

# 4-H and FFA SMALL ANIMAL DIVISION

## El Paso County Fair Exhibit Requirements



**Small Animal Advisory Committee Chairman:** April Roof

**Small Animal Projects will follow the online Fair Entry process. Please watch for 4-H e-blast/e-newsletter Fair Entry announcements or inquire directly with your 4-H Club Leader. Exhibitor entry deadline typically the second week of June.**

The 4-H Small Animal Division (cavy, llama/alpaca, poultry, rabbit, pocket pets, cats) is limited to only those youth properly enrolled in the El Paso County 4-H and FFA programs for the current year.

### 2017 El Paso County Fair 4-H and FFA Small Animal Show Dates

#### Saturday, July 15 through Saturday, July 22

Opening Sat	Opening Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Closing Sat	Closing Sun
<b>9:00AM</b> *Small Animal Load in Starts	<b>8:30AM</b> Poultry, Rabbit, & Llama Shows		<b>9:00AM</b> Mkt Rabbit and Mkt Poultry Pictures				<b>8:00AM</b> Round Robin	
			<b>10:00AM</b> Cavy Show					<b>9:00AM</b> Small Animal Load Out
					<b>11:00AM</b> Poultry Prem Ex intervws	<b>10:00AM</b> Rabbit Mock Judging	<b>10:00AM</b> Public Rab. & Poultry Sale	
<b>NOON</b> Small Animal Load in Ends			<b>10:00AM</b> Pocket Pets		<b>11:30AM</b> Rabbit Prem Ex intervws		<b>1:00PM</b> Jr Livestock sale, Mkt Rabbit and Poultry	<b>NOON</b> Small Animals must be removed
		<b>3:00PM</b> Dress Your Bunny	<b>2:00PM</b> Rabbit Agility		<b>1:00PM</b> poultry pre ex test			

**\*Please Note:**

- 1) Small Animal Load-In does not include the species that come for just a one-day show (i.e. pocket pet, cats, and cavies).
- 2) El Paso County 4-H will be partnering with Elbert County 4-H to provide a Cat Show opportunity. In 2017, the Cat Show will be hosted by Elbert County on **Saturday, July 29**. There will be no cat show scheduled at the El Paso County Fair in 2017.

### GENERAL RULES

1. All entries will be processed in accordance with the CSU Extension office online entry process. Early online entry is highly encouraged. Entry fees vary by species. One W-9 per exhibitor must accompany any market entries.

## Small Animal Late Entries

Please Note: Following the entry deadline there will be a seven day late entry period. Small Animal exhibits that meets all other project/entry requirements may be entered during the late entry period. There will be a late entry fee of \$25.00 or \$5.00 per animal, whichever is greater in addition to the normal entry fee. There are no exceptions to the late entry fee and there will be no entries accepted following the late entry period for any reason.

2. The Small Animal record books will be judged at the club and county level. Members must complete their record books after the fair and turn them into their project leader for judging. Members failing to submit a finished record book will not be credited with a completed project. All animals exhibited must be in the member's record book. Project leaders should turn in all graded record books into the extension office by the second Monday in September.
3. Animals exhibited must be owned, or in the case of llama/alpacas, leased through a 4-H or FFA sanctioned lease program, by El Paso County 4-H or FFA members. All youth must have completed the Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects and Code of Show Ring Ethics. Poultry and Rabbit members, enrolled in breeding or market projects, must also complete the USDA Meat Quality Assurance Agreement Form. All forms must be on file at the Extension Office.
4. All 4-H and FFA members must show their project animal in the showmanship contest. However extenuating circumstances may be addressed to the 4-H Small Animal Advisory Committee and Extension Agent as soon as possible.
5. Cloverbuds will not be allowed to show or exhibit any animals.
6. Only registered El Paso County 4-H and FFA members (no adult) will be permitted to groom or provide any kind of care to the animals once the animals have entered the Fairgrounds except in the interest of the safety of the child and the well-being of the animal. Violations of this rule will be handled as follows: First violation – verbal warning; second violation – written warning; third violation – dismissal from the Fairgrounds. Exceptions can be made for Llamas with the prior approval of superintendent.
7. All judges' decisions are final.
8. Where appropriate, premiums will be awarded to first, second and third place participants. First place will be awarded \$5.00, second place will be awarded \$3.00, and third place will be awarded \$2.00. Market animals do not qualify for premiums.
9. Fair Treatment Challenge must be filed in writing on the Fair Treatment Challenge Form with the Extension Agent responsible for the activity where the incident occurred accompanied with the fee of \$25 in cash (no checks) within 24 hours of the incident. Challenges can only be submitted by 4-H and FFA members. Please see the Fair Treatment Protocol attached to the Fair Treatment Challenge Form for further information and procedures.
10. Any violation of the following rules will automatically result in disqualification with no recourse: **(a)** the natural hair color of the animal cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. Any animal when rubbed with a cloth or glove, which shows evidence of artificial color, will be disqualified. **(b)** Any entries adding artificial hair or hair-like substances will be disqualified **(c)** The showing of animals of an ineligible age or showing unethically fitted animals is prohibited. **(d)** Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method, which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body.
11. The showing of animals of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted animals is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, any animal having been operated upon or tampered with, for the purpose of concealing faults or with the intent to deceive will be disqualified and dismissed from the grounds. No administration of behavior-modifying drugs of any type, including alcohol, to any animals on the fairgrounds will be permitted under any circumstances. Violators of this rule will be disqualified and dismissed from the fairgrounds. An animal judged to be unsafe by the committee and superintendents may be dismissed from the fairgrounds.
12. If, in the opinion of the 4-H Small Animal Advisory Committee, after consulting with the 4-H Youth Development Agent, an exhibitor does not take proper care of his/her animal(s) and assigned cage (if applicable) and area, after proper warning, the exhibitor may be dismissed from the fairgrounds. Additionally, if any exhibitor or their families mistreat animals, the exhibitor may be dismissed from the fairgrounds. *Violations of this rule will be handled as*

*follows:* First violation – verbal warning; second violation – written warning; third violation – dismissal from the fairgrounds.

13. Any behavior that is considered negative on the part of the exhibitor, family members of the exhibitor, or leaders, directed toward any show official, 4-H or FFA staff, 4-H and FFA exhibitor or their parents will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.
14. Any exhibitor dismissed from the fairgrounds will forfeit all premiums.
15. 4-H members, leaders, parents, and other adults participating in 4-H program will abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco during 4-H events and activities. It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the 4-H Code of Conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules.
16. Appropriate attire for showing and in sale pictures will be required at the discretion of the superintendents.
17. Each exhibitor is required to clean up after their own animals. For cavy and llama/alpaca, this would mean cleaning up any excrement or mess that your animal makes while in the fair grounds. For poultry and rabbits, this means that cages must be cleaned daily by 9:00 a.m. Evening feedings must be completed prior to barn closing. Each exhibitor or club must provide his or her own bedding material.
18. The respective superintendents or their assistants will assign cage space within the barns. The species superintendents will post cage assignments by the Opening Saturday of fair, in the respective barn areas. Any exhibitor not abiding by the cage assignment may be barred from competition.
19. Health Requirements: All animals must be free of contagious or infectious diseases and in good condition. Animals that appear malnourished or unthrifty may be excused from the premises. All owners of market animals will be required to sign a disclaimer stating that animals have not been given any medications, tranquilizers, and/or injectable vitamins according to label recommendations before weigh-in at fair. If medication is required on any animal before or during the fair where exhibition of the animal will take place prior to the medications labeled withdrawal time the Superintendent of that division and the Extension Agent **must be contacted before medication** is administered and provided with written documentation by a licensed Veterinarian. The Fair Veterinarian must be notified as well. Administering medications approved by the FDA for human use but not for veterinary applications is ground for disqualifications. All animals may be examined on arrival for evidence of infections or contagious disease, and if such is found, they will be held in quarantine until examined by a veterinarian. The exhibitor is responsible for calling a practicing veterinarian for animal treatments. The Superintendent has the right to call for services of a veterinarian for the treatment of sick animals if the exhibitor is not available. The exhibitor must pay for the fee for veterinary services prior to the release of the animal from the fairgrounds.
20. **ATTENTION - United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act**  
The use of drugs in any manner other than in accord with the approved labeling is a violation of federal law. The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the El Paso County Fair as follows:
  - a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
  - b. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
  - c. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
  - d. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissues of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses of animals sold through sale or sales connected with the El Paso County Fair, said fair will in no way be liable or responsible for conditions of carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale price. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.

#### **Wholesome Meat Assurance Statement**

**Attention:** The use by a non-veterinarian\* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. **\*Note:** Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect

the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud. Results of residue testing are subject to criminal investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution.

"Certificate of Disclosure": Exhibitors, parents and club leaders of all market and breeding animals must certify their compliance with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act by completing and signing a "Certification and Disclosure Statement" when enrolling in 4-H or FFA. The Certificate will be available to members in the fall with enrollment materials. Exhibitors may not stall breeding animals or weigh-in market animals without this completed form on file in the 4-H office.

### **IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics**

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

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine examples. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and action 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. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating to your animal is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in events, which culminates with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medications, 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 saliva, urine, blood, or other sample 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 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 burden of the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show premises, all treatment involving the use of drugs, and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedures or injection of any foreign substances 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 owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. This application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
  10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notice to members.
  11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorized with jurisdiction over such infractions.
21. **MEAT QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING:** No youth will be allowed to show any livestock animal unless the exhibitor is up to date on Meat Quality Assurance Training 45 days prior to fair. Every 4-H or FFA member who enrolls in a market or breeding animal project will sign a statement indicating their understanding and compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act. These requirements apply to youth in rabbit and poultry projects as well as large livestock. MQA Training will be sufficient for both the Pork Quality Assurance Program and the Meat Quality Assurance Program.
  22. A Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration" statement is required for every market animal covered by the COOL law. The COOL statement must accompany the sales release form required by the Jr. livestock Sale Committee.
  23. The Jr. Livestock Sale Committee must receive Sale release form and COOL statement no later than Noon on the Friday before the Jr. Livestock sale.
  24. There is a camping area available for use by 4-H and FFA members and their immediate families. Space is on a first come first serve basis and camping permits should be purchased in advance from the fair office. All 4-H and FFA members staying in the camping area must be accompanied by an adult. No dogs permitted in the camping area without first receiving Fair Board approval. Additional camping regulations, rules, and requirements are at the discretion of fair management.
  25. No vehicle other than "Official Cars" will be permitted inside the fenced area around the barns and livestock arena after Monday at noon. Vehicles for the purpose of hauling feed and supplies will not be permitted on the fairgrounds. Livestock exhibitors must arrange to supply their needs for the week prior to noon on Monday.

## **SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

**Superintendent:** Teresa Lamothe and Shannon Fizer

**Date/Time:** Closing Saturday of Fair, Check-in at 7:30 a.m., Competition begins at 8:00 a.m. (starting with seniors, then juniors and intermediates.) If not checked in by 8:00 am the participant may receive an automatic 50 point deduction in final score.

**Fee:** None

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Small Animal Showmen will be determined through a Round-Robin Showmanship Contest. (4-H and FFA members will participate in this contest as appropriate.)

1. The Champion and Reserve Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior showmen from each of the small animal divisions (cavy, dog, llama/alpaca, poultry, rabbit, and miniature horse) will compete in the Small Animal Round Robin for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors. Any member that does not show in Round Robin will forfeit their ribbons and premiums, unless their absence is approved prior to the show by their species superintendent.
2. If the same person wins Champion or Reserve Champion in more than one species then they must choose which species they will compete in and receive approval from the small animal round robin superintendent of their choice following their final show. The species which the multiple champion does not select to represent in Round Robin will then be offered to the third or fourth place overall in that species to compete in Round Robin.

3. Separate Round Robin contests for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will be held.
4. Each participant can earn a maximum of 10 points on their appearance and knowledge of their own species and 100 points on their ability to show their own species and 100 points for their ability to show EACH of the other species as broken down on the score sheet.
5. The animals used for the competition will be selected by that species superintendent and is subject to the approval of the round robin superintendent.

## **4-H SMALL ANIMAL PHOTO CONTESTS**

### **Cavy, Poultry, Rabbit, Llama, Pocket Pets, Cats**

**Superintendents:** Species Superintendents

**Fee:** None

#### **General Rules:**

1. Cavy, llama/alpaca, pocket pet, and cat photo contest entries should be entered at Tabletop Exhibit Day the Friday before the Fair begins. Poultry and Rabbit entries must be turned in when animals are caged in on the first Saturday of fair.
2. The subject of the photo must be cavy if submitted in the cavy contest; llama or alpaca is submitted in the llama contest; pocket pets if submitted in the pocket pet contest; poultry if submitted in the poultry contest, rabbit if submitted in the rabbit contest and cat if submitted in the cat contest.
3. 4-H members may only submit one photo per species for those species in which they are enrolled in the project. Cloverbuds may enter a photo in any one of the six small animal species and need only to be enrolled in the Cloverbud project. Cloverbuds are awarded a rainbow ribbon for their participation.
4. The 4-H exhibitor must take the photo.
5. Color or black & white photos will be accepted.
6. Any size up to 8" x 10" is acceptable.
7. The photo must be in a stand-up frame or stand-up mat board with easel back.
8. The exhibitors name, age, and club must be on the back of the frame.
9. Categories are Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

## **DIVISION SPE**

### **4-H PREMIER EXHIBITOR CONTEST**

**Superintendent:** Species Superintendents

All Exhibitors are encouraged to enter. Entries for this division should be made online in Fair Entry. Premier Exhibitor is awarded to the exhibitor that best combines several aspects of the 4-H project experience. You may enter the Premier Exhibitor contest for each species for which you exhibit. There will not be any distinction between ages.

Members signed up for the Premier Exhibitor contest will be posted in the barn for poultry and rabbits and in Whittemore for llama/alpaca, and cavy.

#### **Entry codes are as follows:**

SPE01- Cavy

SPE02- Llama/Alpaca

SPE03- Poultry

SPE04 – Rabbits

**See each species for specific criteria and a point system.** At a minimum, the Premier Exhibitor contest for each species will include showmanship, a written quiz, interviews, and record book scores.

**Written Quiz:**

Check with the species superintended for quiz times.

**Interviews:**

Sign up for interview times with the superintendent during check-in for each of your species.

**Awards:**

An award will be given to the Champion of each of the four species divisions in the Premier Exhibitor Contest. The Awards will be given out at the El Paso County 4-H Achievement Celebration.

**The Following Criteria and points will be used:**

- Showmanship Score: 0-10 points max  
(100 points = 10 points, 50 points = 5 points, etc.)
- Market Show (if applicable): 0-10 Max (only top 2 entries per exhibitor will be counted)  
(10 points possible per market animal/pen, 5 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 for 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 for 5<sup>th</sup> per class)
- Breeding/Performance Show: 0-10 (plus 5 point bonus for Champion and Reserve Champion of Show if applicable) 5 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 for 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 for 5<sup>th</sup> per animal, only top 2 entries per exhibitor will be counted)
- Herdsmanship: 0-10 (Only evaluated on animals stalled at the fair all week).
- Record Book Score: 10 points max (100% - 10 points, 89% - 8.9 points, etc)
- Quiz Score: 25 points (or actual score on quiz)
- Interview: 0-25 to be held at County Fair  
Interview point break down and evaluation:  
Ability to communicate and deliver thoughts – 8pts  
Knowledge – 8pts  
Appearance (dress and grooming) – 5pts  
Overall impression – 4pts

**DIVISION SCA  
CAVY SHOW**

**Superintendent:** Vacant

**Assistant Superintendent:** Charles Mayo

**Time/Date for the Guinea Pig Show:** Registration is at 9:30 a.m. on the Tuesday of fair. The show begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Time/Date for the Guinea Pig Showmanship Classes:** Following the cavy show

**Fees:** \$5.00 per exhibitor

**General Rules:**

1. Only two cavies per breed, per exhibitor may be shown.
2. Bring your entries IN CAGES to the Whittemore Building and check-in with the superintendent. For their safety, cavies MUST be in carrying cages. No boxes or aquariums will be allowed.
3. The superintendent will release cavies after the show is over.
4. All cavies will be judged based on breed and sex.

5. If the number of animals warrant overall recognition, Best of Show and Best Reserve of Show will be awarded rosettes. Danish blue, red, and white ribbon placings will be awarded.
6. Pet Class (Mixed Breeds) - Cavies in this class will be judged based only on appearance including health, fur, teeth, and body conformation. If the judge cannot determine body conformation, the judge can decide on a breed the cavy most resembles. Cavies in this class are not eligible to compete for Best in Show.

**Showmanship:**

Winners will be announced after scores are tabulated.

**Premier Exhibitor:**

Entry Code: SPE01- Cavy

**DIVISION SLA  
LLAMA/ALPACA SHOW**

**Superintendent:** Stacy Cantu

**Assistant Superintendent:** Tara Cantu

**Junior Leaders:** Gabby Cantu

**Time/Date of Stalling:** Llama/alpaca must arrive at the fairgrounds on Opening Saturday of Fair, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Fees:** \$5.00 per exhibitor for the 4-H/FFA show

**Time/Date:** First Sunday of Fair is the show. All Llama/Alpaca's must be in the area for the show by 7:30am for check in. The show will start at 8:00am with showmanship.

**General Rules:**

1. Any unruly llama/alpaca will be removed from the show. The superintendent or judge may rule an animal as unruly, as required.
2. Contestant must be 4-H/FFA members enrolled in the El Paso County llama/alpaca project as of May 01 of current year.
3. The contestant does not need to own the llama/alpaca used in the Performance/Obstacle Class or Showmanship provided they have participated in and met the requirements of the "lease-a-llama/alpaca" program in El Paso County. Once at the fairgrounds, the 4-H/FFA member must care for the llama/alpaca (except in matters of safety).
4. A stall fee of \$5 will be charged for each stall needed and is due with fair entry fees.
5. All Llama/Alpaca's may be stalled during the week of fair. Exhibitors MUST clean stalls daily, and are REQUIRED to walk their animal(s) daily for exercise.
6. All Llama/Alpaca members are responsible for feeding and watering their animals daily.
7. Providing space availability each Llama/Alpaca member will have an extra stall for food, bedding and stall cleaning materials.

**Classes:**

**Class 1: Showmanship**

Divisions: Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, and Senior 14-18 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of current 4-H year.

A Showmanship class is a demonstration of the handler's ability to show his animal to its best advantage at halter. Judging is based on the exhibitor's skills in fitting, grooming, animal knowledge, following directions, and showing style when presenting the animal to the judge. The animal's conformation is not considered. Handler's attire should be neat, clean, and appropriate. Black pants or skirt, Western or white shirt or blouse and sturdy shoes or boots. Champions and Reserve Champions in all age divisions will be given at completion of the show on Sunday and qualify for Small Animal Round Robin to be held on the closing Saturday of fair starting at 8:00 a.m.

*Performance Classes will follow Showmanship. Prizes will be awarded for Junior, Intermediate and Senior Performance Champion based on ALSA points for obstacle, PR and Packing*



**Class 2: Obstacle**

This class demonstrates the llamas/alpacas obedience and willingness to complete the activities requested by the handler. Obstacles will include a bridge or ramp, jumps, change of pace, and backing. Danish blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded.

**Class 3: PR**

This class tests llamas/alpacas ability to participate in community events. PR obstacles will include stairs or ramps, petting, loading in a vehicle, backing and picking up a foot or showing teeth. Danish blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded.

**Class 4: Packing**

This class simulates the condition and obstacles actually encountered when packing on the trail. All packs must have two straps and panniers must be filled out. Obstacles will include a bridge or ramp and backing. Danish blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded.

**Class 5: Costume**

This class is judged on costuming on member and llama/alpaca. The more coverage the llama/alpaca tolerates, the higher the score. Members must submit information for the announcer to read about the costume and member as the member enters the ring. Danish blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded.

**Class 6: Best of Show**

This class is judged on the Best of Show among the llama/alpaca entered in the show. Plaques will be given to the Champion and a Rosette will be given to the Reserve Champion.

**Premier Exhibitor:**

Entry Code: SPE02- Llama/Alpaca

**Musical Llama: (Time Permitting)** this is open to the public for adults and children (age 8 by December 31, 2016) to participate. We will provide the llamas. Ribbons will be awarded to participants.

**DIVISION SPO  
POULTRY SHOW**

**Superintendents:** Dawn Wheeler

**Assistant Superintendent:** Craig Dertein

**Time/Date:** Showmanship will begin at 8:00 a.m. and judging will begin at 8:30a.m on the first Sunday.

**Fees:** There is a \$5.00 per member exhibitor fee for the first 5 entries and \$5.00 for every 5 entries after that.

**Rules & Regulations:**

1. Building operation is from **10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily**. The only exception to this will be the day of coop-in (opening Saturday) when it will open at 9:00 a.m. and then the day of the show when it will open at 7:00 a.m. The barn will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to get cages clean and birds managed before the fair opens.

2. Definitions

Cock	C	Males chicken over 1 year in age
Hen	H	Female chicken over 1 year in age
Cockerel	CK	Male chicken under 1 year in age
Pullet	P	Female chicken under 1 year in age
Old Drake	OD	Male duck over 1 year in age
Old Hen	OH	Female duck over 1 year in age
Young Drake	YD	Male duck under 1 year in age
Young Hen	YH	Female duck under 1 year in age
Old Gander	OGD	Male goose over 1 year in age
Old Goose	OGS	Female goose over 1 year in age
Young Gander	YGD	Male goose under 1 year in age
Young Goose	YGS	Female goose under 1 year in age
Old Tom	OTT	Male turkey over 1 year in age

Old Hen	OHT	Female turkey over 1 year in age
Young Tom	YTT	Male turkey under 1 year in age
Young Hen	YHT	Female turkey under 1 year in age
Old Trio	OT	1 male and 2 females over 1 year in age
Young Trio	YT	1 male and 2 females under 1 year in age

3. Champion and Reserve Champion; Market Fryer Pen, Market Broiler Pen, Market Waterfowl, and Market Turkey, **MUST** be sold at the Jr. Livestock Sale with the proceeds going to the Exhibitor. **This is a terminal sale.** The sale committee will take possession of all birds sold at the junior livestock sale immediately following the sale. Any 4-H or FFA exhibitor showing Market Class Birds without another market project may be eligible to sell at the livestock sale if the Livestock Sale Committee agrees. This will be a preset amount and the exhibitor will be notified on the coop card the day of the show. There will be no exceptions to the sales rule. Anyone breaking the code of ethics will not be allowed to sell in the auction or participate in the poultry project for one year.
4. Market Waterfowl may be split into Market Duck and Market Goose based on the total number of birds entered in each species. This will be at the recommendation of the Poultry Superintendents and with the approval of the Small Animal Advisory Committee.
5. 4-H or FFA members who have sold their market birds at the Jr. Livestock Sale are responsible for cleaning out their coops after the sale. If the 4-H or FFA member does not clean out their coops, they will be subject to forfeiture of all premium money and ribbons.
6. Poultry must be owned by the Exhibitor since April 1 of the current year, or upon hatching (this would include fryers and broilers). Show birds must be at least 4 (four) months old to exhibit at fair.
7. All birds entered must have a numbered leg band. Bands may be purchased in the Poultry Barn at coop-in if needed.
8. All exhibitors will be required to work a maintenance shift in the poultry barn during the Fair to help water **all of the exhibits** along with sweep the walkways in the barn, and answer questions any visitors to the barn might have. Please sign up for time slots at Coop – in. There will be seven two-hour shifts per day from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. We also encourage you to keep your coops clean during the fair to make the poultry barn a nice experience for those who visit it.
9. Those 4-H or FFA members who are exhibiting waterfowl are strongly encouraged to clean their coops twice during the fair. **All coops requiring attention will be tagged, the 4-H and FFA member will have until closing the next day to have the coop cleaned,** or they will run the risk of losing any premium or ribbons and may be asked to remove the bird for its health and the health of the birds around it.
10. **All meat bird exhibitors (including waterfowl and turkeys) are required to clean their cages twice during the Fair one being by 11:00AM on the last Saturday of fair.** Those who neglect this rule will run the risk of losing their premiums or their ability to sell.
11. Birds will be accepted starting at 9:00 a.m. on the Opening Saturday of fair, and in place no later than 12:00 p.m. (Noon) the same day. **Exhibitors need to provide bedding (wood shavings) and feed for their birds, and will be responsible to make sure their birds are fed throughout the fair.**
12. There will not be space provided in the barn for storing feed or bedding. Exhibitors need to store their supplies at their camper or bring them with them daily. Poultry barn personnel and/or El Paso County Fair Staff will not be responsible for feed and supplies left in the barn. Exhibitors' using another exhibitor's feed, without permission, is in violation of the 4-H Code of Ethics, and can be removed from the barn.
13. Exhibitors will be allowed to place sale advertisements for their EXHIBITION BIRDS ONLY on or above their exhibits after Judging is completed. **Market birds may not be listed for sale until 10:00 a.m. the last Saturday of fair.** This must include Exhibitors name and contact information. The Superintendents will not be responsible for any transactions. The exhibitor is responsible for letting their buyer know that no birds may be removed from the barn until after fair or during the public sale. If the buyer wishes to pick up their bird(s) during the public sale they will have to pay for fair admission to enter the grounds.

14. On the Closing Saturday of fair the Poultry Barn will host a Public Poultry sale in conjunction with the Public Rabbit Sale. This sale will go from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The purchaser of any birds sold must be given a bill of sale by the member selling the animal in order to remove any animals from the fairgrounds on the public sale day. If you intend to participate in the public sale, you will be responsible for all transactions. Please bring boxes for your buyers. You must provide your own cages during the sale; coops will not be made available.
15. Birds will be released starting at 9:00 a.m. on the Closing Sunday of fair. **All birds must be picked up no later than 12:00 p.m. Noon on Sunday.** Birds and equipment not picked up by the time the poultry barn is secured at **noon** will be placed outside the locked barn in a box at no responsibility or liability to the poultry barn personnel and /or El Paso County Fair Staff. Premiums and awards will be released after the coops have been cleaned and the birds removed on the Closing Sunday of fair. **There will be a check out list provided that must be followed before a single bird can be removed from the building.**
16. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 25 entries, including chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. A trio is considered one entry. Market Classes 1 & 2 will be weighed if there is any question of class. The birds will be judged as a pen of three and should be as uniform as possible within the pen (same breed, age, sex, and size). You may have only 2 entries per market class. Please note the Market turkey class is not by breed so there can only be 2 entries per 4-H or FFA member. Feel free to enter your other turkeys in the breed class.
17. Please enter by class number listed below, use description of Breed and Variety (color) as well as age (please refer to definitions above):
- Class 1 – Market Fryer Pen: 3 Birds of the same breed or hybrid strain, between 4-1/2 and 6 lbs., live weight.
  - Class 2 – Market Broiler Pen: 3 Birds of the same breed or hybrid strain, between 6 and 10 lbs., live weight.
  - Class 3 – Market Turkey: Over 19 lbs., and not to exceed 30lbs., Live weight.
  - Class 4 – Market Water Fowl (Ducks should weigh between 6-13 lbs., and Geese should weigh between 8-15 lbs.
    - \*\*\*Note: This is not yet a weight requirement, but may be in the future)
  - Class 5 – Large/Standard Single Chickens
  - Class 6 – Bantam Single Entries
  - Class 7 – Duck Single Entries
  - Class 8 – Goose Single Entries
  - Class 9 – Turkey Single Entries
  - Class 10 – Guinea fowl
  - Class 11 – Barnyard Variety
    - This is for non-standard breeds and mixed breed poultry. If exhibitor’s bird does not fall within the guidelines of the ‘Standard of Perfection’, then it can be entered in the barnyard class. This class will be judged on the general appearance of the bird, including; feather condition, confirmation, and cleanliness. A champion and reserve will be chosen from all species (chicken, duck, goose, and turkey) combined. This class will not be eligible for bird of show or reserve bird of show.
  - Class 12- Showmanship – **REQUIRED**
    - You will be scheduled for Poultry Showmanship on the Opening Sunday of fair during the poultry show. A schedule will be posted in the Poultry Barn for you to check at the time of Coop-in. First year members have the **option** of showing in the Novice class, instead of their age group. A member can show in the Novice class for their **first year ONLY**. This choice must be indicated on the entry form. Special Needs youth **ONLY**, as designated in 4HOnline, have the option to show in the Novice class multiple times, but need to make superintendent aware of their decision. Champion and Reserve Champion Novice showman will receive a rosette only and will not qualify for Small Animal Round Robin. Any 4-H or FFA member not participating in Showmanship will forfeit all awards thru disqualification, to include the ability to sale at the Junior Livestock Auction. Winners of Showmanship (except in the Novice class) will participate in the Small Animal Round Robin. The Superintendent will supply the birds for the Round Robin.

## Awards

Champion and Reserve Champion Bird of Show will receive a trophy. Champion Showman in each age level will receive Belt Buckles, excluding Novice, which will receive a rosette. Reserve Showman will receive a rosette. The Champions and Reserve Champions in the following Categories will receive rosettes. Showmanship buckles will NOT be released until the champion showman who earned the buckle turns in a stamped and addressed thank you letter.

Bird of Show	Market Fryer Pen	Bantam	Turkey
Reserve Bird of Show	Market Broiler Pen	Duck	Guinea/Pea Fowl
Market Duck	Market Turkey	Goose	Barnyard Variety

Market Goose	Large Fowl	Overall Waterfowl	Pigeon
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Premiums will be awarded if more than 10 birds of the same breed are entered. Awards will be distributed on the Closing Sunday of fair at the Poultry Barn after check out is completed. Premiums will not be awarded in market class birds, in lieu of the auction.

**If you are entered in any poultry market class please note on your poultry entry form if you are also entered in another market animal class.**

**4-H Premier Exhibitor:**

Entry Code: SPE03- Poultry

Interviews will be conducted on Thursday, sign-up for a time at coop-in.

**DIVISION SRA  
RABBIT SHOW**

**Superintendent:** Samantha Taylor

**Assistant Superintendent:** Laura Mayo

**Time/Date of Caging:** FOR ALL RABBITS Opening Saturday of Fair, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00pm

**Time/Date of Rabbit Show:** Opening Sunday of Fair 8:30 am. The rabbit barn opens at 7:30 a.m. for rabbit grooming and is open to 4-H and FFA members only. (\*\*\*)Note this is a time change. The Fair Board Pee Wee Show/Showmanship will NOT be on the same day as the 4-H show/showmanship)

**Time/Date of Rabbit Showmanship:** Opening Sunday of Fair starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Rabbit Barn Tent. 4-H and FFA members will sign up for a time at cage-in.

**Time/Date of Rabbit Agility:** Tuesday of Fair, 2:00 p.m. in the Whittemore Building

**Time/Date of Dress Your Bunny:** Monday of Fair, 3:00 p.m. in the Whittemore Building

**Time/Date of Public Sale:** Last Saturday of Fair, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Rabbit Barn

**Time/Date of Rabbit Premier Exhibitor:** Tests and interviews will be on Thursday of Fair. Sign-up for individual times on Opening Saturday of Fair, during cage-in. See the general rules and the specific rabbit rules for more information.

**Time/Date of Mock Judging:** Friday of Fair 10:00 a.m. in the Rabbit Barn

**Time/Date of Rabbit Awards Ceremony:** Opening Sunday after the completion of the rabbit show and showmanship in the Rabbit Barn

**Fees:** There is a \$5.00 per member exhibitor fee for the first 5 entries and \$5 after that, including market entries. Exhibitors are limited to eight (8) single rabbits, not including market.

**Rules & Regulations:**

- Judging will be in accordance with the American Rabbit Breeders Association (“ARBA”) rules. Anything not covered in the following rules will be covered by ARBA rules. All rabbits will be judged based on the standard of perfection. Meat pens will be judged on type (conformation), uniformity, and condition. NOTE: Mixed breeds will be allowed. Only those breeds of rabbits recognized by the ARBA will be eligible for Best in Show.
- NO rabbit will be officially disqualified; it will be noted on the comment sheet and will be placed pursuant to judge’s call.
- All rabbits entered are REQUIRED to have an Ear Tag number PRIOR to Fair. Tattooing will be available in the Rabbit Barn on Barn Cleanup Day (the Saturday before Fair begins). All rabbits entered are REQUIRED to have this ear tag number noted in the online Fair Entry or the entry will be rejected. Please remember to bring this ear tag number to the Barn Cleanup Day so that your rabbit is tattooed correctly. Any rabbit(s) that have to be tattoo on caging day will be charged \$3.00 per rabbit tattooed.
- ALL rabbits must be delivered and in place (cage placing will be by breed, and will only include an exhibitor number and an ear tag number on each card) on the Opening Saturday of Fair between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 (Noon). This includes Meat Pen and Fryers!
- Each Member will be responsible for transporting their rabbit to and from the judging table and be present at the time of judging. Any Member showing in another 4-H or FFA Project at the same time as the Rabbit Show may have ONLY a Superintendent, or a 4-H or FFA member, transport his or her rabbit to the table. **Make these transportation arrangements in advance, and inform a Superintendent of your absence in the**

**Rabbit Show. If no arrangements have been made, the superintendents have no record of your absence, and the member does not show up, his or her rabbit(s) will NOT be judged.**

Rabbits must be brought to the table in a timely manner for judging and late arrivals may not be judged. Procedures: hole the rabbit, take one step back, and remind parents and other interested parties they are observers ONLY.

6. ALL rabbits must be in good physical condition and have a legible permanent ear tattoo in the left ear. The judge is under no obligation to judge or handle an unhealthy or aggressive rabbit and the Superintendents will honor the judge's request to remove the rabbit from the table.
7. NO does with litters will be allowed.
8. **NO rabbit(s) entered into the Fair will be sold during the Fair.** If a Member wants to sell an entered rabbit, refer to the Public Sale category below. The Rabbit Barn will NOT sell any rabbit on your behalf.
9. All rabbits competing must be entered in the name of the actual owner and must be owned 60 days PRIOR to the El Paso County Fair, as evidenced by a copy of the pedigree. The Dam of market rabbits must be owned 115 days or more PRIOR to the El Paso County Fair.
10. Except on show days, doors of the Rabbit Barn will be open at 8:30 a.m. only for rabbit members checking on his/her rabbit(s). Doors of the Rabbit Barn will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. throughout the Fair.
11. Judging will be done by comparison. NO interference with the judges will be tolerated. Questions of the judges may be posed at the COMPLETION of the class. The Superintendents will monitor and strictly enforce this rule. Abusers will be requested to step back away from the judging tables and observe from a distance.
12. The Judge has final rule if a rabbit is unworthy of an award. If a rabbit is deemed unworthy it shall NOT receive an award even when there is no competing rabbit. No Member shall receive an award greater than the rabbit earns.
13. ONLY Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Pens and Fryers will remain in the Rabbit Barn after judging. If cages are available and with PRIOR arrangements, Meat Pens and Fryers can continue to be caged till the end of the EL PASO COUNTY FAIR on a first come-first served basis.
14. NO entered rabbits can leave the rabbit barn before 9:00 a.m. on the closing Sunday of Fair unless they enter the rabbits in a rabbit show. We will allow members to take rabbits entered in a show to leave on **Saturday night (no earlier than 7pm) IF the member gives notification to the superintendent before July 1st via email and presents paperwork (copy of the entry approved by the show) by the Friday of fair.** ALL rabbits must be picked up NO later than Noon on the Closing Sunday of Fair. Rabbits, feed, and equipment not picked up by the time the Rabbit Barn is secured at the end of the EL PASO COUNTY FAIR will be placed outside the locked barn at no responsibility or liability to the Rabbit Barn personnel and/or EL PASO COUNTY FAIR staff.
15. At release time, the Member will check in with Superintendents to have their area checked for cleanliness and to ensure loaned crocks are returned. Once checked, premiums and ribbons will be given to the 4-H/FFA member.
16. All Members are limited to **eight (8)** rabbits and three (3) Meat Pens OR three (3) Single Fryers or any combination to total three.
17. All rabbit members are responsible for watering and feeding his/her own rabbit(s).
18. Exhibitors need to provide wood shavings and feed for their rabbits, and will be responsible to make sure their rabbits are fed throughout the fair. There will be limited space provided in the barn for storing feed or bedding. On a first come, first serve basis, exhibitors may rent out a tote for the week to store their supplies. All supplies must fit in their tote. Exhibitors need to store other supplies, like carrying cages and grooming tables, at their camper or bring them with them daily. Rabbit Barn personnel and/or the El Paso County Fair Staff will not be responsible for feed and supplies left in the barn. Exhibitors' using other exhibitors' feed, without permission, is in violation of the 4-H Code of Ethics, and can be removed from the barn.
19. Mixed breed rabbits will be allowed to be used for show, showmanship, Meat Pen, and Fryer. For the Pet Class (rabbit show) **please see Class 12 for rabbit show to ensure there are no disappointments.** If a rabbit member wishes to

use a mixed breed for showmanship, they **MUST** know information on ALL breeds of their rabbit. For Meat Pen and Fryer, please see classes 13 and 14.

20. 4-H Rabbit Barn volunteer, CSU Extension Staff, and El Paso County Fair staff are **NOT** responsible for any loss or injury to any entered and/or non-entered rabbit.

### **Showmanship:**

Winners of the showmanship contest will be announced after the contest is complete and scores have been tabulated. Age groups are Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. Showmen are to wear a plain long-sleeve (preferably white) shirt and dark pants.

First year members have the **option** of showing in the Novice class, instead of their age group. A member can show in the Novice class for their **first year only**. This choice must be indicated on the entry form. Special Needs youth **ONLY**, as designated on 4HOnline, have the option to show in the Novice class multiple times, but need to make superintendent aware of their decision. Champion and Reserve Champion Novice showman will receive a rosette only and will not qualify for Small Animal Round Robin.

Winners of Showmanship (except for the Novice class) will participate in the Small Animal Round Robin.

### **Classes: Classes can be moved up based on ARBA rules.**

*For breeds maturing under nine pounds (both sexes):*

- Class 1 - **Senior Buck** - Six months of age or older
- Class 2 - **Senior Doe** - Six months of age or older
- Class 3 - **Junior Buck** - Under six months of age
- Class 4 - **Junior Doe** - Under six months of age

*For breeds maturing at nine pounds or over (both sexes):*

- Class 5 - **Senior Buck** - Eight months of age or older
- Class 6 - **Senior Doe** - Eight months of age or older
- Class 7 - **Intermediate Buck** - Six months to eight months
- Class 8 - **Intermediate Doe** - Six months to eight months
- Class 9 - **Junior Buck** - Under six months of age
- Class 10 - **Junior Doe** - Under six months of age
- Class 11 - **Pet Class (Mixed Breeds)** - Rabbits in this class will **NOT**, under any circumstance, be allowed to compete for Best in Show. Rabbits in this class will be judged based only on appearance of rabbit, including health, fur, teeth, and body confirmation. If the judge cannot determine body confirmation, the judge can decide on a breed the rabbit most resembles.

**Market Rabbits – Exhibitors may enter up to three (3) market animals** (ie. three (3) Meat Pens OR three (3) Single Fryers or any combination to total three). **The member MUST own the Doe in each class. Mixed breeds and pure-bred rabbits will both be allowed.**

Class 13- **Meat Pen Class**- Will Consist of three (3) rabbits. All three rabbits must be the same breeds/breed and variety. (brokens will be all black, all red, etc, in conjunction with white). Age limit is not over 70 days. **Weight limit is in accordance to ARBA rules. The weight is not under three and half pounds and not over five and half pounds.**

Class 14 - **Fryer Class** - Will follow the same requirements as Meat Pen.

Champion and Reserve Champion in classes 13-14 will be sold at the Junior Livestock Sale at 1:00 p.m. the Closing Saturday of Fair.

### **Awards for Show and Showmanship:**

Ribbons and Premiums for first through third place

Trophy: Best in Show (traveling trophy)

Plaque: Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show, Reserve Showman of each age group

**Ribbons:** Best of Breed, Best Opposite, Best of Variety

Belt Buckle: Grand Champion Showman of each age group

Premiums will be awarded if more than five rabbits of the same breed are entered.

**4-H Premier Exhibitor:**

Entry Code: SPE04- Rabbit

**Dress Your Bunny Contest:**

ENTER AT TIME OF CAGING. The accompanying Story and brief costume description is due at the same time as entering. This is your opportunity to dress your bunny up in his/her favorite outfit. Age groups: Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

**Awards:** Ribbons: First through Third place overall.

**Public Sale:**

Fair entered and non-entered rabbits, cages, equipment, etc. may be sold, but not until the public sale day. If you wish, you may post a "For Sale" sign on the bulletin board, but no rabbit sold will leave the rabbit barn prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Closing Saturday of Fair. All rabbits must be a minimum of 8 weeks old. You must be with all sale items for the duration of the sale and/or until all items are sold. For Fair entered rabbits, the Superintendents will provide and release upon submission of a Bill of Sale. Members must provide boxes for new owners to transport rabbits from the Fairgrounds.

**General rules for Rabbit Agility**

General Rules:

1. No more than 3 rabbits per exhibitor.
2. Animal handlers are responsible for ensuring that they and their family members keep their rabbits safe.
3. Animal entered may be any breed of domestic rabbit.
4. Animals must be at least 4 months of age to compete
5. Careless handling of rabbits will result in a warning. Serious negligent handling will result in a disqualification.
6. Rabbits shall proceed through the course and over the jumps voluntarily. Animal handlers are prohibited from forcing or carrying animals through the course, but may lift them over jumps, if necessary. Assistance and encouragement may not involve yelling loudly or any other method that would subject a rabbit to excessive stress. Touching your rabbit with your feet is not permitted.
7. Judges are entitled to disqualify any rabbit who must be repeatedly lifted over jumps, or entirely refuses to move, as being clearly unwilling to jump.
8. Animal handlers must always embody good sportsmanship. Violations will result in warnings and disqualification. It is up to the judge's discretion as to what constitutes poor sportsmanship. The judge's decision is final.
9. Rabbits must be using an "H" style harness.

Competition

1. Animal handlers need to line up at the gate when their name is called. Names will also be displayed on a board. Failure to line up after your number is called 3 times will result in a disqualification.
2. Only 1 rabbit is permitted on the course at any time.
3. Animal handlers are not permitted to step over jumps. They must go around the jump. Repeated violations will result in disqualification.
4. No treats (for you or your rabbit) will be allowed on the hopping course.

Participation Ribbons will be given to each competitor that enters the day of the competition.

**Rabbit Mock Judging:**

ENTER AT TIME OF CAGING. Exhibitors will judge multiple (2-4) classes of 4 rabbits each. They will be given the breed, age, sex and variety of each class. Each individual exhibitor will receive up to 10 minutes per class to judge and will be allowed to use the standard book of perfections.

Ribbons: First through third place.

## DIVISION SPP POCKET PET SHOW

**Superintendent:** Laura Mayo

**Assistant Superintendent:** Charles Mayo

**Time/Date:** Showmanship will follow immediately after the show.

**Fees:** There is a \$5.00 per member exhibitor fee for the first 5 entries and \$5.00 for every 5 entries after that.

## General Rules:

- 1 If members choose to exhibit their animal on pocket pet day, they must bring entries IN CAGES appropriate to the species for the animal's safety, all feed and feed/water cups/bottles. Folding tables for displaying pocket pets in cages will be provided.
- 2 The superintendent will release pocket pets after the show is over.
- 3 The contestant must be a 4-H/FFA member enrolled in the El Paso County pocket pet project as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- 4 Contestants will be interviewed by the judge based on species knowledge.
- 5 All pocket pets will be judged based on condition and health, not on breed standard.
- 6 Species will be recognized as follows: amphibians, aquatics, arachnids, avian, reptiles, and rodents.
- 7 Each species will be placed using the Danish method of blue, red, and white ribbon awards. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the top blue ribbon placing entries if the number of animals warrants rosette awards.
- 8 A Best of Show animal will be selected if the number of entries warrants awarding an overall award.

## Showmanship:

Showmanship will be broke down into age divisions: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year. This is for the contestant to demonstrate their ability handle the animal and present it for the judge's inspection. The member's attire should be neat and clean. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each age group. Pocket Pet showmen DO NOT compete in Small Animal Round Robin.

## DIVISION SFE Cats

**\*Please Note:** The 4-H Cat Project is a new project in Colorado. El Paso County 4-H is currently partnering with Elbert County 4-H to take turns hosting the county-level 4-H cat show. In 2017, the Cat Show will be hosted by Elbert County on **Saturday, July 29**. There will be no cat show scheduled at the El Paso County Fair in 2017. More details to be provided as soon as Elbert County 4-H Cat Show information is available.

**Superintendent:** Vacant

**Date:** Saturday, July 29, at the Elbert County Fairgrounds

### Show Schedule

TBD – Elbert County 4-H Cat Show schedule to be announced

## Requirements

1. Members must be enrolled in the 4-H Cat Project. Cats entered must have been part of the project since May 1<sup>st</sup> or earlier. **The member must own or lease his/her cat individually or in partnership with parent or guardian during the complete duration of the project.**  
**Note:** A cat may be shown by a maximum of two 4-H members in showmanship only. There must be a formal written agreement provided on the show day.
2. All 4-H Cat exhibitors are required to present a tri fold board and a completed record book on county exhibit day (Tabletop Entry Day). These will be judged with tabletop and are eligible for State Fair.
3. Cats may be purebred or household pets. Cats do not need to be registered or pedigreed in order to enter the 4-H Cat Show. **All cats must be on an "H" style harness and leash when outside of the show cage/cat carrier.**



4. It is recommended that all 4-H cats, other than pedigreed breeding animals, be neutered or spayed. **All 4-H cats must have a valid certificate of rabies vaccination.** The certification must be available and presented at check-in. Cats who are not up to date on rabies or do not have proof of rabies vaccination will not be allowed to show. No Exceptions. Distemper (FVRCP) vaccination is also required. Please make sure you have proof at check in.
5. No pregnant cats or nursing cats or kittens under 4 months old will be allowed.
6. Each cat exhibited must be clean and in good health (clear eyes and nose). The Superintendent reserves the right to not allow cats to show that are believed to be a health threat to other animals.
7. All cats must have the claws clipped for the safety of the 4-H'er and Judge.
8. An exhibitor may show no more than two cats in a class except showmanship where they can have only one entry. Each cat can only be entered in one Conformation class. However in showmanship a cat may be shown by up to two 4-H members. Please refer to Rule #1. Showmanship is mandatory.
9. Exhibitors are to provide their animals with litter, litter box, food and water. Two cages 22"x 22"x 46" will be provided. If more are needed please check with the cat superintendent.
10. **All cats must be checked out with the Superintendent before leaving. Cats are expected to be on display from 10-7**
11. Each 4-H exhibitor is responsible for bringing their cat to the show ring. Only 4-H members may show cats at the judging table. All exhibitors are expected to stay in the area with their cats during judging. If a 4-H cat is not on the judging table at the time the class is judged, it will not be judged. **See cat superintendent before your scheduled time if you have a conflict.**
12. Overall Cat showman will be determined by the Showmanship class (200 pts.) and the two highest scores for the exhibitor from the following:
  - Cage Decoration (100 pts)
  - Conformation (100pts)
  - Written Test (100 pts)
13. Cat body part questions for the written test activity and cat knowledge portion of the showmanship presentation will be taken from the following publications. Make sure you have the **2005 version.** Please see your club leader or Superintendent for copies of the books:
  - Junior Ages 8 - 10** - "Purrr-fect Pals!" - Glossary & body parts listed in "Purrr-fect Pals!"
  - Intermediate Ages 11 - 13** - "Climbing Up!" - Glossary & body parts listed in "Purrr-fect Pals!"
  - Senior Ages 14 - 18** - "Cat Connections" - Glossary & body parts listed in "Purrr-fect Pals!"
14. Reference materials may **not** be used by participants during the written test activity or during the Cat Knowledge portion of the Showmanship presentation. An exhibitor may request the written test be read aloud.
15. Ages for classes as of December 31, 2016:
  - Junior (8 -10)
  - Intermediate (11-13)
  - Senior (14-18)
16. **Please read all the General Information and Rules, Exhibitor Rules and 4-H Livestock Division Rules . Animal care and housing form must be on record with the ext office.**

**Premiums will be:**

**Class Champion \$5, Reserve Champion \$3, and Third High Blue (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) \$2**

**The Danish system will be used to determine ribbons.** All participants will receive an award ribbon for each class based on the quality of the performance/exhibit and how well standards are met. Blue, Red, and White Ribbons will be awarded.

Blue: Exhibit meets standards, is of high quality (well done)

Red: Exhibit meets standards and is of good quality/average quality or is of high quality but missing a minor requirement.

White: Exhibit does not meet all standards/requirements; needs improvement.

**Class**

**Showmanship**

- 1. ....Junior Novice (1st year in project)
- 2. ....Junior Open (2nd year and up)
- 3. ....Intermediate Novice (1st year in project)
- 4. ....Intermediate Open (2nd year and up)
- 5. ....Senior Novice (1st year in project)
- 6. ....Senior Open (2nd year and up)

**Kitten**

- 7. ....4 months to 8 months as of show day

**Senior Cat**

- 8. ....Over 8 years old as of show day

**Purebred Cat: (judged by breed standards)**

- 9. ....All

**Household Pet**

- 10. ....Long Hair
- 11. ....Short Hair

**Cage Decorating Contest**

- 12. ....Junior
- 13. ....Intermediate
- 14. ....Senior

**Written Test**

- 15. ....Junior
- 16. ....Intermediate
- 17. ....Senior

**Cat Toy OR Equipment**

**This is an optional contest that is strictly for fun. You can design and make your own cat toy or cat equipment, use your imagination! You are welcome to enter more than one. This is a county level contest only.**

- 18. .... Junior
- 19. .... Intermediate
- 20. .... Senior

**Cloverbud Class, FREE (When the cat show is hosting in El Paso County on alternating years)**

Cloverbud 4-Her's (ages 5 – 7) can participate in their own little "Stuffed Cat Show" at this year's County Fair. Cloverbuds who want to participate should bring their stuffed cat(s) and décor to decorate their cage, and they will have the opportunity to participate in Showmanship and Confirmation. There will be a separate area designated for Cloverbuds, they are not allowed to handle live cats and they will receive participation ribbons only. Please enter on county entry day to participate. All registered Cloverbuds should check-in the morning of the cat show during regular check-in time.