

Cuyahoga County 4-H Program Animal Science Members' Exhibitor Handbook 2019 Edition

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GENERAL EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES

1. Evaluation and showmanship are open to members of Cuyahoga County 4-H Clubs who are meeting project requirements according to the standards of their advisors. Exhibits are to represent work completed during the current year as part of their 4-H Club work. To ensure that members are aware of rules and procedures to be followed, each Club with members involved in Animal Science projects must have a representative at the April meeting of the Animal Science Committee, as well as either the May or June meeting, and the Barn Cleanup and Exhibitors' Orientation meeting in July. All members and families are requested to help with Barn Cleanup, and are encouraged to stay for the Orientation meeting. Representatives attending the mandatory meetings are responsible to communicate procedures discussed to the members and families in their respective Clubs.
2. In order to ensure proper time to do quality work in completing a project, members may sign up for no more than TEN projects in a program year, with no more than SIX of them being animal projects, including THREE market projects.
3. All exhibitors must comply with Section 904 of the Ohio Revised Code pertaining to animals, including exhibition, marketing, and slaughter.
4. The Cuyahoga County Extension Office and its employees, the Cuyahoga County Fair Board, through its Junior Fair Director, and the Cuyahoga County 4H Animal Science Committee and its members, recognize that Cuyahoga County is primarily an urban county. All of its various political sub-divisions limit or prohibit the raising and/or keeping of many animal species which 4H members in less urban, or in rural counties, raise for competition at local or state levels. Therefore, in order to allow 4H members in Cuyahoga County the opportunity to experience the same learning and competitive activities 4H members in other counties enjoy, there shall be no rule or regulation prohibiting or limiting in any fashion the location at which a Cuyahoga County 4H member may keep, raise, maintain or otherwise engage in the husbandry of an animal or animals for the member's 4H project work.
5. This Rule shall not in any manner alter or change any limitation regarding the number of projects a Cuyahoga County 4H member may take, and is limited solely to addressing the location of a member's animal projects. However, in order for a member to raise a project animal or animals at a premises other than that of the member's registered address, the member must complete an Off-Premises Registration Form which can be provided by a member's club advisor. It is the responsibility of a club advisor to turn in said Form to the Animal Science Committee.
6. Further, it is anticipated that the 4H member and the owner of the premises where the project animal or animals are being kept have fully discussed the 4H member's responsibilities as to the care and costs associated with raising the project animals or animals, keeping in mind that 4H in general and Cuyahoga County 4H specifically expect the member to participate as much as possible in the raising and care of the animal or animals. There is not, though, under this rule, a requirement that the project animal or animals be under the continuous care of the 4H member, inasmuch as the intent of this Rule is to recognize the fact that Cuyahoga County 4H members may have their project animal or animals at a premises some distance from their home, and it would be counter-productive to require "continuous care" by the 4H member. The Committee requires that the member actively participate in the care of the animal or animals a minimum of once a week, and twice a week during the 30 days prior to fair. As long as the premises owner verifies adequate participation by the 4H member in the raising and care of the animal or animals, all conditions stated or suggested in this rule shall be considered met, and, will not be the subject of any formal complaint by any advisor, parent or member.

7. Cuyahoga County 4H permits a 4H member to show an animal or animals not owned by said 4H member, provided the member follows the Off Premises Rule, if applicable, and, follows the provisions set forth below.
 - a. The owner of the project animal or animals and the 4H member must enter into a written Lease or Show Agreement setting forth basic terms of the agreement governing the Leasing or Showing of said animal or animals.
 - b. At a minimum, the agreement is to set forth the length of time the agreement shall be in effect, any monetary provisions as to board, veterinary bills, medications, etc. that may be incurred during the term of the agreement, and any provisions concerning the care of said animal or animals. Said agreement should also make provision for transporting the project animal or animals to and from the Cuyahoga County Fair, where the 4H member is expected to participate in the showing of the project animal or animals.
 - c. In order to facilitate said showing, the owner of the animal or animals must be willing to relinquish to the 4H member all responsibilities during the Fair for the upkeep of the animal or animals being shown. The owner does not relinquish any right of ownership under this section, but, it must be understood that the owner shall not interfere with the member's work with the project animal or animals during Fair, and this section should be included in any agreement worded in such a fashion agreeable to all parties.
 - d. Any agreement prepared pursuant to this Rule must be signed by the owner, the member and the member's guardian.
 - e. The Animal Science Committee recommends that all parties considering the preparation of an Agreement under this Rule refer to the Ohio 4H Horse Program Guidelines For Leasing A 4H Horse Project, since the Committee wishes to avoid any problems a 4H member may encounter in showing an animal or animals not owned by them; and, to protect the rights of the owner. These Guidelines should aid in providing all concerned with a positive experience.
8. 4-H Cloverbud Members (Ages 5, and in Kindergarten, to 8 but not yet in 3rd Grade as of Jan 1) may take part in non-competitive / age appropriate events. Cloverbud members may participate in show & tell with their animals at project evaluation interviews for senior, junior and intermediate members on the appropriate judging day for their animals. A special recognition ceremony for Cloverbud members will be held Saturday the week of Fair during the Showmanship Sweepstakes contest.
9. Animals on exhibit at the fairgrounds that are removed during the week of fair for health reasons shall not return for the remainder of fair. Under no circumstances shall market animals leave and return.
10. Only one animal will be allowed per project evaluation. Only mature animals should be evaluated. Members should comply with the interview requirements for their project book. Each member is responsible for knowing the 4-H Pledge. All members should have their project books filled out and with them at the time of evaluation. If not, the completion ribbon will not be awarded. This includes Self-Determined Project outlines for advanced work by members.
11. One project animal may be used for evaluation and showmanship by two people if they are in different age divisions. If they are in the same age division both may be evaluated but only one may compete in showmanship. Please see dog project evaluation guidelines for dog ownership rules.
12. Because of the changes in the Ohio State Fair Schedule, a pre-Fair evaluation for Veterinary Science and Self-Determined animal projects will be scheduled by appointment only at the Fairgrounds for those interested in being considered for State Fair competition in those project areas. Please contact the County 4-H Educator by July 1st for further information. State Fair entries for Poultry, Livestock, and Rabbit divisions are open to all without pre-qualification; however, registrations must be signed by Educator and postmarked by

June 20th. Deadline for 4-H State Fair Dog Program events is June 20th. Contact the Extension 4-H Educator for details.

13. Expected evaluation and show attire is as follows:
 - a. Long, plain pants (no tears, rips, holes, patches, wording, etc.) – shorts are not permitted.
 - b. 4-H Club t-shirt, tucked in. Shirt must cover mid-section. Long sleeves are mandatory for rabbit showmanship. White long sleeve shirts may be worn underneath or a long sleeve white lab coat worn on top of the Club shirt.
 - c. Closed toe shoes, preferably hard shoes. Sandals, clogs, high-heeled shoes or similar footwear are not permitted.
 - d. Members showing goats have the option of following these guidelines, or of wearing the standard Open Class show attire, which is all white.
 - e. Members showing horses in Sweepstakes have the option of following these guidelines, or wearing Western, English, or Hunt riding attire.
 - f. Hair should be neatly groomed and off of the face.
 - g. No gum chewing, food, or drink during evaluation interview or showmanship.
 - h. Members should remove hats.
 - i. Any helpers, when permitted in the ring, should be dressed appropriately and neatly.
 - j. In case of extreme heat, specific waivers related to the dress code may be made by the Show Committee for that particular day's event and must be posted in the aisle and near the check-in table.
Judges will be asked to deduct points for failure to follow these guidelines, and drop member one place ranking in showmanship.
14. All 4H families with members participating in Animal Science projects with animals eligible to show at fair will be required to pay a \$25 fee to the Animal Science Committee to cover yearly operating expenses. This fee may be waived for all members at the Committee's discretion, which will be decided at the April Animal Science meeting.

ANIMAL CARE GUIDELINES

1. Project Animals exhibited must be under the exhibitors' care by the following dates:
 - a. May 1 for Pot-Bellied Pigs, Rabbits, Poultry, Cavies, Goats, Horses, Sheep, and Swine
 - b. January 1 for Cattle
 - c. May 26 for Market Lamb
 - d. Market Broilers 7 weeks before Fair opening date and within 5 days of hatchSpecial accommodations may be made in the case of the death of an animal that has been checked by a club health advisor -- the Educator must be consulted.
2. All small animals should enter the Fairgrounds through Gate 5 off of Bagley Road. Large animals should enter through Gate 4 (Cattle Gate).
3. All project animals are to be given health inspections by the Animal Health Advisor appointed for each Club prior to being brought to the Fairgrounds. This person will check health certificates, proof of ownership, and condition of each animal before members can exhibit any animal. Copies of health and ownership and Drug Use Notification Forms for Market and Dairy Project Animals must be turned in to the Extension 4-H Educator or designated Fair Official for the duration of the Fair. Members and parents are encouraged to cooperate fully with the person checking health certificates. Not cooperating may be grounds for the project being dismissed from the Fairgrounds. Members bringing dogs to the Fairgrounds for evaluation or demonstration events must comply with health requirements contained in the Dog Projects section. All

project animals must comply with State of Ohio Livestock Inspection and Health Requirements for County Fairs.

4. Livestock are to be in place by 8:00 p.m. Sunday the week of Fair. Only with permission of club advisor and 4-H Extension Educator may animals be brought in later.
5. Each project animal must be identified with the tattoo, ear tag, leg band, or other identification system considered standard for its species by the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture or USDA. This number must be recorded on the Ownership papers. Market Chickens will be banded at time of weigh-in. Market hogs will be tagged at time of weigh-in.
6. Animals must be clean and presentable for display at the time of check-in and ready to be put in cages/pens or they will not be admitted to stay at the Fair. Each exhibitor will be assigned one pen or stall for their project animal exhibit prior to fair. All project animals will be placed before any extra pens will be considered available. After 8:00 p.m. on check-in day, additional pens or stalls will be available on a first-come, first-served basis if space permits.
7. NO ANIMAL MAY BE REMOVED BEFORE END OF FAIR EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF CLUB ADVISOR, FAIR VETERINARIAN AND 4-H EXTENSION EDUCATOR. Members removing animals before end of Fair, except for verified health reasons, will forfeit premiums. Livestock will be released after the time set by the Agricultural Society at their meeting on the final day of the Fair. All livestock must be removed by 11:00 p.m. No animal may be removed before close of barn.
8. Members are responsible for the care of their animals during the Fair. Exhibitors not taking proper care of animals will forfeit premium. Pens, stalls, aisles, feed and supplies are to be kept neat, clean, and orderly. If a member appears to be neglecting the care of one or more of his or her animal pens, a "warning notice" will be posted directing the member to correct the situation as soon as possible. To ensure fairness in enforcing this guideline, at least one of the advisors signing the notice should be from that member's own Club. Member and member's parent will be required to sign this notice to ensure it has been received and member knows what needs to be corrected. If a second notice is issued to the same member during the Fair, he or she will be asked to remove his/her animals from exhibit at the Fair and will forfeit the exhibition premium.
9. Exhibitors assume full responsibility for meeting evaluation, feeding, and barn duty times.
 - a. Members whose animals are not on exhibit will be expected to do barn clean-up duty over the course of Fair Week.
 - b. Members with animals on exhibit are required to help with Barn Duty at least twice during Fair Week.
 - c. Barn cleanup will be from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. daily.
 - d. Members doing Barn Duty during Fair Week must sign up on the poster provided and have their sheet initialed by an Advisor to receive credit.
 - e. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure his/her animals are fed, watered, and cages/pens are cleaned by 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day (when multiple feedings are required).
10. All pens and stalls must be kept locked. A copy of the key must be kept in the 4-H Office in the Cow Palace identified with member name and pen or cage number.
11. Pocket pets, cats, birds, rabbits, cavy, and poultry must be brought to the judging areas in carrying cages.
12. Questions concerning interpretation or eligibility according to these guidelines will be directed to the 4-H staff person or designated Animal Science Committee person. If the question or issue cannot be resolved,

the 4-H staff member will contact all parties concerned and an Appeals Committee of 3 advisors chosen by the Animal Science Committee prior to the Fair. A meeting will be scheduled for the first opportunity convenient to all major parties involved to arrive at a solution. Notice will be posted outside the 4-H Barn giving time and location; advisors should initial after reading it.

13. These guidelines can be formally amended by majority vote by the Committee at any appropriate meeting (except during Fair week). The 4-H staff will have the responsibility of notifying all advisors of the meeting and of mailing any revisions to all advisors. ***All volunteers must adhere to requirements of the Ohio 4-H Standards of Behavior for Volunteers during Fair week.*** 4-H members and their families are required to observe the following Code of Practices:
 - a. To provide food, water and care necessary to protect the health and welfare of my animals.
 - b. To provide a safe and healthy environment for my animals, that is clean, well ventilated and provides ample space.
 - c. To provide a well-planned disease-prevention program to protect the health of my animals. This includes a strong veterinarian/client relationship.
 - d. To use humane and sanitary methods when it becomes necessary to dispose of my animals.
 - e. To make timely inspections of all animals to evaluate their health and insure that all basic requirements are being met.
 - f. To insure proper handling techniques are used to eliminate any undue stress or injury when manual manipulation is necessary.
 - g. To provide transportation for my animals that avoids undue stress or injury caused by overcrowding, excessive time in transit or improper handling when loading or unloading.
 - h. The willful mistreatment of my animals or the mistreatment of any animal will not be tolerated. If I witness cases of mistreatment, I will notify the proper authorities.
 - i. To make management decisions based on scientific fact and to consider the welfare of my animals.

EDUCATIONAL VALUES AND STANDARDS OF PRACTICE IN LIVESTOCK EXHIBITIONS

The practices prohibited by this document (related to protection of animal health and welfare) include but are not limited to:

1. the use of anabolic agents, tranquilizers, and other drugs in exhibited livestock;
2. the use of ice water enemas and ice packing of exhibited lambs;
3. the use of electric shock to "harden" lambs;
4. "pumping" or "tubing" cattle;
5. syringe feeding of lambs;
6. "bracing" lambs;
7. excessive trimming of the side and wall of the hoof on equines.

Violation of these guidelines shall be considered grounds for barring the member from further competition for the rest of the Fair in all Animal Science classes. It may also be grounds for further action. Members and parents are urged to consult the full text of these regulations with either club advisors or the 4-H Office.

Rules Violations:

1. No exhibitor, parent, or advisor may interrupt a judge while evaluation or showmanship is in progress, or disrupt an evaluation or showmanship class while in progress. Only the Fair Assistant, with the 4-H Extension Educator, may approach the judge while the event is in progress. Violation of the above will be grounds for immediate disqualification of exhibitor and/or expulsion from the show arena.

2. Blatant violation of rules may be grounds for expulsion from exhibition for one or more years. Decisions in this matter will be made by the Appeals Committee.

Protests and Appeals:

1. PROTESTS AND APPEALS CAN ONLY BE MADE RELATED TO AN APPLICATION OR INTERPRETATION OF A RULE IN THIS EXHIBITORS' HANDBOOK. NO APPEALS RELATED TO PLACING OR SCORING IN ANY EVENT WILL BE CONSIDERED.
2. Should a rule interpretation or eligibility of any contestant be challenged, a verbal protest must be made with the 4-H Extension Educator immediately following the completion of that judging event.
3. For any verbal protest to be formally considered, a written description of the complaint must be filed and signed by the person making the protest no later than noon following the day of the incident. Written protest must be signed by complainant. A fee of \$25.00 cash must accompany any protest when filed, payable to the Animal Science Committee.
4. Review and decision regarding the appeal will be made within 24 hours of the filing by a Committee consisting of the 4-H Extension Educator and one representative from each Animal Science Club. At least four Animal Science clubs shall be present for decision to be valid.
5. All decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE AISLE COW PALACE RULES

1. The purpose of the 4-H Animal Science Aisle in the Cow Palace is to provide secure, healthy exhibit space for the project animals of 4-H members; to provide adequate space for conducting evaluation and competitive learning events for 4-H members at the Fair; and to provide space for 4-H members to engage in educational activities for the benefit of the general Fair-going public during Fair hours.
2. In order to provide for these activities, the Cattle Director of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society has allocated specific space to the 4-H program. The Cattle Director is the supervisor of record for all activities within the building. Space allocations and event scheduling must be cleared with the Director before the Fair.
3. Hours of operation for 4-H activities in the Cattle Barn are 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., the closing time for all major public areas at the Fairgrounds.
4. All 4-H members, parents, and alumni will be required to leave the Barn and grounds at 11:00 p.m. unless registered to stay in the designated Fairgrounds Camping area.
5. Any unauthorized persons will be removed from the Barn by the Security Department after the 11:00 p.m. closing.
6. As a courtesy to the 4-H exhibitors providing animal security, 4-H requests that the Cattle Barn Director and Security Department help enforce the guidelines in the Cattle & Draft Pony Exhibit area.
7. No alcoholic beverages are allowed inside the barn at any time.
8. 4-H Program Advisors, parents, and members will be asked to report any violations of the above to the Security Department for appropriate action.

ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP

1. All 4-H members will participate in their appropriate age division regardless of last year's placement.
2. First, second, third, fourth, and fifth place ribbons will be awarded for Showmanship for each class. A strip ribbon for participation will be awarded to all other entrants.
3. To be eligible to enter in the Showmanship class, a member must receive a completion in the project evaluation. Barn duties and animal science showcase participation requirements must be met to qualify for Sweepstakes.
4. No advisor, parent, or member will approach or interfere with any judge, nor challenge the decision of the judge, while placing is in progress or before all classes and all participants have been judged. Violation of this rule by exhibitor, parent of exhibitor, or advisor of exhibitor will result in exhibitor's immediate disqualification. Any appeal of results shall be made according to the procedures outlined under "Protests and Appeals."
5. Showmanship will follow the project evaluation in each area as listed on the 4-H Fair Schedule. There will be showmanship classes for the following animals during the week of the fair, including but not limited to:

Rabbit	Chicken	Turkey	Duck	Horse
Sheep	Goat	Hog	Cavy	Steer
6. Showmanship classes and the Showmanship Sweepstakes will be divided into:

Junior Division	8 and in third grade up to 10 years old (as of January 1 of current year)
Intermediate Division	11-13 years of age (as of January 1 of current year)
Senior Division	14 to 18 years old (as of January 1 of current year)

ANIMAL SCIENCE SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

SHOW: Saturday the week of Fair at 12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Cow Palace Show Ring

1. To be eligible to compete in Sweepstakes, a member must receive a completion in the project evaluation. Barn duties and animal science meet & greet participation requirements must be met to qualify for Sweepstakes.
2. The top three showmen will be picked in each division with the first place showmen competing in the Showmanship Sweepstakes. If the second place contestant has been moved up, the next highest placing contestant or other qualified member will be asked to assist in handling.
 - a. Exceptions: a person won first in more than one showmanship class; the first place winner does not wish to complete. In each case, the person who received second place shall compete.
 - b. If a participant wins first place in more than one showmanship class, he/she may select the animal they wish to show. The second place winners in each of the other animal species are then eligible to show in the Sweepstakes.
3. All large animals in Showmanship Sweepstakes must be housed at the Fair during the Fair.
4. Showmanship Sweepstakes may consist of the following animals, including but not limited to:

Rabbit	Chicken	Turkey	Duck	Horse
Sheep	Goat	Hog	Cavy	Steer

5. There will be one animal of each kind from those species listed above which are exhibited in the current year, except in case of a tie among exhibitors in showmanship for that animal. Contestants will move clockwise around a predetermined circle of numbered stations. There will be a two-minute time limit at the initial station with a one-minute time limit for each station thereafter. A 30 second period of rotation between stations will be permitted. A break will be observed between each class (Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Alumni).
6. Contestants will use a number while in the ring, which will be recorded on the upper right hand corner of their score sheet. Clipboards will be used.
7. The basis for judging the Showmanship Sweepstakes is as follows:
 - a. Contestants will be judged on the animal they brought to the contest -- Maximum of 10 points each for:
 - i. Grooming of Animal
 - a) Cleanliness of hide, features, hooves, and feet.
 - b) Trimming of animal (hair and hooves or claws) according to approved standards.
 - ii. Appropriateness of contestant's dress.
 - a) Conforms to general rules for attire and standards for showing that species
 - b) Neatness and cleanliness of appearance
 - iii. Health of Animal
 - a) Free from signs of disease or parasites
 - b) Appropriate weight, general alertness
 - iv. Up to ten points for Showing - Exhibitor's Ability and Know-How
 - a) Use of recognizable showing procedure for the animal shown.
 - b) Contestant's attentiveness to judge.
 - b. Contestant will be judged ONLY on showing the animals of other contestants - Maximum of 10 points per animal based on the exhibitor's Showmanship ability and know-how for:
 - i. Use of recognizable showing procedure for the animal shown.
 - ii. Contestant's attentiveness to judge.
 - c. Tie-Breakers - When member scores are tied for the total of A and B sections above:
 - i. First tiebreaker is to compare the individual scores of the members on their own animals.
 - ii. Second tiebreaker is to compare member scores on the animal of the opponent who tied.
 - iii. One of the remaining animals will be picked by random draw and the scores of the tied members on that animal will be compared. This tiebreaker can be repeated until a difference is found that indicates the winner.
8. All animals used in Showmanship Sweepstakes must be under control. Should the division winner's animal not be suitable for overall competition, another animal will be substituted.
9. Members will be selected for Showmanship Sweepstakes by 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening (sooner if possible) after Large Animal Showmanship. A list will be posted by the 4-H Office in the Cow Palace. Advisors and Members are responsible for checking the list. An optional clinic for Showmanship Sweepstakes will be set up Saturday and a notice posted with the list of participants.

4-H ANIMAL MEET & GREET

1. 4-H Animal Meet & Greet will be held daily during Fair Week. Times will be on 4-H Activity Calendar for the Fair. On Saturday and Sunday of Fair week, only the 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. sessions will be held, Any cancellations or changes are at the discretion of the Fair Assistants or the 4-H Extension Educator.
2. A premium (\$4.00 for each Club participating in a specific session) will be paid to the Animal Science Committee for use in educational programming on behalf of all 4-H members carrying animal science projects. The Committee has the option of delegating the amount representing each Club's share (based on number of shifts worked) to go directly to the Club to support its local activities. The Clubs should vote to either accept the Premium, or donate it back to the Animal Science Committee.
3. A sign-up sheet will be available daily at the Barn office and members must register with the Fair Assistant for the day's session. Advisors are needed to sign members in and out of daily sessions since Fair Assistants may be busy finding animals for members who do not own one. The 4-H member is required to participate in the session for the full time block scheduled. They may change animals if an animal becomes stressed. Members are required to take part in a minimum of FOUR half hour shifts of Animal Meet & Greet sessions during the course of the Fair. Cloverbud members are excused.
4. No 4-H member may be disqualified from participating. Caged birds may not be brought in to the area. Any member may borrow, with permission, another member's animal for use in the Meet & Greet or in a more formal demonstration. Those members wishing to do a more formal demonstration with those animals must sign up on the Showcase & Demonstration Schedule in the Junior Fair.
5. All small animals may be brought in for the day and used for the Animal Meet & Greet.
6. The 4-H Animal Meet & Greet area must be cleaned before and after each session. Members are responsible for cleaning up after their own animal as soon as an accident occurs. Paper towels will be available. Hand sanitizer will be available for use by the public AFTER they have handled any animals ONLY. Members may remind those handling animals that excessive sanitizer on the animal's fur is harmful as they lick themselves. No members should bring food into the Showcase area, and members and Advisors should discourage the public from eating while handling animals.
7. During all Meet & Greet sessions, members are encouraged to interact with the public by telling them interesting facts about their animal. Information such as the animal's name, species and breed, age, and what the animal eats are facts that are welcomed by a person who may know nothing about them.
8. No members will be permitted to use the Meet & Greet area outside of scheduled sessions.
9. Interface with market project animals during meet & greet sessions is not encouraged.

RABBITS

EVALUATION AND SHOWMANSHIP: Thursday, the week of Fair at 9am

PLACE: Cow Palace

1. Rabbits exhibited as project animals must either be housed at the Fair for the entire week or brought in the day of evaluation. Cages will be assigned prior to fair.
2. Exhibitors must provide non-tippable crocks for feed and water or water bottles.
3. Only one animal will be allowed per project evaluation, with the exception of breeding projects. However, the 4-H member may exhibit a pen of two or three animals, where appropriate, for market projects.

CLASSES: 225 - Breeding Rabbits

226 - Market Rabbits

227 – Pet Rabbits

POULTRY

EVALUATION AND SHOWMANSHIP: Wednesday, the week of Fair at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Cow Palace

1. All birds to be exhibited must either be housed in the 4-H Animal Science aisle for the entire Fair week or brought in the day of evaluation. Pens and cages will be assigned prior to fair.
2. All birds must be leased or owned by the exhibitor and be part of the 4-H member's individual project.
3. All poultry must be free from evidence of contagious or infectious disease, and must originate from a pullorum free flock; otherwise, exhibitor must give evidence of a negative finding in a pullorum test on any bird to be exhibited.
4. Only one animal will be allowed per project evaluation. However, the 4-H member may exhibit a pen of two or three animals. If birds are to be caged together, it is recommended that the birds be caged together several days before Fair.
5. Member has option of clipping bird's wings if required.

CLASSES: 151 – Raising Pullets

152 – Raising Broilers

153 – Raising Fancy Poultry

166 – Raising Turkeys

168 – Duck and Goose

365.22 Pigeons

SMALL ANIMALS AND EXOTIC ANIMALS

EVALUATION AND SHOWMANSHIP: Prior to Fair, Dates/Times TBA

PLACE: TBA

1. Ferrets, skunks, reptiles and exotic pets should be brought in on the day of judging **only**. Ferrets and skunks must comply with the same health and vaccination requirements as dogs and cats, and members need to provide proof of vaccinations. Pocket Pets in secure cages can remain all week. Under the discretion of the Extension Office animals may be judged outside of fair week, such as cats.

2. Any small animals for which the conditions of week-long exhibit at the Fair (such as weather conditions or sudden illness of the animal) create health risks will be required to be removed. Approval of the Fair Veterinarian, 4-H Professional, or Junior Fair Director must be secured.
3. An "exotic pet" is any animal not covered by a 4-H project book dealing with livestock, small animals, or pets. Members should follow the procedures for the 4-H Self-Determined Project (#365), including 365.13, Reptiles and Amphibians, or subsequent "Idea Starters" for their project work and evaluation.
4. Members requesting exception to Rule #1 must make the request to the 4-H Extension Educator. Decision will be made based on the following considerations:
 - a. whether the animal has generally been confined to a cage or pen while under the member's care
 - b. potential effect of exhibition for the duration of the Fair on the health and welfare of the animal (Educator may consult with Fair veterinarian on this matter)
 - c. observance on any stated health or exhibit requirements for the animal contained in the Fair rules, Ohio Department of Agriculture regulations, Ohio Department of Natural Resources rules, or County Health Department guidelines
 - d. permission of the Agricultural Society Director in charge of the proposed space where the animal would be exhibited to ensure that suitable space is available and ready
 - e. temperament of the animal and compatibility with presence of general public and with other animals on exhibit
 - f. care and feeding arrangements required during Fair week
5. Members should be prepared to discuss health care, handling, breeding, etc., with judge. Animals will be observed for general health and appearance.
6. Only one animal will be allowed per project evaluation. However, the 4-H member choosing to exhibit the entire Fair week for the following projects may exhibit an additional two animals if space allows.

CLASSES:	215 - Guinea Pig	218 - Cat III- Leaping Forward
	216 - Cat I- Perfect Pals	220 – Pocket Pets
	217 - Cat II- Climbing Up	625 GPM – Fishy Science

POT-BELLIED PIGS

1. All pot-bellied pigs are to be housed at the Fair for the entire week.
2. Non-tippable feed and water utensils must be provided by the owner.
3. All pot-bellied pigs will be shown on a harness. No canes will be permitted.
4. A veterinary certificate showing negative results to pseudo rabies testing done within 45 days before the opening of the Fair must be produced at Fair check-in.
5. Pot-bellied pigs are subject to all commercial health regulations.
6. No pot-bellied pigs under 3 months of age may be used for project evaluation or showmanship.
7. All pot-bellied pigs must be permanently identified with a tattoo.

8. No boars may be used for project evaluation or showmanship, and no boar over 8 weeks of age can be exhibited. Barrows will be allowed.
9. All entries in each age division (Junior/Senior/Intermediate) will be considered as one class and will be shown at the same time.

LARGE ANIMALS

EVALUATION AND SHOWMANSHIP: Friday, the week of fair at 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Cow Palace

1. All animals exhibited must be housed in the 4-H Animal Science aisle for the entire Fair week. Stalls will be assigned prior to fair.
2. Any animal not sufficiently broke to be handled by its 4-H member should not be brought to the Fair and will not be permitted to remain on the grounds.
3. All goats and cattle must be neatly dehorned or disbudded.
4. To ensure uniformity and safety for animals and all exhibitors, all goats will be shown on a collar rather than a choker chain. Pygmy goats may be shown with a leash and collar.
5. No intact male goats older than weaning age can be exhibited. Wethers are allowed in the goat classes.
6. Only one animal will be allowed per project evaluation. However, the 4-H member may exhibit additional animals in the same pen as housed in their home environment.
7. All sheep and goats (females *not* excepted) exhibited at the Cuyahoga County Fair must be identified with a USDA ear tag or ear tattoo registered with a breed association. Scrapie Eradication Procedures: All intact sheep and goats exhibited at the Cuyahoga County Fair must be identified with a USDA ear tag or breed association tattoo. More information on this regulation can be obtained from the Extension Office (216-429-8221) or the USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (614-469-5602).
8. Members exhibiting in the Pygmy Goat class will be allowed to kneel when showing in accordance with breed showmanship guidelines.
9. In both Goat classes, members will be evaluated for overall appearance and health of their animal; condition of hair and hooves; evenness of clipping; general cleanliness of animal; appearance and appropriate dress of exhibitor; and ability to properly lead animal by collar, pose and show animal, show animal to best advantage, and maintain poise, alertness, and courteous attitude in ring.

CLASSES:	117M – Market Beef	132 – Llama and Alpaca	135PY – Pygmy Goats
	117B – Beef Breeder	135D – Dairy Goats	139 – Market Hog
	117BF – Beef Feeder Calf	135F – Fiber Goats	140 – Swine Breeding
	117DF – Dairy Beef Feeder	135H – Harness Goats	198 – Market Lamb
	122 – Dairy Heifer	135M – Meat Goats	199 – Sheep Breeding
	126 – Dairy Cow	135PA – Pack Goats	

JUNIOR FAIR MARKET AUCTION AND CLASSES

Weigh-In:	Monday the week of Fair at 10:00 a.m. Cow Palace
Market Show:	Monday, the week of Fair at 7:00 p.m., Cow Palace Show Ring
Registration of buyers:	Saturday the week of Fair at 6:00 p.m., Cow Palace Show Ring
Auction:	Saturday the week of Fair at 7:00 p.m., Cow Palace Show Ring

****The 4-H Animal Science Committee reserves the right to make changes in the market program and sale as dictated by the participation and other intervening factors.**

1. All 4-H members selling livestock in the Animal Science Sale must participate in 4-H project evaluation for the species to be sold. Animals which do not make recommended weight range requirements for their species may not be allowed to be shown in the Market Show or sold at Auction, but may be used for project evaluation and showmanship on regular project evaluation days for that animal.
2. After registering their market project, all members will receive a copy of, and agree to observe the Ohio Department of Agriculture Quality Assurance policies, including completion of Drug Use Notification Form, and complete all educational requirements of the county 4-H program.
3. Placement ribbons, first through fifth place, will be given in each market class.
4. In each sale category, animals will sell in order of placement as determined by the judge.
5. ***A 3% commission will be charged for the sale of the animals to pay expenses of the auction.***
6. Checks will be mailed to sellers within 45 days of the sale.
7. Exhibitors will be allowed to compete in three (3) animal classes. Each exhibitor is expected to have two (2) bidders for each class entered.
8. Market Project animals meeting auction requirements are required to be sold. All market animals are under the direction of the Market Auction Committee.
9. All market animals must be off medicated feed and/or medication for prescribed withdrawal times prior to the opening day of fair or conform to the Department of Agriculture Guidelines. Exhibitors of large animals will be required to submit the signed form required by the State Veterinarian. All market exhibitors are required to complete the Drug Use Notification Form on day of weigh-in at least three hours prior to sale.
10. Exhibitors in the poultry market classes will be required to provide the committee at weigh-in with an approved crate for transportation to the processing plant. Crate will be returned to seller. Failure to provide a crate will result in the seller forfeiting 50% of the sale price.
11. The Auction Committee reserves the right to make final decisions in any conflict or dispute.
12. Show ring etiquette will be enforced during the show. Failure to comply will result in the exhibitor being barred from all future market shows.
13. Market Show attire is required during Auction. Large animal exhibitors are required to wear hard soled shoes/boots. Refer to Exhibitor Guidelines.

14. Project Books are to be turned in to the Market Committee at time of weigh-in. Weight and tag number of the animal will be marked on front cover of Project Book. Members must turn in project book to Judge, who will check for completeness, initial, and date book. Books will then be returned to members.
15. Champion and Reserve Champions in Market Steer, Market Lamb and Market Hog classes must be terminated as soon as possible after sale to comply with Ohio Department of Agriculture Guidelines per ORC and OAC.
16. Any additional project animals raised by members according to the requirements of that project, but not selected for the Market Show, may also be offered for sale at the Auction. They must meet weight range requirements for their species, and will be sold after the regular Auction animals have been sold, under the category *Other Animals Offered for Sale*.

MARKET POULTRY CLASS

1. All 4-H poultry projects will be exhibited according to inspection and health requirements of livestock exhibited in Ohio and as stated in the Cuyahoga County Fair Premium Book. All birds must be free of disease and parasites. Member must submit to club animal health officer proof of Pullorum testing or origin from a Pullorum-free flock and must turn in proof to Extension 4-H Educator to be held at 4-H office for duration of Fair.
2. Meat pens will be composed of three broilers. All birds in pen must be of same sex, but a pen of either sex may be offered for sale.
3. Member must identify his or her pen of three immediately prior to weigh-in. The chosen birds will be marked with a leg band. At weigh-in, birds will be banded with bands supplied by Committee, and weights and band numbers for each bird will be recorded.
4. Birds must be hatched on or after a date 7 weeks prior to current year's County Fair date (13 weeks for "heritage" breeds). There should be a weight of 18 to 21 lbs. per pen. (Ideal weight is 7 lbs./bird.)
5. Entries in meat classes must be a commercial or "heritage" type chicken. These birds may be debeaked, detoed or subject to any generally accepted practice in commercial poultry meat production.
6. Bill of Sale must be filed with the Extension Office before June 30. If chicks are hatched at home, member must file a "birth certificate" with the Extension Office with advisor's signature before June 30. Birth certificates are available from the Extension Office.

MARKET TURKEY CLASS

1. All 4-H Turkey projects will be exhibited according to inspection and health requirements of livestock exhibited in Ohio and as stated in the Cuyahoga County Fair Premium List. All birds must be free of disease and parasites and on a worm prevention program.
2. Pens will be composed of two (2) birds, any combination of sexes.
3. A member may weigh in three (3) birds, but must identify the pen of two (2) one-half hour before the market show begins. The chosen birds will be marked or tagged.
4. All turkeys must be hatched on or after March 1.

5. A minimum weight of 20 pounds per bird is required for hens or toms.
6. Bill of Sale must be filed with the Extension Office before May 1. If poults are hatched at home, member must file a "birth certificate" with the Extension Office with Advisor's Signature before May 1.

MARKET DUCK CLASS

1. All 4-H Market Duck projects will be exhibited according to inspection and health requirements of livestock exhibited in Ohio and as stated in the Cuyahoga County Fair Premium List. All birds must be free of disease and parasites and on a worm prevention program. Only standard domesticated breeds may be offered for sale.
2. Pens will be composed of three (3) birds, any combination of sexes.
3. A member must weigh in and identify the pen of three (3) no later than three hours before the market show begins. The chosen birds will be banded.
4. All ducks must be hatched on or before June 15th. Weight range is 6 to 7 lbs per bird. Bill of Sale or "birth certificate" (if hatched at home) must be on file with Extension Office with Advisor's signature by June 30th.

MARKET GOOSE CLASS

1. All 4-H Market Goose projects will be exhibited according to inspection and health requirements of livestock exhibited in Ohio and as stated in the Cuyahoga County Fair Premium List. All birds must be free of disease and parasites and on a worm prevention program. Only standard domesticated breeds may be offered for sale.
2. Pens will be composed of two (2) birds, any combination of sexes.
3. A member must weigh in and identify a pen of two birds at the designated time, and no later than three hours before the market show begins. The chosen birds will be banded.
4. All geese must be hatched on or before May 15th. Ideal weight is 12 lbs. per bird. Bill of Sale or "birth certificate" (if hatched at home) must be on file with Extension Office with Advisor's signature by June 30th.

MARKET QUAIL CLASS

1. Quail are to be sold in a pen of six, any combination of sexes. Birds to be sold must be selected and marked at time of weigh-in.
2. All birds must be properly banded by time of weigh-in. Birds should have wings clipped, although they do not need to be pinioned at time of hatching.
3. Quail must be born on or after April 15th, must originate from a pullorum free flock (or have evidence of a pullorum free test result within 90 days before Fair, or be tested at time of arrival). They must be free of signs of other infectious or contagious diseases.
4. Bill of sale should be filed with Club Advisor and Extension Office by May 1st.

5. Members are required to supply cage to buyer.

MARKET RABBIT CLASS

1. All 4-H rabbit projects will be exhibited according to inspection and health requirements of Livestock Exhibited in Ohio and as stated in Cuyahoga County Fair Premium List.
2. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in left ear.
3. **Fryer** meat pens are composed of **three** rabbits. **Fryers** should be not over 10 weeks of age -- weight range 3.5 to 5.5 lb. Member must own and possess the doe by May 1. Member must file a Birth Certificate with the Extension Office with Advisor's signature before June 1. Birth certificates are available from the Extension Office.
4. **Roaster** meat pens are composed of **two** rabbits. **Roasters** should be 10 weeks to six months old – weight range 5.5 to 9 lb. Members must own and possess the rabbits by May 1 and must file ownership papers with the Extension Office by June 1.
5. A member must identify the pen of rabbits at the time of weigh-in. The chosen rabbits will be marked and tattoos recorded.
6. Entries in meat classes must be a standard meat breed - New Zealand, Californian, Satins, etc.

MARKET HOG CLASS

1. No person shall exhibit any swine at the Cuyahoga County Fair without: a) an official, negative test for Pseudo rabies within 45 days of the closing date of the Fair, or b) origination immediately and directly from a Pseudo rabies qualified herd.
2. Both barrows and gilts will be permitted to show in market hog classes.
3. Market hogs must be farrowed after February 1.
4. All market hogs are to be tagged at weigh in and to be on feed by May 10. Ownership papers must be on file with the Extension Office no later than May 1.
5. All market hogs should be trained to drink from an automatic nipple. Water lines will be in pens. Exhibitors will provide their own nipple.
6. Members may weigh in two hogs, but may only show and market one. The sale animal must be chosen and paint-branded or ear tag number recorded three hours before the show begins.
7. Hogs weighing 220 pounds through 300 pounds will show and be allowed to sell in the Auction. Others may be used for project evaluation and showmanship on Friday, but are not eligible to be sold.
8. All market hogs must comply with rule 901-19-33 of the ODA Livestock Tampering Rules. The rule states "...the following grooming practices are prohibited...slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs except on the ears and tails." Slick clipping is defined as having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs. All exhibitors must remain in compliance with this rule throughout the duration of the exhibition.

MARKET LAMB CLASS

1. All 4-H sheep projects are to be exhibited according to inspection and health requirements of livestock exhibited in Ohio and as stated in the Cuyahoga County Fair Premium List. All sheep and goats exhibited at the Cuyahoga County Fair must be identified with an official USDA scrapies eradication program ear tag or in case of goats, a registered breed association tattoo.
2. The class is open to ewes and wethered rams. All rams must be castrated within 60 days of their birth. Lambs showing any evidence of testicular tissue are not eligible for competition or for sale. Lambs which show recent castration operation which has not healed are not eligible for competition or for sale.
3. Market lambs must be born on or after January 1.
4. All market lambs are to be tagged and on feed by May 1. Ownership papers must be on file with the Extension Office no later than May 26 indicating USDA tag i.d. #.
5. Members may weigh in two lambs, but may only show and market one. The sale animal must be chosen and paint-branded or ear tag number recorded one-half hour before the show begins.
6. Market lambs weighing less than 95 pounds or more than 150 pounds will not be allowed to participate in the Market Livestock Show or to sell at the Market Auction, but may be used for project evaluation and showmanship during the Large Animal evaluations on Friday.
7. Lambs with a blue meat tag cannot be exhibited.

MARKET GOAT CLASS

1. All 4-H Market Goats must be wethers born on or after January 1. All goats must be free of testicular tissue, or they will not be eligible for sale. Animals which show evidence of recent castration operation which has not healed are not eligible for competition or sale. All sheep and goats exhibited at the Cuyahoga County Fair must be identified with an official USDA scrapies eradication program ear tag or in case of goats, a registered breed association tattoo.
2. All Market Goats are to be tagged and on feed by May 1st. Ownership papers must be filed with the Extension Office no later than May 1st.
3. Members may weigh in two goats, but may show and market one for the regular sale. The sale animal must be chosen and paint-branded or ear tag number recorded one half hour before the show begins.
4. Market Goats must be at least 50 pounds and less than 100 pounds to qualify for sale.
5. Meat Goats intended for specialty markets such as Easter, Passover, or Cabrito goats are not included in this sale due to timing of demand and smaller sizes preferred, although members should be aware of the existence of these potential markets as well.

MARKET STEER CLASS

1. All 4-H steer projects are to be exhibited according to inspection and health requirements of livestock exhibited in Ohio and as stated in the Cuyahoga County Fair Premium List.

2. Market Steers must be born on or after February 1 of previous year, but must be purchased by December 1st. All market steers are to be tagged by January 1st of the current year. Exceptions are dairy feeder and beef classes, which is to be in possession of member by April 1. Ownership papers must be on file with the Extension Office no later than May 1.
3. All animals must be weighed on a certified scale and a weight slip presented to the committee in order for the animal to be sold at the Junior Fair Auction.
4. All steers are to be halter broken and dehorned.
5. Minimum weight of 1000 pounds is required. Animals less than 1000 pounds may show but will not be allowed to sell in the Junior Fair Auction. An exception will be made for smaller framed breeds of cattle, such as Dexters, which should have a minimum weight of at least 450 lbs.
6. Separate classes for Beef and Dairy Steers, and Beef and Dairy Feeder Calves will be made.
7. All dairy feeders and beef feeders must weigh a minimum of 300 pounds and a maximum of 750 pounds. An exception will be made for smaller framed breeds of cattle, such as Dexters, which should have a minimum weight of at least 150 lbs. Decision on overweight cattle will be made on an individual basis by the Auction Committee. Feeder calves must be castrated and dehorned, and must be on solid feed only by Fair time. They will be fitted and shown as beef. Steer calves only, no heifers.
8. Sale of Dairy Feeders and Beef Feeders is designated as a "non-terminal sale" class under provisions allowed by Section 901.19.05 and 06 of the Administrative Code Rules of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

NON-MARKET ANIMALS OFFERED FOR SALE

1. Rules for sale of Market Project Animals have long been established. In most cases, these animal sales are terminal and result in the animal being processed as a source of meat. Consult the “Market Projects” section of this Handbook for rules which apply in these situations.
2. In other cases, members taking Breeding Projects may have cause for selling animals raised in connection with completing their project. In other cases, members may have completed their project work with a certain animal, or may have need to sell the animal for other reasons.
3. Any animal offered for sale at the Fairgrounds must be registered with the Extension 4-H Educator on the appropriate “*Animal Bill of Sale Form*,” to be obtained from the 4-H Office or the Club Head Advisor. Sellers are to furnish prospective buyers with an “Animal Care Info Sheet” at the time the sale is completed. Information on the sheet must be reviewed by the Extension Educator, 4-H, or an Animal Science Committee designee. If animals being offered are the offspring of a 4-H Project animal, the members should be enrolled in the appropriate *Breeding* project if one exists. Animals must be housed at the Fair in assigned cages for the entire Fair.
4. Only 4-H members exhibiting animals at the Fair and fulfilling project completion and evaluation requirements may offer an animal for sale, and may sell only their own animals.
5. Guidelines for sale of animals will be consistent with policies used in other barns by other departments of the Cuyahoga County Fair.
6. Only the official 4-H “This Animal For Sale” sign available from the 4-H Office can be displayed on the pen or cage.
7. Families may accept payment for an animal during Fair week and issue a receipt, using the form provided by the 4-H Office. But no animal sold is to be removed from the grounds until the end of Fair, and the animal will not be released unless someone from the member’s family is present. 4-H will check with Fair policies regarding re-admission of those who purchase animals and will review these at Barn Orientation in July and post these in the 4-H Office during the Fair.
8. No sale is to be made before the buyer and seller complete the required information on the *Bill of Sale* form and turn it into the 4-H Office or the person designated by the Extension 4-H Educator.
9. Failure of a member to follow these rules may result in forfeiture of Fair premiums and, in case of major violation, prohibition from exhibition at the next year’s Fair.