD.

28. NUMBER OF MARKET ANIMALS THAT CAN SELL IN PERKINS COUNTY:

**One (1) animal per species with a maximum of two (2) animals sold.**

29. SALE OF ITEMS-Exhibitors may not advertise or sell animals or products at the Perkins County Fair.

# **Livestock Showmanship**

*Printed Reference: 4H357 Guide for Evaluating Livestock Showmanship Contests*

## **General Instructions: Livestock Showmanship**

### CONTEST RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY-All 4-H livestock exhibitors must show their own animals to be considered as participants in the Showmanship Contest. Ownership is determined by fair entry and appropriate ownership/ID affidavits from the Extension Office.
2. SHOWMANSHIP CANDIDATES-In Beef, Dairy, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Sheep, and Swine, all exhibitors **who pre-enter** by the specified deadline are eligible to show in showmanship class but must show their own animal.
3. ASSIGNED CLASSES - In species where showmanship classes are assigned and posted prior to the show, exhibitors must show in the class assigned, or receive prior permission from the species superintendent, or they will be disqualified.
4. 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.
5. EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE-See General Livestock Rules.
6. LIVESTOCK GROOMING RULE-See General Livestock Rules.
7. EXHIBITOR NUMBERS-To allow for easy and rapid identification, all exhibitor numbers shall be pinned on the back of the exhibitor in the area of the shoulder blades.
8. Exhibitors must pre-enter showmanship. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
9. DISQUALIFICATION-The division superintendents may disqualify any 4-H'er from showmanship for any violation of rules or unsportsmanlike conduct.
10. **LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP AGES-**
  - **Junior-Ages 8-10**
  - **Intermediate-Ages 11-13**
  - **Senior-Ages 14-18**

## **Beef**

### **General Instructions: Market Beef**

1. GENERAL RULES-All general livestock rules (listed at the beginning of this department) apply.
2. IDENTIFICATION-All market beef animals must have been tagged and identified with the County Extension Office (form 4HF106) by June 1. Market animals that do not weigh at an official weigh in day must provide a photo of the animal with ID tag in ear in addition to county ID form.
3. HANDLING EQUIPMENT-No muzzles or similar devices will be allowed on 4-H beef animals at this show. Halters with throat straps, nose leads, barbed or studded show halter chain leads and other equipment determined to be distracting or severe to the animal by the division superintendent will not be permitted.
4. BLOCKING CHUTES-Blocking chutes will not be allowed in the barn. Areas on each side of the barn will be designated for blocking chutes.
5. DRESS CODE-Will be as required in General Livestock Rules.
6. GROOMING-See General Livestock Rules.
7. HANDLING EQUIPMENT-Halters with throat straps, nose leads, barbed or studded show halter chain leads and other equipment determined to be distracting or severe to the animal by the division superintendent will not be permitted.
8. DISQUALIFICATION-Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits. These animals will be disqualified from competition. Additionally, animals showing signs of illegal drenching, injections, etc. will be disqualified from competition.
9. YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA): Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). This may be done through the YQCA online course, through a UNL Extension Staff taught course or by completing the Intermediate or Senior test out test (online only). Quality Assurance training/testing must be complete by July 1.

### **Division 10**

#### **—Rate of Gain—**

**Class G010900 Rate of Gain** All Market Beef that were weighed-in will be eligible for the Rate of Gain award.

### **Division 11**

#### **—Market Beef—**

**Class G011900 Market Beef** All market beef are required to be born on or after September 1, 2022. Market animals will be divided into classes at the time of fair weigh-in.

**NUMBER OF MARKET BEEF THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** Two (2) Market Beef

**ONLY MARKET BEEF WEIGHED AT THE OFFICIAL WEIGH IN ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RATE OF GAIN**

#### **MINIMUM ANIMAL WEIGHTS FOR SALE ELIGIBILITY:**

- Market Steers-minimum of 1000 lbs.
- Market Heifers-minimum of 900 lbs.

**MARKET ANIMALS LIGHTER THAN MINIMUM WEIGHT MAY SHOW BUT MAY NOT BE SOLD**

## **Division 23**

### **—Breeding Beef—**

**Class G023900 Yearling Heifer** Calved Jan 1 –Dec 31, last year.

**Class G023901 Junior Heifer Calf** Calved Jan 1-Apr 30 of current year.

### **—Cow/Calf Pair—**

## **Division 24**

**Class G024900 Cow/Calf Pair** Any Breed

This class is designed to be an extension of the breeding heifer project.

There are 2 Options for this Exhibit:

1. Once a heifer has been shown at the county fair, she is eligible to be shown by the same exhibitor in the Cow/Calf class at subsequent fairs. The heifer must be identified on form 2-07-75 at the County Extension Office by June 1 using an ear tattoo or family herd tag.
2. A purchased Cow/Calf Pair may be exhibited by the 4-H'er providing the 4-H'er is enrolled in the Breeding Beef Project and the cow is identified on form 2-07-75 at the County Extension Office by June 1 using an ear tattoo or family herd tag.

The Cow/Calf winner will be determined by the confirmation, quality and mothering ability of the cow in addition to the conformation and quality of the calf.

**NUMBER OF BREEDING BEEF THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** Three (3) Breeding Beef *(Divisions 23 & 24 combined)*

### **—Feeder Calf—**

Calves to be exhibited in this division must be identified and recorded with the County Extension Office on or before June 1.

## **Division 25**

**Class G025900 Stocker Feeder Steer** Calved Jan 1-Apr 30 of current year

**Class G025901 Stocker Feeder Heifer** Calved Jan 1-Apr 30 of current year.

**Class G025902 Bucket Calf** Exhibits will be judged on an interview basis and on how well the calf responds to the exhibitor when showing. Calves should be washed and combed only. Those exhibitors who have had their 13th birthday before Jan. 1 of current year are ineligible to show in this class. Bucket calves may not be shown in regular showmanship.

**NUMBER OF FEEDER BEEF THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** Two (2) Feeder Calves

**NUMBER OF BUCKET CALVES THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** One (1) Bucket Calf

### **—Showmanship—**

**Class G011901 Cattle Showmanship** Includes Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Stocker Feeders and Dairy Cattle. Only one class may be shown for showmanship.

## Sheep

### **General Instructions: Sheep**

1. GENERAL RULES-All general livestock rules (listed at the beginning of this department) apply.
2. USDA OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION-All sheep (market and breeding) must be tagged with a USDA official scrapie ID tag.
3. IDENTIFICATION-All market sheep must be identified with the County Extension Office (form 4HF106) by June 1 to be eligible to show at county fair. Market animals that do not weigh at an official weigh in day must provide a photo of the animal with ID tag in ear in addition to county ID form.
4. All Ewe lambs and doe kids must have all temporary teeth present. Yearling ewes and does can have yearling teeth but cannot have two-year-old teeth. All breeding ewes and breeding does may be subject to mouthing to verify age.
5. DRESS CODE-Will be as required in General Livestock Rules.
6. GROOMING-See General Livestock Rules. Additionally—All market lambs must be completely slick shorn, including belly to allow inspection for club lamb fungus. Wool may be left on the legs ONLY below the knees and hocks.
7. DISQUALIFICATION-Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits. These animals will be disqualified from competition. Additionally, animals showing signs of illegal drenching, injections, etc. will be disqualified from competition.
8. CLUB LAMB FUNGUS-All sheep exhibits will be inspected by a veterinarian for evidence of club lamb fungus. Exhibits determined to have “active” club lamb fungus will not be eligible to show and will be sent home.
9. NO MUZZLES ALLOWED-No muzzles or similar devices will be allowed.
10. YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA): Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). This may be done through the YQCA online course, through a UNL Extension Staff taught course or by completing the Intermediate or Senior test out test (online only). Quality Assurance training/testing must be complete by July 1.
11. SHOW PRACTICES-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 front feet off the ground, are not acceptable. The use of such practices may result in the lowering of a ribbon placing. (Lifting the lamb in a fluid motion to set the front legs prior to quickly setting the feet back on the ground is acceptable.) Spike collars are not acceptable and will result in the lowering of a ribbon placing.

#### **—Market Sheep—**

### **Division 31**

**Class G031900 Market Lambs all Breeds** Wethers and Ewes shown together.

**Class G031901 Feeder Lambs** Under 90 pounds.

**Class G031902 Pen of Three**

**NUMBER OF MARKET SHEEP THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** Three (3) Market Sheep

**MINIMUM WEIGHTS FOR SALE ELIGIBILITY:**

- Market Sheep-minimum of 90 lbs.

**MARKET ANIMALS LIGHTER THAN MINIMUM WEIGHT MAY SHOW BUT MAY NOT BE SOLD**

**—Breeding Sheep—**

**Division 32**

**Class G032900 Yearling Ewes** Born 09/01/year before last to 08/31/last year

**Class G032901 Ewe Lambs** Born 09/01/last year and after

**NUMBER OF BREEDING SHEEP THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** Two (2) Breeding Sheep

**—Showmanship—**

**Class G031905 Sheep Showmanship** Includes Market Sheep and Breeding Sheep. Only one class may be shown for showmanship.



# Swine

## **General Instructions: Swine**

1. GENERAL RULES-All general livestock rules (listed at the beginning of this department) apply.
2. SWINE IDENTIFICATION-Official 4-H ownership affidavits (4HF107) will be considered the official list of eligible hogs. Entries that do not match hogs on the affidavit will be disqualified without exception. The universal ear notch system with notches in both ears is required for county fair. All market swine must have been notched, tagged with 4-H tags and identified by June 1 to be eligible to show at county fair. Market animals that do not weigh at an official weigh in day must provide a photo of the animal with ID tag in ear in addition to county ID form.
3. DRESS CODE-Will be as required in Section S of Livestock/Animal General Rules.
4. GROOMING-See Livestock General Rules.
5. ENTRIES-Entries are due as indicated by your County Extension Office.
6. DISQUALIFICATION-Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits. These animals will be disqualified from competition. Additionally, animals showing signs of illegal drenching, injections, etc. will be disqualified from competition.
7. DRIVING INSTRUMENTS-Driving instruments are to be used for the purpose of directing barrows/gilts while they are in transit throughout the barn and while being exhibited in the show ring. Exhibitors are to treat animals in a humane manner at all times and show management will provide a warning to any exhibitor deemed to be in violation of this basic principle of animal husbandry. Any exhibitor who fails to heed the warning will be disqualified and removed from the fairgrounds.
8. YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA): Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). This may be done through the YQCA online course, through a UNL Extension Staff taught course or by completing the Intermediate or Senior test out test (online only). Quality Assurance training/testing must be complete by July 1.

### **Division 35**

**Class G035900 Market Gilts**

**Class G035901 Market Barrows**

**Class G035902 Pre-Market** (under 220 pounds)

**Class G035903 Pen of Three**

#### **MINIMUM/MAXIMUM ANIMAL WEIGHTS FOR SALE ELIGIBILITY:**

- Market Swine-minimum of 220 lbs.
- Market Swine-maximum of 325 lbs.

**MARKET SWINE THAT DO NOT MEET THE MINIMUM/MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMITS MAY SHOW BUT MAY NOT BE SOLD**

### **Division 37**

**Class G037900 Breeding Gilts**

**NUMBER OF SWINE THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** Three (3) total swine (*Divisions 35 (market) & 37 (breeding) combined*)

#### **—Showmanship—**

**Class G035905 Swine Showmanship** Includes Market Swine and Breeding Swine. Only one class may be shown for showmanship.

## ***Dairy Cattle***

### **General Instructions: Dairy Cattle**

1. GENERAL RULES-All general livestock rules (listed at the beginning of this department) apply.
2. IDENTIFICATION-Dairy exhibitors must complete form 4HF108 and turn it into the Extension Office by June 1 to be eligible to show at county fair.
3. DRESS CODE-Will be as required in General Livestock Rules. Additionally—Dairy exhibitors may wear dark blue jeans or white pants.
4. GROOMING-See General Livestock Rules.
5. DISQUALIFICATION-Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits. These animals will be disqualified from competition. Additionally, animals showing signs of illegal drenching, injections, etc. will be disqualified from competition.

### **Division 40**

**Class G040900 Spring Heifer Calves** Born 03/01-04/30 of current year.

**Class G040901 Winter Heifer Calves** Born 12/1 (last year)-02/28 (current year).

**Class G040902 Fall Heifer Calves** Born 09/1-11/30 of last year.

**Class G040903 Summer Yearlings** Born 06/1-08/31 of last year.

**Class G040904 Spring Yearling** Born 03/01-05/31 of last year.

**Class G040905 Winter Yearling** Born 12/01 (year before last year)-02/28 (last year).

**Class G040906 Fall Yearling** Born 09/01-11/30 of the year before last year.

**Class G040907 Dry Cow** Any age.

**Class G040908 Two Year Old**

**Class G040909 Three Year Old**

**Class G040910 Four Year Old**

**Class G040911 Five year Old & Older**

**Class G040912 Junior Herds**

**NUMBER OF DAIRY CATTLE THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** Two (2) Dairy Cattle

### **—Showmanship—**

**Class G011901 Cattle Showmanship** Includes Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Stocker Feeders and Dairy Cattle. Only one class may be shown for showmanship.

## Goat

### **General Instructions: Goat**

1. GENERAL RULES-All general livestock rules (listed at the beginning of this department) apply.
2. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS-All sheep and goats being exhibited must be tagged with a USDA official scrapie ID. Under no circumstances may sheep or goats be exhibited which originate from scrapie-source flocks or scrapie-infested flocks.
3. GOAT IDENTIFICATION- All goats must have been identified with the County Extension Office (form 4HF111) by June 1 to be eligible to show at county fair. Market animals that do not weigh at an official weigh in day must provide a photo of the animal with ID tag in ear in addition to county ID form.
4. DRESS CODE-Will be as required in General Livestock Rules.
5. AGE-All market goats are required to be born on or after December 1 (previous year). Market goats are to have milk teeth and there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth. All ewe lambs and doe kids must have all temporary teeth present. Yearling ewes and does can have yearling teeth but cannot have two-year-old teeth. All breeding ewes and breeding does may be subject to mouthing to verify age.
6. GROOMING-See General Livestock Rules.
7. HAIR-All market goats must be uniformly slick shorn from the knee and hock up to allow inspection for club lamb fungus.
8. DISQUALIFICATION-Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits. These animals will be disqualified from competition. Additionally, animals showing signs of illegal drenching, injections, etc. will be disqualified from competition.
9. HORNS-Blunting, tipping or dehorning is *permitted*.
10. NECK CHAINS-Goats are to be shown with neck chains or smooth collars only. Spike collars are not acceptable and will result in the lowering of a ribbon placing.
11. SHOW CLASS AND SEX-Market goats may be doe or wether kids. Short scrotum, cryptorchid and buck kids are not eligible as market goats. All market goats will be weighed and divided into classes based on total numbers and weight range. Does and wethers will show together.
12. SHOWING AND HANDLING PRACTICES-The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping goats and exhibiting the goat with its front feet off the ground, are not acceptable. Goats may be braced but **MUST HAVE** all four feet on the ground. The use of such practices may result in the lowering of a ribbon placing. (Lifting the goat in a fluid motion to set the front legs prior to quickly setting the feet back on the ground is acceptable.)
13. YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA): Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). This may be done through the YQCA online course, through a UNL Extension Staff taught course or by completing the Intermediate or Senior test out test (online only). Quality Assurance training/testing must be complete by July 1.

#### **—Market Goats—**

### **Division 58**

**Class G058900 Market Goats** Wethers and Does

**NUMBER OF MARKET GOATS THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** Three (3) Market Goats

**MINIMUM ANIMAL WEIGHTS FOR SALE ELIGIBILITY:**

- Market Goats-minimum of 50 lbs.

**MARKET ANIMALS LIGHTER THAN MINIMUM WEIGHT MAY SHOW BUT MAY NOT BE SOLD**

**—Breeding Meat Goats—**

**Division 59**

**Class G059910 Yearling Does** Born 9/1/year before last to 8/31/last year

**Class G059911 Doe Kids** Born 9/1/last year to 6/1/current year

**NUMBER OF BREEDING GOATS THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** Three (3) Breeding Goats

**—Dairy Goats—**

**Division 59**

**Class G059920 Dairy Goats**

**NUMBER OF DAIRY GOATS THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** Three (3) Dairy Goats

**—Showmanship—**

**Class G058901 Goat Showmanship** Includes Market Goats, Breeding Meat Goats and Dairy Goats.  
Only one class may be shown for showmanship.

# Horse

## **General Instructions: Horse**

1. ELIGIBILITY-An exhibitor shall ride or show a certified project animal, be enrolled in the Horse Project and turn in a horse ID sheet by May 15 to be eligible to show at county fair.
2. DRESS CODE-Dress code requirements and examples are available from your County Extension Office or online <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/perkins-chase/perkins-county-4-h-fair-page/> .

## **Division 60**

### **—Showmanship—**

**Class G060900 Horse Showmanship**

### **—Halter Classes—**

Sexes Shown separately. Limit of two classes shown.

**Class G060910 Mare & Foal** Mare with foal of current year.

**Class G060911 Weanlings** Under 12 months old.

**Class G060912 Yearling Filly**

**Class G060913 Yearling Stallion**

### **MARES**

**Class G060914 2-Year Old Mare**

**Class G060915 3-5 Years Old Mare**

**Class G060916 6-12 Years Old Mare**

**Class G060917 13 Years and Older Mare**

### **GELDINGS**

**Class G060918 2-Year Old Gelding**

**Class G060919 3-5 Years Old Gelding**

**Class G060920 6-12 Years Old Gelding**

**Class G060921 13 Years and Older Gelding**

### **—Performance Classes—**

**Class G060930 Pleasure**

**Class G060931 Horsemanship**

**Class G060932 Reining**

**Class G060933 Pole Bending**

**Class G060934 Barrel Racing**

**Class G060935 Trail**

### **—English Classes—**

**Class G060940 Hunter Under Saddle**

**Class G060941 Saddle Seat Equitation**

### **—Ranch Classes—**

**Class G060950 Ranch Riding**

# ***Poultry***

## **General Instructions: Poultry**

1. GENERAL RULES-General Livestock Rules apply to this department.
2. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS-Health certificate is not required for poultry. No additional testing requirements for Nebraska origin poultry.
3. 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 Standard of Perfection or the American Bantam Association Standard of Perfection.
4. MINIMUM WEIGHTS-The minimum weights for exhibition birds will be as stated in The American Standard of Perfection and the Bantam Standard.
5. TRIO-A pen of egg production birds can be hybrids, crossbred or purebred and shall consist of 3 sexually mature females. Egg production females will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards. Must be in egg production.
6. EXAMPLES OF LARGE FOWL BREEDS-
  - o American (Plymouth Rock, Jersey Giant, Wyandotte, New Hampshire Red and Rhode Island Red)
  - o Asiatic (Cochin, Brahmas and Langshan)
  - o English (Cornish, Orpington, Australorps, Sussex and Dorklings)
  - o Mediterranean (Leghorn, Buttercup and Minorca)
  - o Continental (Polish, Hamburg, Campines, Faverolles and Houdan)
  - o Other Large Breeds (Naked Neck, Game, Sumatra Araucanas and Ameracanas)
7. EXAMPLES OF BANTAM BREEDS-
  - o Game Bantam (Modern and Old English)
  - o Single Comb Clean Legged (Plymouth Rock, Leghorn, Japanese, Rhode Island Red, Orpingtons and New Hampshire)
  - o Rose Comb Clean Legged (Rosecomb, Wyandotte, Sebright, Belgian Bearded and D'Anver)
  - o Other Comb Clean Legged Bantams (Polish, Cornish, Houdan and Sumatra)
  - o Feather Legged Bantams (Silkie, Cochin, Brahman, Belgian Bearded D'Uccle and Langshan)
8. RULES FOR BANTAM & OTHER POULTRY-The rules for standard size chickens apply equally to bantams and waterfowl where applicable.
9. ENTRIES MUST BE 4-H PROJECT BIRDS-All poultry exhibited must be grown in a 4-H member's project.
10. EGG EXHIBITS-Egg exhibits are limited to one entry per class. Class options will consist of 1 dozen white, brown or colored eggs. Eggs will be judged according to uniformity of size, weight and color as well as cleanliness. Do NOT refrigerate eggs prior to exhibiting.
11. DRESS CODE-Will be as required in General Livestock Rules.

## **Division 70**

### **—Large Fowl—**

- Class G070900 Cockerel** A young rooster under one year of age  
**Class G070901 Cock** A male chicken (rooster) over the age of one year  
**Class G070902 Pullet** A young female chicken under one year of age  
**Class G070903 Hen** A female chicken over the age of one year  
**Class G070904 Large Fowl Trio**

### **—Bantam—**

- Class G070906 Bantam Cockerel** A young rooster under one year of age  
**Class G070907 Bantam Cock** A male chicken (rooster) over the age of one year  
**Class G070908 Bantam Pullet** A young female chicken under one year of age  
**Class G070909 Bantam Hen** A female chicken over the age of one year  
**Class G070910 Bantam Trio**

—Waterfowl—

**Class G070911 Ducks** (all weight classes)

**Class G070915 Geese** (all weight classes)

—Turkey—

**Class G070916 Turkey**

—Market Fowl—

**Class G070917 Broiler, Individual** May be shown, but is NOT eligible for livestock sale.

**Class G070918 Any Poultry, Pen-of-Three** May be shown, but is NOT eligible for livestock sale.

—Production Fowl—

**Class G070919 Egg Production Trio** A pen of egg production birds can be hybrids, crossbred, or purebred and shall consist of 3 sexually mature females. Egg production females will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards. Hens must be in egg production.

—Eggs—

**Class G070920 One Dozen White Eggs** (displayed in a standard egg carton)

**Class G070921 One Dozen Brown Eggs** (displayed in a standard egg carton)

**Class G070922 One Dozen Other Colored Eggs** (displayed in a standard egg carton)

**General Instructions: Poultry Showmanship**

1. ELIGIBILITY-Any 4-H'er enrolled in the poultry project may enter the competition.
2. ELIGIBLE POULTRY-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.
3. BASIS FOR JUDGING-Showmanship is based 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. Primarily 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.
4. TIME LIMIT-There will be a five minute time limit to complete the showmanship presentation. Exhibitors will be timed. Time will begin as soon as the 4-H'er begins speaking and will stop when the exhibitor poses the bird or when they indicate to the judge they are finished with their presentation. Point deductions may be assessed if the length of showmanship presentations exceeds five minutes
5. JUDGES-The judges may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.

Information on the basis of judging poultry showmanship is found in Nebraska Cooperative Extension 4-H 191.

**Class G070930 Poultry Showmanship**

**NUMBER OF POULTRY THAT CAN BE SHOWN:**

- One (1) entry per class Market Poultry (total of 4 birds)
- One (1) entry per class Non-Market Poultry (maximum of 5 classes)
- One (1) entry per class in Egg classes

**Market Chickens may not be sold in Perkins County**

## ***Rabbit***

### **General Instructions: *Rabbit***

1. GENERAL RULES-General Livestock Rules apply to this department.
2. IDENTIFICATION-All rabbits except fryers must have permanent ID numbers or names tattooed in their ear with a pin tattoo pliers and tattoo ink (permanent marker numbers written in the ears of the rabbits are NOT permanent ID numbers).
3. OWNERSHIP-Ownership must have been certified on official 4-H ownership affidavits (4HF103) by June 1 to be eligible to show at county fair.
4. ID NUMBERS or names along with class information must be supplied to superintendent at time of entry. Showmanship entry animals must be ID'd also.
5. TATTOOS-All animals will be physically checked for tattoos during entry. Tattoos and class information must match the information found on the 4-H Affidavit form. Rabbits whose tattoos are not readable or do not match the 4-H Affidavit will not be allowed to show. Tattoos that have faded or are no longer readable should be re-done prior to fair.
6. DRESS CODE-Will be as required in General Livestock Rules.

### **Division 80**

#### **—Market Classes—**

**Class G080900 Single Fryer** Not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3 ½ pounds. Maximum weight of 5 ½ pounds.

**Class G080901 Meat Pen** Three (3) Rabbits. Age limit 10 weeks. Minimum weight of 3 ½ pounds each. Maximum weight 5 ½ pounds each. Meat pens shall consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Broken group meat pens must also be of the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter.

**Class G080902 Roaster** All rabbits entered in this class must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight 5 ½ pounds. Maximum weight 9 pounds.

**Class G080903 Stewers** All rabbits entered in this class must be 6 months of age and over. Minimum weight is over 8 pounds.

**NUMBER OF MARKET RABBITS THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** One (1) entry per class Market Rabbits (total of 6 rabbits)

**Market Rabbits may not be sold in Perkins County**



—Breeding Classes—

- 1) Fancy Breed Rabbits may be divided into the following age divisions:
  - a) Junior-Six months old and younger
  - b) Senior-Over six months old.
  - c) Note: a Fancy Breed Rabbit that is exactly six months old on show day will be shown as a Junior Division rabbit. A Fancy Breed rabbit that is six months plus one day old on show day will be shown as a Senior Division Rabbit.
- 2) Age will be the age of the rabbit on show date
- 3) Division breakdown will be by the age of the rabbit not by the weight of the rabbit.

Fancy Breed Rabbits

<b>Class G080905 American Fuzzy Lop</b>	<b>Class G080922 Mini Lop</b>
<b>Class G080906 American Sable</b>	<b>Class G080923 Mini Rex</b>
<b>Class G080907 Belgian Hare</b>	<b>Class G080924 Mini Satin</b>
<b>Class G080908 Britannia Petite</b>	<b>Class G080925 Netherland Dwarf</b>
<b>Class G080909 Dutch</b>	<b>Class G080926 Polish</b>
<b>Class G080910 Dwarf Hotot</b>	<b>Class G080927 Rex</b>
<b>Class G080911 Dwarf Papillion</b>	<b>Class G080928 Rhinelander</b>
<b>Class G080912 English Angora</b>	<b>Class G080929 Satin Angora</b>
<b>Class G080913 English Spot</b>	<b>Class G080930 Silver</b>
<b>Class G080914 Florida White</b>	<b>Class G080931 Silver Marten</b>
<b>Class G080915 French Angora</b>	<b>Class G080932 Standard Chinchilla</b>
<b>Class G080916 Harlequin</b>	<b>Class G080933 Tan</b>
<b>Class G080917 Havana</b>	<b>Class G080934 Thrianta</b>
<b>Class G080918 Himalayan</b>	<b>Class G080935 Lionhead</b>
<b>Class G080919 Jersey Woolie</b>	<b>Class G080936 Blue Holicer</b>
<b>Class G080920 Lilac</b>	<b>Class G080937 Czech Frosty</b>
<b>Class G080921 Holland Lop</b>	

- 1) Commercial breed rabbits may be divided into the following three age divisions:
  - a) Junior-Six months old and younger.
  - b) Intermediate-Six months old to eight months old.
  - c) Senior-Over eight months old.
  - d) Note: A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is six months old on show day will be shown as a Junior Division Rabbit. A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is six months plus one day old on show day will be shown as an Intermediate Division Rabbit. A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is exactly eight months old on show day will be shown as an Intermediate Division Rabbit. A Commercial Breed Rabbit that is eight months plus one day old on show day will be shown as a Senior Division Rabbit.
- 2) Rabbit age will be the age of the rabbit on show date.
- 3) Division breakdown will be by the age of the rabbit and not by the weight of the rabbit.

Commercial Breed Rabbits

<b>Class G080950 American</b>	<b>Class G080959 English Lop</b>
<b>Class G080951 American Chinchilla</b>	<b>Class G080960 Flemish Giant</b>
<b>Class G080952 Beveren</b>	<b>Class G080961 French Lop</b>
<b>Class G080953 Blanc d Hotot</b>	<b>Class G080962 Giant Angora</b>
<b>Class G080954 Californian</b>	<b>Class G080963 Giant Chinchilla</b>
<b>Class G080955 Champagne D'Argent</b>	<b>Class G080964 New Zealand</b>
<b>Class G080956 Checkered Giant</b>	<b>Class G080965 Palomino</b>
<b>Class G080957 Cinnamon</b>	<b>Class G080966 Satin</b>
<b>Class G080958 Crème D'Argent</b>	<b>Class G080967 Silver Fox</b>

**NUMBER OF BREEDING/COMMERCIAL RABBITS THAT CAN BE SHOWN:** One (1) entry per class with a maximum of five (5) rabbits that may be shown for both classes combined.

## **General Instructions: *Rabbit Showmanship***

1. ELIGIBILITY-Any 4-H'er with a rabbit may enter the competition.
2. SHOWMANSHIP-The participant may use any rabbit they choose, so long as it was raised and trained by the 4-H'er. Showmanship class must be entered with advance entry.
3. BASIS FOR 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 in their routine and the merit of the rabbit. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the rabbit before the judge. The excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring.
4. TIME LIMIT-Maximum length of showmanship presentations is four minutes. Exhibitors will be timed.
5. JUDGES-The judges may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.
6. RABBIT BREEDS-Note that any breed of rabbit may be shown as part of the showmanship competition.

### **Class G080970 Rabbit Showmanship**