**Guideline for Decorating**
All decorations are to be put up or presented in a manner that is safe and reasonably permanent. All cage tables are to be covered with some type of skirting, either paper or cloth. The skirting needs to go to at least 1/2 way between the bottom of the cage and the floor. There can be no obstructions in the walkway by water bottles or decorations. All decorations that are put up over the cages must be securely fastened. **Any decoration that is deemed to be unsafe or in poor taste can be removed at the discretion of the superintendent.**

**Judging Contest**
Each small animal division shall have a judging contest. Rules are as follows:
1. Club member must be enrolled in a project relating to the contest.
2. Each judging class shall consist of four animals, birds, articles or items.
3. No pre-entry is required for judging contest.
4. 4-H’ers will all complete in the same contest, regardless of age.
5. Oral and written reasons may be part of each contest.

**Watering Crock**
The Small Animal Committee purchased 200 watering crocks that will attach to the sides of the cages. These crocks are available for the clubs to use upon receipt of a small deposit to ensure their return. The deposit will be determined by the number of water crocks being requested. Once the waterers are returned and accounted for, the deposit will be returned. If there are any waterers missing or broken a deduction will be made from the deposit to cover the cost of the water crock.

**Check Out Time**
The Small Animal Barn must be cleared of all club decorations, personal and club belongings, water containers emptied and turned in, and all animals removed from the cages prior to the club being released. Final check out time will be 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 18th. Any animal remaining in the Small Animal Barn after 10 a.m. Sunday, July 18th, will be in the custody of the Barn Superintendent.

There will be no removal of any decorations, awards, animals, water or feed containers until after the auction is over and approval is given by the Small Animal Barn Superintendent.

**Herdsmanship**
**Contest Rules**
The Herdsmanship Contest is to help 4-H members learn skills in making a presentable exhibit for the public as well as learn skill in courtesy, cooperation, neatness and proper care of animals. Daily judging between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**Explanation**
1. Only 4-H’ers should be doing chores. In special cases 4-H’er may get permission from the Barn Superintendent for parental or adult help.
2. It is recommended that barn chores should be completed by 8:45 a.m. daily. Areas should be cleaned and ready for exhibit.
3. Each club will be judged on herdsmanship and awarded a blue, red or white card for their daily score.
4. Special Awards will be awarded in the Small Animal Barn to the club with the highest total score at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 17th.