

Important Small Animal Information for the 2019 County Fair

Please share this information with your 4-H families!

4-H Small Animal Fair Social: 4-H Small Animal members, leaders and parents, meeting Tuesday, July 16, 6:00 pm, at the Extension annex. Hands-on workshops and Q&A sessions will follow the meeting at 6:30. A number of fair related items will be discussed, check-in and weigh-in of animals reviewed, questions answered, and fair information related to small animals shared.

Deadline for Fair Entry: 4-H fair entries will be accepted through Thursday, June 20 at the Extension office. Also must submit a completed "Oregon Livestock Exhibitor Agreement". This is a firm deadline.

Project Animal Requirements:

- ✓ Project animals must be owned, cared for, and in the member's possession, by June 1, 2019.
- ✓ The 4-H member must enter showmanship and conformation contests, as well as serve herdsmanship duty, in order to receive premiums.
- ✓ Project animals will be shown, carried to the table, and groomed **only by a 4-H member** – No adults, for any reason.
- ✓ Each member may exhibit a maximum of 4 animals in Rabbit and up to 6 animals in Cavy, Pigeon and Poultry projects. A fryer pen entry is considered as a single entry. If barn space is limited, members will only be able to leave on pen of market rabbits.
- ✓ **Cavies** will have an ear tag in their left ear and must be done prior to fair entry.
- ✓ **Birds** must have leg bands prior to fair entry.
- ✓ **Rabbits** - All rabbits must have permanent tattoo in the left ear and must be done prior to fair entry.
- ✓ Members are allowed to exhibit their 4-H rabbit in both 4-H and open classes. 4-H poultry and pigeons may not enter open class.
- ✓ At the Clackamas County Fair, no animals entered in the 4-H show may be cross-entered in the FFA show.
- ✓ ALL Small Animal entries must be on the grounds and in the barns by 8:00 pm Monday, August 12. Carrying cages and supplies must be removed after animals are in their cages.
- ✓ **ALL** animals will receive a mandatory health check, administered by the superintendent, assistant superintendent, or CCF representative, BEFORE the animal will be allowed into the barns and pens. Unhealthy animals will be sent home.

Market Animals

Market animal weights in the county fair auction rules will be strictly adhered to – no exceptions. Official weights are those taken on the scale at the fairgrounds during fair weigh-in. Weigh-in on Monday, August 12, 6:00-8:00 pm during check-in at the small animal barn.

- ✓ **Market Rabbits** - Must submit an information card May 30, 2019 to the Clackamas County Jr. Auction Committee
 - Pen consists of 3 rabbits, weighing 4.0-6.5 lbs each and not over 12 weeks old.
- ✓ **Market Chickens** – Submit the entry card by May 30 to the auction committee to receive eligible chicks.
 - Individuals must weigh a minimum of 5.0 pounds each and be less than 8 weeks old.
 - Market chickens must be fed and watered by members throughout the Fair
- ✓ **Market Turkeys** – Must be entered online and then wing banded at the fairgrounds, May 18, 9-11 am.
 - No more than 20 weeks of age by fair. Hens must weigh at least 14 pounds and Toms must weigh at least 18 pounds
- ✓ If members miss the registration or weigh-in, their animals will not be eligible for the auction
- ✓ Market animals should be taken off of medicated feeds

Fitting and Care of 4-H Animal Project Animals During Fair: During County Fair, the entire time you are on the show grounds, we will enforce our "no adults, 4-H youth only" policy. Only 4-H members are permitted to care for, groom, and show their animals. It is important to note that ALL animals that have been entered by the 4-H member in a 4-H class are included in this policy. Cross-over animals that show in both 4-H and Open class, are still ONLY to be managed BY THE 4-H MEMBER throughout the entirety of the fair week. If a member needs assistance, they may get help from another 4-H youth. The helper does not have to be from the same club. If there is an immediate safety concern, it is appropriate for adults to step in until the danger passes. Parents or leaders who think their member needs non-emergency adult assistance are encouraged to contact their superintendent or the Extension office to discuss other options. Abuse of rules will be dealt with in the following manner:

- 1st offense: Warning. Warnings may be made by any 4-H staff member, reported to and recorded by the Extension Agent
- 2nd offense: Violator will be asked to leave the area/pen for at least one day. Violator is the person doing the work for the member.
- 3rd offense: Mandatory dismissal for the 4-H member from further showing and forfeiture of awards for the current fair. Market animals will not go through auction.

4-H Small Animal Exhibitors' Orientation Meeting - **ALL** 4-H Small Animal exhibitors must attend this a brief orientation meeting on Tuesday, August 13, at 8:00 am to review general show procedures, safety precautions, and rules.

Showmanship: Carpet squares are required in Showmanship classes for rabbits and cavies.

Confirmation: Members are not required to show registration papers for animals exhibited in 4-H breed classes.

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- ✓ **Rabbits:** The Standard of Perfection of the ARBA and ACBA will be used as a guide. Crossbreed rabbits/cavy will be judged on condition, cleanliness and fur only.
- ✓ **Poultry:** The APA Standards of Perfection will be used as guide to weights and other breed qualities. Crossbred birds will be judged only on the condition and cleanliness.

Herdsmanship: Each individual will serve at least one or two, two hour shifts to perform their duties in each barn they are showing.

- ✓ Duties include watering, sweeping the aisles, litter clean up and public demonstrations.
- ✓ Sign up for shifts at the July Social or during Monday check-in
- ✓ Premiums will be held until after the member has completed Herdsmanship duty.

Reminder That Barns Close at 11:00 pm: Please remind your members that no one - including adults - is allowed in the barns after 11:00 pm without written permission from the overall livestock superintendent, Greg Burke. Members need to plan the care and feeding of their animals with this time in mind.

4-H State Fair Selection: Please refer to the fair book for the selection guidelines for State Fair.

- ✓ Only current 4-H project animals may be exhibited at State Fair.
- ✓ Market animals that go through the auction, even if bought back, are not eligible.
- ✓ Members qualified to enter 4-H exhibits in State Fair may pick up a copy of the **State Fair entry form** during fair at the 4-H fair office or from their Superintendent.
- ✓ State Fair entry forms and fees **must be turned in at the MANDATORY State Fair meeting on Friday, August 16, 2:00 pm.**
- ✓ Anyone who does not attend the mandatory meeting is not eligible to participate at State Fair, unless he or she has received prior permission from the 4-H Extension Agent.

Release of Small Animals: Animals will be released to the member, leader or authorized adult only. Purchasers of animals must present a sales receipt to remove animals. 4-H rabbits, cavies, poultry, and pigeons will be released Sunday, August 19, 2018 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Any exceptions must have authorization from the Small Animal Superintendent.

Oregon "Pullorum Typhoid Free Status": ALL birds exhibited at any Fair in the state must EITHER be from a N.P.I.P flock OR be tested negative. This applies to ALL CLASSES OF POULTRY. A technician will be on hand to test all birds requiring testing, that have not been previously tested, AFTER THE JUDGING HAS TAKEN PLACE to eliminate any inconvenience to the owner or stress on the bird. No charge will be made for this service.

Biosecurity and Disease Outbreaks: Taking animals to fair not only poses a risk of infection to them, but your animal could infect other animals or humans. While animal disease outbreaks might seem uncontrollable, you can greatly minimize the risk of infection by taking basic precautions.

- ✓ Keeping your animals healthy, immunizations, limiting visitors, and quarantine periods for new animals and those returning from shows are extremely important.
- ✓ Diseases that are mild in one species can be deadly for another, so keep livestock separated and practice good biosecurity when moving between barn areas.
- ✓ Humans can also pass diseases to animals or get diseases from them. Visitors coming from out of the area, especially from another country that has recently arrived (less than two weeks) should have **no contact with livestock and should not visit the barns at fair.** If they have been here longer, then they must make sure their clothes, shoes, and any items they are carrying have been disinfected before they visit animals.
- ✓ Remind friends and the public to wash their hands when leaving the barns!
- ✓ Keep all birds separate from wild waterfowl and their feces to reduce the risk of spreading HPAI (the avian flu).

Smoking and Alcohol Policy for 4-H events at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds: During the entire week of fair, whenever you are at the fairgrounds or together with your club, you are part of a 4-H event and all 4-H policies are in effect. Adults need to remember that they are role models to youth.

- ✓ **The Clackamas County Fairgrounds is smoke-free (since February 2011)-** this includes ALL smoke and vapor types
- ✓ **Leaders:** When you signed the Leader enrollment form, you agreed to "not consume alcohol while responsible for youth activities nor allow 4-H youth participants under your supervision to consume alcohol or illegal substances." If you drink or allow others in your club to drink, you violate this agreement.
- ✓ **Parents and Chaperones:** Set a good example by not smoking on the Fairgrounds or drinking in front of youth. By law, you are also liable if a minor consumes your alcohol, even without your permission.
- ✓ **Youth:** The code of conduct outlines the consequences youth will face if they use tobacco or consume alcohol.

The 4-H Small Animal Advisory and I hope that this information is helpful in preparing your 4-H members for participation in the Clackamas County Fair. If you have any additional questions, feel free to call a superintendent or myself. *Wendy Hein (503-650-3122)*