

DEPARTMENT – SMALL ANIMALS

SECTION - 4-H/FFA RABBITS

(Must be enrollment in the Rabbits Project)

SPECIAL RULES

1. Read General Rules. Violations of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. Meat Pen Rabbits read Rules Applying to Livestock Auction.
3. Entries for Rabbit will be completed in the Fair Entry system by June 30.
4. Each rabbit is to be legibly and permanently tattooed in the left ear for identification. NO tattooing allowed on the fairgrounds. Rabbits MUST be tattooed *before* entering the fairgrounds. Tattoos will be verified when rabbits are checked in by the superintendent or designated helper. Decisions of superintendent will be final.
5. Rabbits will be judged according to ARBA rules and the Standards of Perfection. Crossbred rabbits are not eligible for breed and/or fur classes. The ARBA Standard is available at the Extension Office to assist members in determining breed and variety. Rabbits not properly sexed and incorrectly entered will be judged in the class it is entered in and may be disqualified by the judge. (Hint - For immature rabbits, enter in both sex classes.)
6. All rabbits must be owned and cared for by May 1 or be out of personal stock.
7. Exhibitors may have 2 entries per class (i.e. 2 white senior Satin does and 2 black senior Satin does).
8. Exhibitors must carry their rabbits to and from the judging table or be responsible to find another Leavenworth County 4-Her to do so.
9. All entries in the fur classes must be made from the rabbits that are entered in the regular breed classes. Limited to 2 entries per fur class (i.e., 2 white Rex, 2 normal colored, 2 white Satin).
10. Only rabbits entered in the fair are allowed on the fairgrounds. No extra animals for sale will be allowed. Any rabbits offered for sale after judging must remain on display throughout the fair and must be picked up by 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning.
11. Rabbits must have adequate bedding material (wire cage bottoms with shavings or straw). Cages must be cleaned daily. Each exhibitor is responsible for feeding and watering their own rabbits. Water must be available to rabbits at all times. NO glass/breakable water and food containers allowed. All containers must be securely attached to cages.
12. All rabbits must remain in the rabbit barn until the designated release time. At this time, each exhibitor is expected to break down their cages and completely clean the area surrounding them. Failure to do so could bar premiums. Reminder: There is fair cleanup the day before and the day after the fair. Each 4-H family is required to attend at least one.
13. Pre-junior classes are open only to the breeds stated in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. Pre-junior minimum weights must be met or rabbits must be removed from fairgrounds. These rabbits are not eligible for championship classes. Pre-juniors entered in these classes cannot be a meat pen rabbit and cannot be entered in the fur classes.
14. The fair board and superintendent have the right to limit the number of entries per exhibitor.
15. Supplies, equipment and feed must be stored in designated areas. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their pens clean and neat.
16. All rabbits used in showmanship must be shown in a breed class and owned by exhibitor.
 - a. The showmanship contest starts at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday.
 - b. Showmanship/consultation is with the 4-Her and the judge. Spectators are welcome in the viewing area.
 - c. Judge's decision is final. The outcome of the contest is based on the opinion of the judge. When contest is complete, with the permission of the judge, the 4-Her may ask questions. You may not question the ribbon

- placement.
- d. 4-Her will wear a show jacket or long sleeve white shirt and present a neat appearance.
 - e. Judging order will be posted prior to the contest. It is the 4-Her's responsibility to be available if they are called back. If a 4-Her has prior commitments, they must notify the superintendent.
17. All rabbit exhibitors must have completed a "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals" (YQCA) class to exhibit in the LVCO Fair.
 18. Only the top three meat pens of rabbits will be sold at the auction. They must receive a blue ribbon to qualify. Meat pens must meet ARBA Standard for commercial type rabbits. See Rules Applying to Livestock Auction.
 19. A Destination Sheet (½ page colored sheet) for each meat pen entry will be provided to the exhibitor during the fair. Every Destination Sheet must be completed (i.e. marked no show, 4-H auction, going home, extra, etc.) and returned to the superintendent or Extension Office no later than 1:00 pm on Thursday of fair week. If the animal's destination changes after this time, it is the responsibility of the member to make any changes on the animal's sheet. Exception: No changes will be allowed for 4-H auction following the Thursday 1:00 pm deadline.
 20. Educational Exhibits may be in the form of a poster or display. Follow copyright laws as explained in the General Rules as you are preparing your exhibit. Take care to select materials that will withstand Fair conditions. No card table displays. Poster may not be larger than 22" x 28". Displays may not be larger than a 2' x 3' tri-fold display board. Exhibits will be judge on educational value, interest to the viewer, originality and appearance. Examples of exhibits may include: care of rabbit, breeds, grooming, careers, etc. Not eligible for State Fair.
 21. Rabbits must be checked in Monday evening between 5 pm – 9pm.

Refer to the ARBA Standards of Perfection for qualifying breeds.

CLASSES - 3400: Senior Buck

3401: Senior Doe

3402: Intermediate Buck

6-8 months

3403: Intermediate Doe

6-8 months

3404: Junior Buck

3- 6 months

3405: Junior Doe

3- 6 months

3406: Pre-Junior Buck

3 months & under

3407: Pre-Junior Doe

3 months & under

3420: Meat Pen

All breeds: Three (3) rabbits all one recognized commercial type breed and variety, Minimum weight 3 ½ pounds each. Maximum weight 5 ½ pounds, and not over 70 days of age. Will be judged on meat qualities, condition, uniformity and fur. Rabbits do not have to be the same sex.

3450: Normal White Fur

3451: White Satin Fur

3452: White Rex Fur

3453: White Wool Fur
3454: Normal Colored Fur
3455: Colored Satin Fur
3456: Colored Rex Fur
3457: Colored Wool Fur
Educational Exhibit (Not a State Fair Class)

RABBIT SKILL-A-THON CONTEST

1. Open to any member enrolled in the 4-H/FFA Rabbit project.
2. Contest runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Thursday. It will be on a first come, first serve basis. It is the member's responsibility to be finished by noon.
3. Contest will consist of a written test, rabbit identification and skill-a-thon stations testing rabbit knowledge.
4. Sign up for this contest when checking in your entries.