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SMALL ANIMAL PROJECT

# EL PASO COUNTY 4-H/FFA SMALL ANIMAL SHOW PREMIUM

## El Paso County Fair Contest Requirements

### Eligibility for 4-H/FFA El Paso County Fair

- 4-H youth club or FFA members must be in good standing
- Properly enrolled in the CSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program in El Paso County via 4HOnline or local FFA chapters
- Paid membership fees in full
- Have met Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training requirements (market rabbit and market poultry only)

**Invite to FFA Members:** Any FFA member wishing to exhibit under the 4-H Livestock Departments at the El Paso County Fair will follow the 4-H entry and exhibit process. FFA exhibitors/instructors are asked to contact the Colorado State University Extension, El Paso County Office to inquire about participation requirements and the online Fair Entry process.

## General Rules

**Pre-entry** is required for all 4-H General, 4-H Consumer Science, 4-H Cloverbud and 4-H Animal exhibits. All exhibits/animals must pre-entered into the online FairEntry system. FairEntry system opening and entry deadline details will be announced in the El Paso County 4-H Newsletter. 4-H families will use their “4honline.com” username and password to log into the fair entry system. FFA families should contact the CSU Extension, El Paso County Office to be provided a username and password. More detailed information about registering and payment will be posted on the website and in the 4-H newsletter.

For help with computer pre-entry, call the CSU Extension Office at 719.520.7698

**Exhibits must be entered by May 28, 2025.** A late entry period will be from May 29-30, 2025, in which \$25.00 late fee per family will be assessed. **After May 30, 2025, absolutely no entries will be accepted.**

Once registration is complete and submitted by the family for all members participating in county fair, it will be sent to CSU Extension 4-H staff for approval. Once approved,

payment instructions will be sent via email. Payment **SHOULD NOT** be sent until all classes are approved by CSU Extension staff.

Payment must be **received by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday June 4, 2025.**

It is the member's responsibility to check with the Extension office to make sure the **entry and payment** was completed by the deadline.

- **Entry Fees (No Refunds):**
  - **Cavy:** \$5.00 per exhibitor, and \$3.00 per animal
  - **Rabbit:** \$5.00 per exhibitor and \$3 per rabbit, including market entries
  - **Market Rabbits:** \$3.00 for three (3) Meat Pens or three (3) Single Fryers or any combination to total three.
  - **Poultry:** \$5.00 per exhibitor fee and \$3.00 per animal
  - **Market Poultry:** \$3.00 for pen of three/trio
  - **Pocket Pets:** \$5.00 per exhibitor fee and \$3.00 per animal
  - **Camelids:** Exhibitors are required to \$5.00 per class for the following classes at the 4-H/FFA show: Obstacle, Public Relations, Pack, and Costume Contest per exhibitor for the 4-H/FFA show
  - **Cats:** \$5.00 per class
- **Number of Entries:**
  - Please refer to specific species rules

**4-H Cloverbud:** 4-H members age 5-7, are not permitted to show or exhibit any animals.

**Record Books:** The Small Animal record books will be judged at the club and county level. Members must complete their record book(s) after the fair and turn them into their club leader for judging.

**Animal Ownership:** Animals exhibited must be owned, or in the case of camelids, **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 must also complete the **USDA Meat Quality Assurance Agreement** Form. All forms must be on file at the Extension Office.

Any behavior that is in **violation of the 4-H Code of Conduct or the Code of Show Ring Ethics** is to be brought to the attention of the CSU Extension 4-H staff person on duty immediately. Disciplinary action may include disqualification from the event and forfeiture of awards.

**Any behavior** that is considered negative on the part of the exhibitor, family members of the exhibitor, or leaders, directed toward any show official, Fair Board member, fair staff, 4-H staff, 4-H exhibitor or their parents **will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.**



**Showmanship:** All 4-H and FFA members must show their project animal in the showmanship contest. However extenuating circumstances may be addressed to the species superintendent and extension agent as soon as possible.

**Care Provider:** 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 with the prior approval of the superintendent. If, in the opinion of the 4-H Superintendent or 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.

Each exhibitor is required to clean up after their own animals. This means that cages/stalls 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.

**NO** small animals will be permitted onto the fairgrounds before 9:00 a.m. unless they are also loading in large livestock. **All affected superintendents must know at least two weeks prior to load in day.**

**All judges' decisions are final.**

**Premiums:** 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. Any exhibitor dismissed from the fairgrounds will forfeit all premiums.

**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 \$100 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.

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.

**Use of alcoholic beverages or drugs by 4-H or FFA members** will NOT be tolerated on either the fairgrounds or in the 4-H and FFA camping area.

**Appropriate attire** for showing and in sale pictures will be required at the discretion of the superintendents. 4-H dress code must always be adhered to.

**Cage Space/Stalling:** The respective superintendents or their assistants will assign cage space within the barns. The species superintendents will post cage assignments by Fair Setup, in the respective barn areas. Any exhibitor not abiding by the cage assignment may be barred from competition.

**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 **must be contacted before medication** is administered and provided with written documentation by a licensed veterinarian. 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 the 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. **If drugs are administered, the superintendent & official fair veterinarian must be notified.**

**Meat Quality Assurance Training:** All first year 4-H members and continuing members becoming, Intermediates (11 years old by December 31, through age 13) or Senior 4-Hers (14 years old by December 31 through age 18) enrolled in any market or breeding project (rabbit or poultry) must complete Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training 45 days prior to the start of fair in order to be eligible to show at the County or State Fair. Every exhibitor who enrolls in a Market or Breeding Animal Project will sign a statement indicating their understanding and compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act.

**Wholesome Meat Assurance Statement (*Market Poultry and Market Rabbit Only*):**

**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 eggs 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.

**National Code of Show Ring Ethics (modified slightly to apply to all exhibits):**

Exhibitors of animals at shows shall always conduct 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 education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all exhibits in any event at a show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs 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 responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds, and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all animal shows in the United States and Canada.

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

- a. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating to your animal is prohibited.
- b. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or show officials.
- c. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the fairs or shows.
- d. 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 a show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and/or 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 entered in

events, which culminate 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. 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.

- e. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from 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 show premises, all treatment involving the use of drugs, and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. Direct criticism or interference with the Judge, fair or 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 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.
- i. 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 an individual to disciplinary action.
- j. 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.
- k. 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 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 Expos and any special notices to members.

- I. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or 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.

**Fair Board Rules and Regulations:** There is a **camping area** available for use by fair exhibitors and their immediate families. Camping permits should be purchased in advance from the Fair office. Youth exhibitors staying in the camping area must be accompanied by an adult. No dogs are permitted in the camping area without first receiving Fair Board approval. Additional camping regulations, rules and requirements are at the discretion of Fair management. **No vehicle** other than "Official Cars" will be permitted inside the fenced area around the barns and livestock arena after 9:00 AM. Vehicles for the purpose of hauling feed and supplies will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds.

**Fair Rule Notice:** The El Paso County 4-H Livestock Species Superintendent, after consulting with the CSU Extension Office 4-H representative, reserves the right to make any changes in existing rules if such changes will improve the County Fair. All interpretations of the rules by the 4-H Livestock Species Superintendent and CSU Extension Office 4-H representative are final. Superintendents must seek approval of the CSU Extension Office 4-H representative first before announcing any changes.

**Accommodations Section For Livestock Premium:** The El Paso County Fair and Colorado State University 4-H Youth Program through its curriculum, programs, and events, provides a supportive environment for diverse population groups with over-arching respect for individual's personal values and ideas. We take it seriously the responsibility to offer educational programming opportunities equitably to all qualified persons who can be reasonably accommodated.

Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation. Each youth and event must be evaluated individually, assessing whether the youth is qualified for the event and whether he or she would be able to participate in the event with or without accommodation.



# SMALL ANIMAL MASTER SHOWMAN SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

**Superintendent:** Melinda Johnson  
**Assistant Superintendent:** Danielle Dungan

**Date/Time:** Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Check-in at 1:30 PM, Competition begins at 2:30 PM (starting with seniors then intermediates then juniors).

**Fee:** None

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Small Animal Showmen will be determined through a Master Showman 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, poultry, and rabbit**) will compete in the Small Animal Master Showman for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors.
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 their superintendent of their choice following their final show. In addition, they must notify both superintendents of their decision by Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. The species which the multiple champion does not select to represent in Master Showman will then be offered to the third or fourth place overall in that species to compete in Master Showman.
3. Separate contests for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will be held.
4. The animals used for the competition will be selected by the species superintendent and is subject to the approval of the showman superintendent.

# SPECIALTY MASTER SHOWMAN SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

**Date/Time:** Friday July 19, 2024, Check-in at 12:00 PM, Competition begins at 1:00 PM (starting with seniors then intermediates then juniors.)

**Fee:** None

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Specialty Showmen will be determined through a Master Showman 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 specialty divisions (camelid, miniature equine, dairy goat, pygmy goat, and utility/fiber goat) will compete in the Specialty Master Showman for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors.
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 their superintendent of their choice following their final show. In addition, they must notify both superintendents of their decision by Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. The species which the multiple champions does not select to represent in Master Showman will then be offered to the third or fourth place overall in that species to compete in Master Showman.
3. Separate contests for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will be held.
4. Competitors will have 15 minutes to get their animals to the proper location.
5. If an animal is determined to be unable to be shown by judgment of the Species Superintendent, the Superintendent will choose an alternate animal.

# 4-H PREMIER EXHIBITOR CONTEST

All Exhibitors are encouraged to enter. Entries for this division should be made 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 barns for poultry, camelid, rabbit, dog, and cavy.

**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:**

The questions will be used from the resource manuals through the extension office.

## **Interviews:**

Will be held the Friday before the start of County Fair.

## **Awards:**

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

# CAVY SHOW

**Superintendent:** Kylie Farr

**Assistant Superintendent:** Rebecca McMahon

**Fees:** \$5.00 per exhibitor, and \$3.00 per animal

## **General Rules:**

1. All cavy are required to have an ear tag to be shown, unless under the age of 3 months. In the case of multiple similar looking cavy a sticker ear tag may be used for the cavy under 3 months of age. All other cavy the age of 4 months and older **MUST** have an ear tag. If ear tag has been ripped out and ear is ripped significantly, a sticker ear tag may be used instead of retagging.
2. Only ten cavies per breed, per exhibitor may be shown.
3. The youth must own the cavies 60 prior to county fair.
4. Health checks are required on each cavy before caging in.
5. Cavy must be treated for mites one month before the County Fair. Please provide paper documentation with date, time, the name and signature of person who administered treatment if not done by one of the superintendents at the time of County Fair cage in.
6. Cage in will be the first Saturday of fair week and once caged in the cavies are required to stay the duration of fair until the animals are released.
7. Carpet squares are to be always placed in the bottom of the cage. Cavy may not be allowed on the bare wire cage floor at any time to prevent injury. To change your carpet square please place your cavy(s) into a carrier or empty cage with a carpet square.
8. The 4-H exhibitor may provide their own piece of fleece fabric to put over the carpet square but is not required. The piece of fleece must be cleaned every morning from poop and replaced every 3 days with a clean piece of fleece or more often if seen fit.
9. The 4-H exhibitor is responsible for cleaning up all the poop that is on the carpet each morning before 9:00 AM.
10. The 4-H participant must use and provide pellet bedding in the cage. Long haired cavy must be on pellet bedding. If you have a long-haired cavy and one short hair cavy housed together. The pellet bedding needs to be cleaned regularly.
11. The 4-H exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering cavy every morning before 9:00 AM. The 4-H exhibitor is also responsible for providing food and water in bowls or bottles.
12. Cavies may be housed together, however no more than four cavies per cage.
13. The 4-H exhibitor may provide fresh vegetables everyday if they desire. This is not a requirement.
14. A recommendation is to give each cavy a Vitamin E and Vitamin C tablet each day.
15. The 4-H participant must legibly fill out comment cards on cage in morning.
16. Cavy will only be sent home at the discretion of the superintendent
17. Bring your entries **IN CAGES** to the Rabbit Barn and check-in with the superintendent. For their safety, cavies **MUST** be in carrying cages. No boxes or aquariums will be allowed.
18. All cavies will be judged based on breed, sex, and ARBA standard.
19. Best of Show and Best Reserve of Show earn rosettes. Ribbons will be awarded for first through fifth place.
20. Pet Class (Mixed Breeds) – Cavies in this class will **NOT** be allowed to compete for Best in Show, under any circumstance. 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.

21. Showmanship is required and showmanship clothes must be worn during showmanship. Black pants and a white button-up shirt with no pockets is preferred. No jewelry or nail polish is to be worn.
22. On cage out day the 4-H exhibitor must clean out cage, take carpet square outside of the rabbit barn and hose the carpet square to the best of their ability. Cages and carpets must be cleaned, and carpets return to the superintendent. Superintendents must approve cages before being dismissed from the fairgrounds.
23. All exhibitors will be required to work a maintenance shift in the cavy barn during the Fair to help water **all 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 cage-in.

### **Cavy Classes:**

#### **Cavy Showmanship (Required)**

**Class 1:** Cavy Showmanship-Senior

**Class 2:** Cavy Showmanship-Intermediate

**Class 3:** Cavy Showmanship-Junior

#### **Cavy Breed Type Class**

**Class 1:** Cavy Abyssinian

**Class 2:** Cavy Abyssinian Satin

**Class 3:** Cavy American

**Class 4:** Cavy American Satin

**Class 5:** Cavy Coronet

**Class 6:** Cavy Peruvian

**Class 7:** Cavy Peruvian Satin

**Class 8:** Cavy Silkie

**Class 9:** Cavy Silkie Satin

**Class 10:** Cavy Teddy

**Class 11:** Cavy Teddy Satin

**Class 12:** Cavy Texel

**Class 13:** Cavy White Crested

**Class 14:** Cavy Premier Exhibitor

Sign-ups for this class must be done in Fair Entry. Interviews will be conducted at the fair. An announcement will be made about the date and time for interviews. The winner will be announced at the 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.)
- Breeding/Performance Show: 10 Point Maximum
- 3 points for Best in Show

- 2 points for Reserve Best in Show
- 1 point for Best of Breed
- Record Book Score: 10 points max (100% - 10 points, 89% - 8.9 points, etc.)
- Quiz Score: 0- 25 points (or actual score on quiz) This will be held at County Fair.
- Interview: 0-25 points. This will be held at County Fair

### **Cavy Pet Class**

**Class 1:** Boar

**Class 2:** Sow

### **Dress Your Cavy**

Dress your cavy-all ages

### **The Outstanding Achiever Award**

The 4-H member who has attended the most project meetings, clinics, events, and practices in the cavy project will be presented with this award. This award will be given at the fall Achievement Awards ceremony.

### **Eligibility**

- Be a current member, in good standing, of El Paso County 4-H and enrolled in the 4-H Cavy project.
- Fill out this form and submit it by September 1 to the cavy superintendent.
- This form must be signed by your parent or guardian, and youth.

# RABBIT SHOW

**Superintendent:** Kylie Farr & Samantha Taylor

**Fees:** There is a \$5.00 per exhibitor and \$3.00 per rabbit entry, including market entries (meat pens/ pen of three count as one entry). Exhibitors are limited to ten (10) single show rabbits, and up to three market entries.

## Rules & Regulations:

1. While ARBA no longer requires show rabbits to have vaccinations, it is highly recommended that EPCF show rabbits (Classes 1-11) continue to be vaccinated with the Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus Type 2 (RHVD2).
2. A liability waiver form about RHDV2 will be signed during cage-in. It must be signed in person by a legal guardian. This form is to make each member aware of the risks of RHDV2.
3. Market rabbits (Classes 12-13) will follow RHDV2 protocols released by the superintendent, Fair board, and CSU Extension.
4. 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 their 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.
5. **NO** rabbit will be officially disqualified or removed from the table; it will be noted on the comment sheet and will be placed pursuant to judge’s call.
6. All rabbits entered are **REQUIRED** to have an ear identification number **PRIOR** to Fair. All rabbits entered are **REQUIRED** to have this ear tag number noted in Fair Entry.
7. ALL show rabbits must be delivered and in place on the Opening Saturday of Fair between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 (Noon). NO small animals will be permitted onto the fairgrounds before 9:00 a.m. unless they are also loading in large livestock and approved by the extension agent. All affected superintendents must know at least two weeks prior to load in day.
8. 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 transportations arrangements in advance and inform the superintendent of your absence in the rabbit show. Rabbits must be brought to the table in a timely manner for judging and late arrivals may not be judged.

**Procedures:** hold the rabbit, take one step back, and remind parents and other interested parties they are observers **ONLY**.

9. **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 rabbit and the Superintendents will honor the judge's request to remove the rabbit from the table.
10. **NO** does with litters will be allowed.
11. **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.
12. 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 of the opening day of fair. The dam of market rabbits must be owned 115 days or more PRIOR to the El Paso County Fair.
13. All rabbit cages must be cleaned before 9:00 AM.
14. All exhibitors will be required to work a maintenance shift (barn duty) in the rabbit barn during the Fair. They are also responsible to sweep the walkways in the barn, check water and rabbits and answer questions from visitors. Please sign up for time slots by cage-in. Exhibitors are required to complete a maximum of 2 hours in the rabbit barn.
15. Judging will be done by comparison. **NO** interference with the judges will be tolerated. Questions of the judges may be asked 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.
16. The judge has final rule if a rabbit is unworthy of an award.
17. **NO** entered rabbits can leave the rabbit barn before 9:00 a.m. on the closing Sunday of Fair. ALL rabbits must be picked up NO later than Noon on the Closing Sunday of Fair. Superintendents and El Paso County Fair staff are not liable for any items, including feed and equipment left in the small animal barn.
18. At release time, the member will check in with superintendents to have their area checked for cleanliness. Once checked, premiums and ribbons will be given to the 4-H/FFA member. All rabbit members that were not able to attend fair cleanup are required to help with rabbit fair tear down.
19. All members are limited to **ten (10) breeding/companion rabbits and three (3) Meat Pens or three (3) Single Fryers or any combination to total three market entries.**
20. All rabbit members are responsible for watering and feeding his/her own rabbit(s). Please bring your own crocks/feed or water dishes. They must provide feed for their rabbits and will be responsible to make sure their rabbits are fed throughout the fair. It is highly recommended that project members bring bottled/jugged water from home.



21. Exhibitors need to provide wood shavings or pee pads, dust pans and push brooms during fair. Exhibitors may use a storage bin for their supplies that is kept under the tables and are responsible to keep their area clean. Breeding/companion rabbit carrying cages need to be removed from the barn after cage-in. Market rabbit members need to keep their carrying cages under the tables for pictures and sale. Exhibitors must bring their shavings/feed and other supplies with them each morning or keep them at their campers. Rabbit Barn personnel and/or the El Paso County Fair Staff will not be responsible for feed and supplies left in the barn.
  
22. **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 11 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 12 and 13.
  
23. The Rabbit Barn personnel and El Paso County Fair staff are **NOT** responsible for any loss or injury to any entered and/or non-entered rabbit.

#### **Rabbit 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 – **Mixed Breed Class** (Non-Purebred ONLY) – Please note, mixed breed class is **NOT** to be confused with the companion rabbit project/record book.

- 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-** All market rabbit exhibitors enrolled in the breeding project in addition to the market project. Project members are required to produce their own 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 market entries). The members **MUST** own the Doe in each class. Mixed breeds and pure-bred rabbits will both be allowed. The rabbits need to be of the same breed, hybrid strain, or same mixed breed/varieties.

#### **Class 12- Meat Pen Class**

Will Consist of three (3) rabbits. All three rabbits must be the same breeds/variety or the same mixed breeds/varieties (brokens will be all black, all red, etc, in conjunction with white). The age limit is not over 70 days. Weight limit is in accordance to ARBA rules. The weight is not under three and half (3.5) pounds and not over five and half (5.5) pounds.

Class 13 - **Fryer Class** - Will follow the same requirements as Meat Pen but will consist of one (1) single rabbit.

Champion and Reserve Champion in Classes 12-13 will be sold at the Junior Livestock Sale at 1:00 p.m. the Closing Saturday of Fair. ALL market rabbit members must take market photos for rabbits they are selling the Junior Livestock Sale. Please read the Sale Rules for details of the rules and regulations.

#### **Class 14- Showmanship (Required)**

During fair entry, all participants **MUST** enter at least **ONE** rabbit to be used for showmanship. Rabbit showmanship will be in conjunction with Cavy showmanship. Rabbit showman will only be allowed the following minutes based on age group: Senior and Intermediates – 8 minutes, Juniors – 10 minutes. Sign-ups will be first come, first serve basis. If an exhibitor needs a specific time, please communicate the time on cage in day. We work with other specie superintendents to ensure when multiple shows are occurring simultaneously, we will work around showmanship times so exhibitors don't miss their turn for showmanship in any species.

Winners of the showmanship contest will be announced after the contest is complete and scores have been tabulated. Participants should stick around in the event we have tie breakers. Age groups are Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

Showmen are to wear a plain white long-sleeve (no pockets preferred) shirt and dark pants. Participants should be free of hats, jewelry, nail polish or anything that is distracting and takes away from their showmanship. Hair should be pulled back and away from the participants face.

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 in Fair Entry. Champion and Reserve Champion Novice showman will receive a ribbon only and will not qualify for Small Animal Master Showman.

Winners of Showmanship (except for the Novice class) will participate in the Small Animal Master Showman. Please see the Small Animal Master Showmanship contest in the premiums for information on the date/time and rules and regulations.

Awards for Show and Showmanship:

- Ribbons are awarded first through third place based on the award on their comment cards.
- Places on comment cards will be best of breed (first place), best opposites (first place), and best of variety (first place) as well as the normal first, second and third places.
- Premiums will be awarded if more than three rabbits of the same breed are entered.

Trophy/Award:

- Best in Show/Reserve Best in Show
- Belt Buckle: Grand Champion Showman of each age group
- Grand/Reserve Champions in meat pens and fryers

#### Class 15- **Rabbit Premier Exhibitor**

Sign-ups for this class must be done in Fair Entry. Interviews will be conducted at fair. An announcement will be made about the date and time for interviews. The winner will be announced at 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):
  - 3 points for Grand Champion Meat/Fryer
  - 2 points for Reserve Grand Champion Meat/Fryer
- **Breeding/Performance Show:** 10 Point Maximum
  - 3 points for Best in Show
  - 2 points for Reserve Best in Show
  - 1 point for Best of Breed
- **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 points
  - Will be held at County Fair

## Class 16- **Supreme Market Rabbit**

Signups for this class must be done in Fair Entry. There will not be any distinction between ages. The focus of this class is on rewarding excellence in project management and promoting quality assurance of market animal products for consumers. Contestants will be evaluated on three areas:

- a. Class Placings
- b. Attending a clinic/show (MQA, SAAC organized clinic or rabbit show outside of county fair.
- c. Interview

Youth choosing to enter The Supreme Market Rabbit competition must have met the requirements for Meat Quality Assurance training.

The Supreme Market Rabbit Award will be based on the following criteria and scoring system:

- a. Class placings per class (i.e. 0-10 points in meat pen and 0-10 points in fryer)- 1<sup>st</sup> place= 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place= 9 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place= 8 points, etc.
  - Contestants will earn points up to 10<sup>th</sup> place
- b. Clinic Attendance (0 or 10 Points)
  - Must have signed note to get credit for clinic. If attending a rabbit show must have a signed note from the show secretary to get points. Must be submitted by July 1st to the superintendent at [rabit\\_luver\\_5@hotmail.com](mailto:rabit_luver_5@hotmail.com).
- c. Interview (0-25 points)
  - Sign up for interview times will be sent out by the Extension Agent

Class 17- **Mock Judging** (This event is at the discretion of the superintendent(s) and the cases of RHDV2).

Exhibitors will sign up during County Fair. The competition will be held the Friday of fair in the rabbit barn. 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.

Winners will be announced after the competition. Awards will be given for 1-3 places.

Class 18- **Rabbit Hopping** (This event is at the discretion of the superintendent(s) and the cases of RHDV2).

### **General Rules for Rabbit Hopping:**

1. Exhibitors will sign up during County Fair. The competition will be held the Wednesday of fair in the rabbit barn.



2. No more than 3 rabbits per exhibitor.
3. Animal handlers are responsible for ensuring that they and their family members keep their rabbits safe.
4. Animal entered may be any breed of domestic rabbit.
5. Animals must be at least 4 months of age to compete.
6. Careless handling of rabbits will result in a warning. Serious negligent handling will result in disqualification.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Rabbit must be wearing an 'H' style harness, no others are accepted.

### **Competition Rules**

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.

Winners will be announced after the competition. Awards will be given for 1-3 places.

### **4-H Rabbit Achievement Award**

This award is intended to recognize the achievements of those youth that excel in the many aspects of the rabbit project. It also considers those members who show strong leadership skills, community service excellence, club involvement, and which overall embody the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better". The form must be submitted to Samantha Taylor by September 5. Please review the rules below. This award will be presented at the county fair awards ceremony.

### **Eligibility**

- Be a current member, in good standing, of El Paso County 4-H and enrolled in the 4-H rabbit project
- You must own and work with your own rabbits
- Fill out this form and submit it by September 5 to the superintendent at [rabit\\_luver\\_5@hotmail.com](mailto:rabit_luver_5@hotmail.com).

- This form must be signed by your general club leader, your parent or guardian, and youth.

### **Award**

The award will be announced at the Achievement Awards Celebration.

### **Public Sale:**

All rabbits sold during the public sale are highly recommended to have the RHVD2 vaccination. It is recommended that youth selling their rabbits provide information on RHVD2 to their buyers, so the new owner knows what to look for and has been informed about this disease. The El Paso County Fair and CSU Extension Office are not responsible for any rabbits sold that contract, die, or shed any diseases to other rabbits or any other animals. 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, but no rabbit sold entered in the fair 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 (see superintendents for the release paper). Members must provide boxes for new owners to transport rabbits from the Fairgrounds.

# POULTRY SHOW

**Superintendents:** Dawn Wheeler  
**Assistant Superintendent:** Renee Sasse

**Fees:** There is a \$5.00 per exhibitor fee and \$3.00 per animal.

## 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. The barn will be open from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM 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 Duck	OH	Female duck over 1 year in age
Young Drake	YD	Male duck under 1 year in age
Young Duck	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

3. Champion and Reserve Champion; Market Fryer Pen, Market Broiler Pen, Market Duck, Market Goose, 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, the exhibitor will be notified on the coop card by end of day Monday. 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. If you are entered in any poultry market class, please note in fair entry if you are also entered in another market animal project.
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 by May 1 of the current year, or upon hatching (with regard to 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. All leg bands must have preprinted numbers on them.
8. All exhibitors will be required to work a maintenance shift in the poultry barn during the Fair to help water **all 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 multiple 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 daily. **All coops requiring attention will be tagged, the 4-H or 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 market poultry exhibitors are required to keep their cages clean during the Fair and must be done by 10:00AM 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. Feed and bedding may be stored neatly under the cages or behind counters in the barn. Any supplies stored behind the counters cannot block access to the shelves. 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 Sunday between 9:00- 10:00 AM. Exhibitors must be in the barn to meet their buyer allowing them to remove bird(s).
14. 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.**
15. Exhibitors may enter a **maximum of 25 entries**, including chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. You may have only 2 entries per market class (except for classes 1 & 2 as described in Item 17). 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.
16. Market Class 1 & 2 will be capped at three (3) total combined entries (exhibitors may bring no more than 3 market chicken trios). 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). It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to declare their trio as fryer or broiler at coop-in. Once their declaration has been made a coop will be assigned and may not be changed. Birds will be weighed based on the declaration made at coop-in and will be shown as such. Adjustments will not be made to coop tags based on actual weights.
17. **Awards:** 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 (Bird of Show, Reserve Bird of Show, Market Duck, Market Goose, Market Turkey, Market Fryer Pen, Market Broiler Pen, Large Fowl, Bantam, Duck, Goose, Overall Waterfowl, Turkey, Guinea, Game Bird, and Barnyard). Showmanship buckles will NOT be released until the champion showman who earned the buckle turns in an unsealed thank you letter. Thank you notes need to be addressed to the sponsor and be well thought out and appropriate for the age of the exhibitor, or it will not be accepted.
18. **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.

## Poultry Classes

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: Three (3) birds of the same breed or hybrid strain, between 4-1/2 and 6 lbs., live weight. May not be more than 14 weeks old.

**Class 2** – Market Broiler Pen: Three (3) Birds of the same breed or hybrid strain, between 6 and 10 lbs., live weight. May not be more than 14 weeks old.

**Class 3** – Market Turkey: Over 19 lbs., and not to exceed 30lbs., Live weight. May not be more than 24 weeks old.

**Class 4** – Market Water Fowl: Ducks should weigh between 6-13 lbs. and Geese should weigh between 8-15 lbs. May not be more than 20 weeks old. (Except Muscovy, which may not be more than 30 weeks).

**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-** Game Bird (any non-standard poultry species such as quail, pigeon, peafowl, etc.) A champion and reserve will be chosen from all species. This class will not be eligible for bird of show or reserve bird awards.

**Class 13-** Showmanship

- **Required Class.** 4-H and FFA exhibitors 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 in Fair Entry. Special Needs youth **ONLY**, as designated on 4H on-line, 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 Master Showman/Round Robin. The Superintendent will supply the birds for the Round Robin

#### **Class 14- Poultry Premier Exhibitor**

Signups must be completed in Fair Entry. Interviews will be conducted the Friday before the start of Fair. An announcement will be made about the date and time for interviews.

#### **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): 10 Point Maximum
  - 3 points for Champion of market class
  - 2 points for Reserve Champion of market class
- **Breeding/Performance Show:** 10 Point Maximum
  - 3 points for Champion of class
  - 2 points for Reserve Champion of class
- **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 points

#### **Class 15- Supreme Market Fowl**

Signups must be completed in Fair Entry. There will not be any distinction between ages. The focus of this contest is on rewarding excellence in project management and promoting quality assurance of market animal products for consumers. Contestants will be evaluated on three areas:

- a. Attending a clinic/show (MQA, SAAC organized clinic, or poultry show outside of County Fair)
- b. Interviews
- c. Knowledge Test

Youth choosing to enter The Market Fowl competition must have met the requirements for Meat Quality Assurance training.

The Supreme Market Fowl Award will be based on the following criteria and scoring system:

- a. Clinic Attendance (0 or 10 Points)
  - Must have signed note to get credit for clinic. If attending a poultry show must have a signed note from the show secretary to get points. Must be submitted to Dawn Wheeler by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. Interview (0-25 points)
  - Sign up for interview times will be sent out by the Extension Agent
- c. Knowledge Test (0-10 points)

- Score will reflect the points scored on the test i.e., 8 questions correct will earn 8 points. Test will be given at County Fair.

### **Class 16 - Poultry Agility Contest**

Signup sheet will be posted in the poultry barn. Poultry agility will be open to all 4-H and FFA members exhibiting at the county fair. There will be no distinction between age groups. Members may use a bird of any species provided it is entered and housed in the barn during fair week.

- Poultry Agility contest will be held in the poultry barn. Check fair schedule for date/time. Exhibitors must be signed up 30 minutes prior to start time.
- There will only be one entry allowed per participant. Each participant may not use the same bird.
- Obstacles will include at least: weaving poles, a jump, and a tunnel.
- Handler must always maintain control of their bird. A proper poultry harness may be used if needed.
- Handler may use a show stick to guide bird through obstacles. If handler is being overly aggressive with their bird, they will be disqualified, and no score given.
- Handler may not pick up bird to progress it through the course, this will be a disqualification and no score will be given.
- Handler may use food, toys, or other training device to encourage bird to progress through obstacles.
- Depending on the number of birds entered, participants may get two attempts to run the course. This will be announced at the start of the competition and fastest time will be used to score.
- The event will be scored based on fastest time on a completed course. If no bird completes the course, then 1<sup>st</sup> place will be awarded based on furthest point of completion with the fastest time.
- Awards will be given for 1-3 place.

### **Class 17 – Poultry Skillathon**

Signups will be posted in the barn the week of fair. There will be no distinction between age groups. This is an individual event so no talking or teamwork will be allowed. Focus of this contest will be based on the competitor's ability to identify superior quality in poultry and poultry products. Check fair schedule for date and time. Grand Champion Prize will be awarded at the fall awards ceremony.

#### **The following Criteria and points will be used:**

- **Live Bird Placings:**
  - 0-30 points max
  - 5 birds earning one of the class champion designations will be chosen from the barn to use for the judging contest

- The show judge will place the bird's day of show and will be scored in the show book for reference
- Participants will receive 6 points for each bird that matches judges placing
- **Silhouette card identification:**
  - 0-10 points max
  - There will be 5 silhouette pictures of different poultry breeds
  - Participant will receive 1 point for each correctly identified breed and 1 point for each correctly identified sex
  - Each silhouette card is worth 2 points max
- **Poultry Knowledge placing:**
  - 0-15 points max
  - Rotating stations based on topics covered during project meetings.
  - Participants will receive 3 points per correct answer.
- **Disease Identification placing:**
  - 0-15 points max
  - There will be a group of 5 cards with disease signs, symptoms, and treatments, that will be identified.
  - Participants will receive 3 points per disease correctly identified
- **External egg quality placing:**
  - 0-15 points max
  - There will be 5 eggs to be placed 1-5 based on external quality of the egg
  - Participants will receive 3 points for each egg placed correctly
- **Internal egg quality placing:**
  - 0-15 points max
  - There will be 5 eggs cracked into 5 individual containers.
  - Participants will judge the internal quality of each egg and place them 1-5
  - Participants will receive 3 points for each egg placed correctly

Superintendent will place internal egg, external egg, and carcass photos for the purpose of scoring.

Score cards must be turned in 1 hour after start time of the contest to be counted. There will be 6 stations set up in barn for participants. Each participant is responsible for visiting each station to complete each section on their score card to receive full points earned.

### **Poultry Achievement Award**

This award is intended to recognize the achievements of those youth that excel in the many aspects of the poultry project. It also takes into account those members who show strong leadership skills, community service excellence, club involvement, and which overall embody the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better". The form must be submitted to Dawn Wheeler by September 5. Please review rules below. This award will be presented at the county fair awards ceremony.

### **Eligibility**

- Be a current member, in good standing, of El Paso County 4-H and enrolled in the 4-H poultry project

- You must own and work with your own birds
- Fill out this form and submit it by September 5 to the superintendent.
  
- This form must be signed by your general club leader, your parent or guardian, and yourself
- You must complete **at least 3 of the 7 areas** of the Poultry Activity Points section

### **Awards**

The award will be announced at Achievement Awards Celebration



# POCKET PET SHOW

**Superintendent:** Danielle Dungan & Cassandra Rodriguez

**Assistant Superintendent:** Kiana Dungan

**Assistant Fees:** There is a \$5.00 per member exhibitor fee and \$3.00 per animal.

## **General Rules:**

- 1 If members choose to exhibit their animal on pocket pet day, they must bring entries **IN EXHIBITS** appropriate to the species for the animal's safety, all feed and watering cups. Tables 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, avian, reptiles, small mammals, invertebrates, and rescued.
- 7 Each species will be placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, with a grand and reserve being given in each species.
- 8 Best of Show will be awarded for overall.
- 9 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. Pocket Pet showmen **DO NOT** compete in Small Animal Master Showman/Round Robin.
- 10 Safety is our utmost priority. Therefore, no venomous or poisonous pets will be allowed at the show, or other 4-H/FFA events. We recognize that some species that would be considered poisonous in the wild are safe to handle when raised in captivity or when other circumstances exist. Special exception will be made for these animals as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent. (Example: Poison Dart Frogs in captivity are safe to handle due to nutrition and diet changes)

## Pocket Pet Classes:

**Class 1:** Amphibian

**Class 2:** Aquatics

**Class 3:** Avian

**Class 4:** Reptile

**Class 5:** Small Mammals

**Class 6:** Invertebrates

**Class 7:** Rescued (*The rescue class is to include pocket pets that have been rescued that display irreversible malformations or deformities but are in current good health due to care.*)

- Exhibitors will be expected to explain to the judge the background of their rescued pet and the rehabilitation process.

## Pocket Pet Showmanship Classes (Required):

**Class 1:** Pocket Pet Showmanship-Senior

**Class 2:** Pocket Pet Showmanship-Intermediate

**Class 3:** Pocket Pet Showmanship-Junior

**Class 4:** Pocket Pet Showmanship- Novice

- 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**.

**Class 8:** Educational Display

The educational display board is a part of the Pocket Pet Project in 4-H. The aim of this class is to showcase knowledge that was learned or investigated during the current 4-H year in the Pocket Pet Project.

The participants are required to make a tri-fold board that meets the standardized tabletop display board size of 4 ft. x 3 ft. trifold. The display board must be neat, well-organized, and readable from 3-5 feet away. The areas of scoring will be Shows Creativity, Accuracy of Information, Interest, and value of Exhibit, Depth of Knowledge, Neatness, Readable, Well-organized, and Met expectations of contest guidelines.

The participants are required to make the display board in such a way that it stimulates thought, teaches facts, or shows a process related to pocket pets. The educational display board aims to show the 4-H Member's understanding of Pocket Pet of their choosing and to share that knowledge with other 4-H Members and the public.

No added items should be included in front of the display board, and no part of the display should extend beyond the edge of the board. The pictures and objects included in the display board should be securely attached using glue for photographs and paper, and wires, zip ties, or staples for bulkier items. The display boards are due when the Tabletop projects are due and will be displayed in the Whittemore building.

### **The Outstanding Achiever Award**

The 4-H member who has attended the most project meetings, clinics, events, and practices in the pocket pet project will be presented with this award. This award will be given at the fall Achievement Awards ceremony.

### **Eligibility**

- Be a current member, in good standing, of El Paso County 4-H and enrolled in the 4-H Pocket Pet project.
- Fill out this form and submit it by September 1 to the superintendent.
- This form must be signed by your parents or guardian, and yourself.

# CAMELID SHOW

**Superintendent:** Betzy VanTilborg & Melinda Johnson

**Fees:** Exhibitors are required to pay \$5.00 per class for the following classes at the 4-H/FFA shows: Obstacle, Public Relations, Showmanship, Pack and Costume.

## Stalling:

Camelid must arrive at the fairgrounds on Opening Saturday of Fair, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. You **MUST** have your **Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI)** with you at the gate check in. Stall setup must be completed before the animals are allowed to be loaded in on the opening Saturday of the EPC Fair. This includes bringing in tack, food, buckets, mats, etc. Nothing other than animals can be unloaded on load-in day.

## General Rules:

1. As required, any unruly camelid will be removed from the show. The superintendents or judge may rule a camelid as unruly, unable to participate in the show for safety purposes.
2. It is important to make sure that camelids are never left unattended while tied to the panels using a quick-release knot. There should always be someone present to monitor the camelid, whether it is the exhibitor, a parent, or a volunteer. If necessary, exhibitors may be asked to take their camelid back to the stall barn if left unattended.
3. Exhibitors must be 4-H/FFA members enrolled in the El Paso County Camelid project as of May 1 of the current year.
4. Once at the fairgrounds, it's the responsibility of the 4-H/FFA member to take care of their camelid, except in situations where safety concerns arise, in which case the superintendents and/or extension agent will make the final care decision.
5. All camelids will be stalled during the week of fair (providing there is stall space).
6. Exhibitors are expected to clean their stalls every day before 9:00 AM and must ensure that their camelid gets daily exercise in an area approved by the superintendents.
7. All camelid members are responsible for providing fresh feed and water to their animals by 9:00 AM daily.
8. Depending on space availability, each camelid club(s) will have an extra stall for food, bedding and stall cleaning materials.
9. In order to bring animals to the fairgrounds during load-in, a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) is necessary at the gate. Prior to the EPC Fair, the Large Animal Committee will offer a discount CVI day. It's important to note that CVIs older than 14 days will not be accepted. Please provide 1 copy to the gate attendant and 1 copy to the superintendents.
10. Age Divisions (member's age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of current 4-H year)
  - a. Junior 8-10
  - b. Intermediate 11-13
  - c. Senior 14-18
11. All youth must enter their camelids animal IDs in 4HOnline by May 1 of the current year to participate in county fair. The youth must have practiced and worked with the animal on several occasions within the last 60 days. Each camelid can only be ID'ed and shown by two exhibitors in different age divisions maximum.

## Camelid Classes:

Classes 1-8 will be given Champion, Reserve Champion, Third Place, Fourth Place, Fifth Place and Sixth Place ribbons. Highpoint will be awarded, and champions and reserve champions will receive ribbons in each age division. This score is derived by adding the placement points from classes 1-8 together.

Please refer to the El Paso County Camelid Rule Book for a complete listing of specific rules in each class.

### **Class 1: Showmanship (Required)**

A Showmanship class is a demonstration of the handler's ability to show a camelid to its best advantage at halter. Judging is based on the exhibitor's basic skills in fitting, grooming, animal knowledge, following directions, and showing style when presenting the animal to the judge for evaluation. The animal's conformation is not considered. Exhibitors must wear long-sleeved western or white collared shirts tucked in or appropriately tailored, along with dark-colored jeans or slacks, or a dark ankle-length skirt. Jackets, vests, and/or western hats are also permitted but not required. Shoes should be boots or sturdy shoes for the show ring and completely cover the foot. Inappropriate footwear will disqualify the exhibitor, who will be dismissed from the ring immediately. Vest and western hats are allowed. Champions and Reserve Champions in the three age divisions will be given the chance to compete in the Specialty Master Showman Contest. Please contact the Superintendents with your plans in participating in Specialty Master Showman on the day you receive Champion or Reserve Champion in all age divisions.

### **Class 2: Obstacle**

This class demonstrates the camelid's obedience and willingness to complete the activities requested by the handler. Obstacles may include, but are not limited to, a bridge or ramp, jumps, change of pace, and backing.

### **Class 3: Public Relations (PR)**

This class tests camelids' ability to participate in community events. Public Relation obstacles may include stairs or ramps, petting, backing and picking up a foot or showing teeth.

### **Class 4: Pack**

This class simulates the conditions and obstacles encountered when packing on the trail. All packs must have two straps (belly and chest straps are acceptable) and panniers must be filled out. Obstacles may include a bridge or ramp and backing. Alpacas are permitted to use dog or goat packs and must be filled with something light. Parents are asked to gather packing equipment and to help younger exhibitors so that the show can start on time.

**Class 5: Costume**

The Costume Contest in 4-H is not about dressing up your Camelid, but rather how the 4-H Member has trained and desensitized the Camelid to various stimuli. This class is much like the other classes, such as Showmanship, Obstacle, Packing, and Public Relations. Although it may be an entertaining event for spectators, it's important not to lose sight of the purpose behind it. The more your Camelid is trained to accept being touched, wearing the costume, and having coverage on various parts of their body, the higher your score will be. Points are awarded for things like dragging items, hats, glasses, noise-making items, and reflective items, all showing how well the 4-H Member has worked with their Camelid. Additionally, the handler's attire and theme are also considered in the score because the Camelid's acceptance of the oddity of the handler's attire shows the desensitization of the Camelid. The costumes can be purchased or made, but the focus is on the training and desensitization of the Camelid BEFORE the show.

**Class 6: Interactive Display**

The Interactive Display class is an important part of the 4-H program where members learn to plan, prepare, and present information about a specific topic related to Camelids. This class requires participants to create a display using props and materials that will help them demonstrate their chosen topic to the audience. The goal of this class is to help 4-H members develop their public speaking and presentation skills, and to provide them with an opportunity to share their knowledge with others. As part of the presentation guidelines for 4-H, it is expected that participants give a 4-10 minute talk and be prepared to respond to inquiries from both the judge and the audience. The creativity and originality of the display is an important factor in determining the winner of the class, followed by the ability to answer questions. Overall, the Interactive Display class is a great learning experience for 4-H members that prepares them for their futures and helps them develop important life skills.

Scoring will be in the areas of: Shows Creativity, Accuracy of Information, Interest and value of Exhibit, Importance of addition in props selected, Depth of Knowledge, Ability to answer questions on their chosen topic, and Meeting time limit expectations.

**Class 7: Educational Display**

The educational display class is a part of the Camelid Project in 4-H. The aim of this class is to showcase a skill learned or investigated during the current 4-H year in the Camelid Project. The participants are required to make a tri-fold board that meets the standardized tabletop display board size of 4 ft. x 3 ft. trifold. The display board must be neat, well-organized, and readable from 3-5 feet away.

Scoring will be in the areas of: Shows Creativity, Accuracy of Information, Interest, and value of Exhibit, Depth of Knowledge, Neatness, Readable, Well-organized, and Met expectations of contest guidelines.



The participants are required to make the display board in such a way that it stimulates thought, teaches facts, or shows a process related to Camelid livestock in agriculture. The educational display board aims to show the 4-H Member's understanding of the Camelid subject of their choosing and to share that knowledge with other 4-H Members and the public.

No added items should be included in front of the display board, and no part of the display should extend beyond the edge of the board. The pictures and objects included in the display board should be securely attached using glue for photographs and paper, and wires, zip ties, or staples for bulkier items.

### **Class 8: Most Creative Obstacle**

The Creative Obstacle contest is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to showcase their creativity by designing and building a usable obstacle that would be a great addition to the different obstacle courses for the Camelids. The class focuses on assessing the creativity, safety, aesthetics, and positive impact of the obstacle.

To participate, the 4-H member must create their obstacle and present it in the arena where they and their camelid will demonstrate the use of this obstacle. It's important to note that the obstacle must be within obstacle safety rules in the El Paso County Camelid rulebook and cannot contain water or loading in any trailer or vehicle.

The contest is a great way to encourage creativity and innovation among 4-H members while enhancing their knowledge and skills in obstacle course design and construction to use in training the Camelid.

### **Camelid Premier Exhibitor**

Signups for this class must be completed in Fair Entry online. Interviews will be conducted during the EPC Fair. An announcement will be made about the date and time for interviews. This award will be given at the fall Achievement Awards ceremony. Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H and show as a 4-H member to be eligible for this award. Awards will be given for each age division.

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

Show Participation: 40 point maximum (Classes 1-8 will be awarded 5 points per class for participation)

Record Book Score: 10 points max (100% - 10 points, 89% - 8.9 points, etc.)

Quiz Score: 0-25 points (or actual score on quiz). Will be held during the EPC Fair.

Interview: 0-25 points. Will be held during the EPC at County Fair.

## **High Point Awards**

High Point award is the exhibitor with the overall highest score. This score is derived by adding the placement points from classes 1-8 together. Classes will use a 6-1 point scale with 0-6 points max. Champions and reserve champions will receive ribbons in each age division.

Placement Points are as follows:

1st Place = 6 Points

2nd Place = 5 Points

3rd Place = 4 Points

4th Place = 3 Points

5th Place = 2 Points

6th Place = 1 Point

Lower placements = 0 Points

## **Sportsmanship Award**

This award is given to an exhibitor who shows true sportsmanship. The recipient acts with ethics, kindness, fairness, and integrity throughout their project. Their respectful behavior and positive presence promote teamwork and respect among peers, judges, and the community. Nominations can be submitted by another 4-H member, a parent, a club leader, or a 4-H volunteer via an application. The winner will be decided by an independent third-party organization and announced at the Fall Achievement Awards Ceremony. Please submit to the extension specialist via email by September 1.

## **Camelid Mentor Award**

This award recognizes an exceptional exhibitor whose mentorship has empowered others to achieve their project goals. By providing moral support, educational guidance, and social encouragement, they foster an inspiring environment for growth and collaboration. Nominations can be submitted by another 4-H member, a parent, a club leader, or a 4-H volunteer via an application. The winner will be decided by an independent third-party organization and announced at the Fall Achievement Awards Ceremony. Please submit to the extension specialist via email by September 1.

**\*\*SEE THE APPROVED CAMELID RULEBOOK FOR THE SPECIFIC CAMELID SHOW RULES.**

# CAT SHOW

**Superintendent:** Racheal Boynton

**Fees:** Exhibitors are required to pay \$5.00 per class

## General Rules:

1. Members must be enrolled in the 4-H Cat Showing Project. The member must own his/her cat individually or in partnership with parent/guardian during the complete duration of the project.
2. Each entrant is required to complete the State 4-H Cat Identification on 4-H Online by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. The 4-H Cat Show Superintendent and/or judge and/or staff can and will dismiss any entrant or his/her family from the show for any mistreatment of cats entered in this show. If a question should arise as to what constitutes "mistreatment," State 4-H staff and/or officials will meet to decide appropriate action in each case.
4. Any negative behavior on the part of the exhibitor, family members or leaders directed toward any official will result in disqualification and awards forfeited. If there is a question as to the rules or the judging of a class, adult family members or leaders must approach the Superintendent of that division and not the judge. The Superintendents will then take the question to the judge if warranted.
5. Exhibitors should wear clean, simple, neat clothing. Dress shirts (with collars) or blouses are preferable. Exhibitors must wear pants and close-toed shoes for protection.
6. All cats must be brought to the show in a travel carrier, and the carrier must stay near the showing area all times. The carrier should have a towel or blanket in the bottom for traction for the cat.
7. A cat that becomes difficult to handle may be judged in the cage at the judge's discretion, with A LOSS OF 5 POINTS in showmanship.
8. Each cat exhibited will be examined at check-in. Cats must be clean and in good health (clear eyes and nose, etc.) and free from injury or pain. Cats must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, worms, other parasites, and diseases. Any cat not meeting these health requirements will not be judged and will be asked to leave the show immediately. The superintendent reserves the right to not allow cats to show that are believed to be a health threat to other animals.
9. Cats may be purebred or household pets. Cats do not need to be registered or pedigreed to enter the 4-H Cat Show.
10. All cats must be on a halter and leash when outside the cage.
11. 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. Feline FVRCP vaccination is also required. Cats who are not up to date on vaccines will not be allowed to show. No exceptions.
12. No pregnant or nursing cats or kittens under 4 months of age will be allowed to show.
13. Each cat 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.
14. All cats must have their claws clipped for the safety of the 4-H member and the judge.
15. An exhibitor may show a maximum of 2 cats in each class except for showmanship where they can only have one entry. Showmanship is mandatory.

16. Exhibitors are to provide their animals with a clean cage, litter box, litter, food, and water.
17. 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 the superintendent before your scheduled time if you have a conflict.
18. Animal Care and Housing & Show Ring of Ethics form must be on record with the Extension Office.
19. Ages for classes as of December 31:
  - a. Junior (8-10 years old)
  - b. Intermediate (11-13 years old)
  - c. Senior (14-18 years old)
20. Exhibitors will receive ribbons 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> in each class.
21. Premiums: 1<sup>st</sup> Place- \$5.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- \$3.00 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- \$2.00

## Cat Classes:

### SHOWMANSHIP:

Showmanship is mandatory. All 4-H cat show exhibitors are required to show ONE cat in showmanship. Exhibitors must prepare and show their own cats. Exhibitors will be judged on their handling of the cat from its cage to the judge's table. They will also be expected to answer questions as to breed, age, type and date of immunizations, sex, and general knowledge of the cat.

Resources include the following 4-H manuals: Junior – Purr-fect Pals; Intermediate – Purr-fect Pals and Climbing Up; Senior – Purr-fect Pals, Climbing Up, and Leaping Forward.

#### **Junior Showmanship**

**CLASS 1-** Junior Novice (1st year in project)

**CLASS 2-** Junior Open

#### **Intermediate Showmanship**

**CLASS 3-** Intermediate Novice (1st year in project)

**CLASS 4-** Intermediate Open

#### **Senior Showmanship**

**CLASS 5-** Senior Novice (1st year in project)

**CLASS 6-** Senior Open

Showmanship Score Sheets can be found at: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/score-sheets/CatShowmanship.pdf>

### CONFORMATION:

Cats are judged on physical condition, cleanliness, temperament, and presentation, not on specific breed standards (except in the purebred class). Each youth may show up to two cats; however, each cat can only be shown in one class. (For example, a cat shown in the purebred class cannot also be shown in the DSH class).

Classes are as follows, but may be further divided at the superintendent's discretion:

**CLASS 7-** Kitten Conformation (4-8 months of age as of show day)

**CLASS 8-** Purebred Conformation (This class is for purebred cats)

**CLASS 9-** Domestic Short Hair Conformation (This class is for cats of unknown breed who are short haired)

**CLASS 10-** Domestic Long Hair Conformation (This class is for cats of unknown breed who are long haired)

Conformation Score Sheets can be found at: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/score-sheets/CatConformation.pdf>

### **CAGE DECORATING:**

Sign up in FairEntry and there is no class fee for this division. Members are encouraged to decorate their cat's cage. Cages will be judged by the following classes:

**CLASS 11-** Junior Cage Decorating

**CLASS 12-** Intermediate Cage Decorating

**CLASS 13-** Senior Cage Decorating