2015 4-H SMALL ANIMAL ORIENTATION NIGHT

Hosted by the
4-H Small Animal Committee
A.K.A. ~ SAC
Committee Members

- President ~ Rose Curtis
- Vice President ~ Carol Almand
- Treasurer ~ Ed Partee
- Secretary ~ Cathy Castillo
- Delegate ~ Marie Curtis

- 4-H Program Manager ~ Sharon Barton
- Humboldt County Extension Educator ~ Brad Schultz
Purpose of Orientation Night

- The 4-H Small Animal Orientation Night has been established to provide assistance and information to 4-H youth and their parents about the SAC process and program.

- This is an opportunity for all 4-H youth and their families to ask questions, receive help with forms or have any concerns they may have addressed.
Please refer to the pink set of rules that were handed out at the beginning of this presentation.

Rules overview: The 4-H Small Animal Rules cover;

- Interpretation/Enforcement
- Grievance Process
- Liability
- Conduct/Supervision of Exhibitors
- Dress Code
- General Rules
- Showmanship
- Breeding Animal Classes
- Market Animal Classes
- Animal Classes for: Cavy, Poultry, Rabbit
- Herdsmanship Contest
- Round Robin Contest Requirements

Questions or Comments
The 4-H year runs from October 1 to September 30 of each year.

Clubs meet either year round or seasonally.

Spring/Summer dates and deadlines:

- Small Animal Declarations are due on June 1 each year. (If the 1st falls on a weekend, then declarations are due on the first Monday following the 1st.) All declarations are to be turned into the 4-H Office by 5 p.m.

- Small Animal Fair entries are due on August 1 of each year. (The same as above applies if the 1st falls on a weekend.) Fair entries are due by 5 p.m. to the 4-H Office.

- The 4-H Office mails and emails all forms about a month before each deadline.
### Rabbit Declarations

**Humboldt County 4-H Rabbit Declaration**

- **Name:** John Smith
- **4-H Age:** 10
- **Year in Project:** 2
- **Clerked:** No

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*Two weeks after kindled date, must have colors turned in office.

12. 4-H declarations are due on June 1. Tattoo information MUST BE listed on the declaration forms at time of turn in. All showmanship/quality core, poultry and rabbits must be born before June 1. See Rule #21 for Fryer Pen information.

### Poultry Declarations

**Humboldt County 4-H Poultry, Waterfowl and Game Bird Declaration**

- **Name:** Mike Johnson
- **4-H Age:** 11
- **Year in Project:** 3
- **Clerked:** Yes

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- R.G. | Eager | Mixed  | 9 mo. | Green | Dull | Cocked | 2 lbs |
- R.G. | Mixed  | White | 7 mo. | Green | Dull | Cocked | 1.5 lbs |
- Amer. | Black | White | 9 mo. | Green | Dull | Cocked | 2 lbs |

- Amer. | Black | Black | 9 mo. | Green | Dull | Cocked | 2 lbs |
- Amer. | Brown | Blue | 9 mo. | Green | Dull | Cocked | 2 lbs |
- Amer. | Brown | Black | 9 mo. | Green | Dull | Cocked | 2 lbs |
Declaration Forms

RABBIT/CAVY DECLARATIONS

- Please make sure that everything you have listed is correct. If you are in doubt about something, please ask your leader, the 4-H Office or a SAC member! We are here to HELP!

POULTRY DECLARATIONS

- Make sure everything is filled out and signed by you, your parent and your leader! Turning in your declaration form on time is VERY IMPORTANT! No late forms will be accepted!
When it comes to declaring your animals, it is important to remember to declare all of the animals that you have on hand. Even if you only plan to take one or two of your animals to the fair and you have let’s say 10 or 15 rabbits or chickens in your stock, declare all that you have! Things happen! It is better to declare too many than not enough!
# Small Animal Fair Entry Forms

## ENTRY FORM PAGE 1

**2016 Humboldt County 4-H Small Animal Show**

**August 29 – August 31, 2016**

**ENTRY FORM**

Please check the Small Animal Rules before registering. Enter only those classes you are eligible for. This completed entry form must be turned in to the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m., August 1, 2016 in order to be able to participate in the show. Late entries will be accepted. Your 4-H leader must approve and initial all classes you are entering.

**Name:** **Misty Smith**

- 4-H Age (as of January 1) **14**

**Mailing Address:** 1234 Fiddleville Road, Eureka, CA 95503

**Telephone Number:** 775-633-6341

**Year in Project:** 3

Place an "X" beside the classes you wish to enter and remember to enter your tattoo or leg band numbers.

**Cavy:**

- [ ] Senior Cavy Showmanship (14-19 yrs.)
- [ ] Intermediate Cavy Showmanship (11-13 yrs.)
- [ ] Junior Cavy Showmanship (9-10 yrs.)
- [ ] Cloverbud Showmanship (6-8 yrs.)

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## ENTRY FORM PAGE 2

**Name:** **Misty Smith**

- 4-H Age **14**

### Rabbit Information

- **Rabbits:**
  - [X] Senior Rabbit Showmanship (14-19 yrs.)
  - [ ] Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship (11-13 yrs.)
  - [ ] Junior Rabbit Showmanship (9-10 yrs.)
  - [ ] Cloverbud Showmanship (6-8 yrs.)

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You can only enter on your Fair Entry form what you declared on your declaration form.

It is important to keep a copy of your declarations so that you have a reference when completing your Fair Entry Forms.

If you need assistance with any of your forms, please ask your 4-H Leader or the Extension Office for help!
Tattooing and Leg Bands

- All rabbits must be tattooed prior to declarations being due. There will be a rabbit tattooing on May 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and May 30 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the 4-H Barn.

- All cavy must have their ear clips assigned prior to declarations being due.

- All poultry, waterfowl and game birds need to have leg band numbers assigned prior to Fair entry forms being due. Photos of all birds must accompany entry forms!

- Contact Sharon or your leader if you have any questions about these procedures.
4-H Project Sheets are the written record of the 4-Her’s project year. All youth must complete a project sheet in order to get credit for their project year. Project sheets are mandatory!

4-H Record Books are a snap shot of a youth’s entire 4-H year. While Record Books are not mandatory for year completion, all 4-H youth are encouraged to complete a record book.

The Record Book Club is meeting monthly to help youth work on and complete their record books. If you are interested in this club, please see Sharon or club leader, Cathy Castillo.
The Official Nevada 4-H Dress Attire is:

- Plain white, sleeved, collared with full front button-up or snap shirt.
- A green 4-H tie or scarf around the neck
- Pants must be appropriate for the project area and event:
  - Dark blue or black long pants are acceptable for most project areas.
  - Pants are to fit the youth appropriately (i.e. No waistband on pants should be below the hip and NO exposed undergarments)
  - Belts for pants are strongly suggested, but not mandatory
  - Shoes/Boots must be appropriate for the project area and event. Closed toed shoes are required for all project areas!
Check-in & Check-out:

- Check-in for small animals takes place on the Friday morning of Fair weekend from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- There is a $5 per rabbit/poultry/cavy (maximum $20) cleaning deposit charged at the time of entry to the barn. Cash or checks are allowed.
- All poultry will have leg bands on prior to entering the barn!
- Check-out takes place from 4 to 5 p.m. on the Sunday of Fair weekend. All animals must be removed from the barn and pens cleaned by 5 p.m. After a cleaning inspection of your pen area, the Show Manager will cheerfully refund your cleaning deposit.
- No animals may leave the barn until Sunday during check-out. Prior approval will need to be acquired from the SAC Committee before Fair if you will need an earlier check-out time! NO EXCEPTIONS!
What is expected of the 4-H youth:

- Total care of their animal/s and humane treatment of animals at all times
- Responsibility of their cages/space
- Helpful and respectful
- Patience

- Parental Assistance: What can parents do?

  This show is for the youth exhibitor. Cleaning, feeding, watering, fitting and grooming of the animals must be done by the youth exhibitor only from check-in through check-out. Parental help could result in a disqualification of the exhibitor after a warning from Show Management.
If a youth needs assistance, they are encouraged to seek out older 4-H members for help or their leader or show management if the need arises.

- If a youth has a conflict with the show schedule, such as showing a large animal during the small animal quality shows, the youth must make arrangements with another 4-H member to have their animal taken up to the show table at the appropriate time. This is the youth’s responsibility!

- Youth may not leave the barn with their animals at any time!

- Animals must remain in cages unless being shown or groomed.
Barn Duty
What is it? Why do it?

- **What is it?**
  - Barn Duty or Barn Watch takes place from Friday evening through Sunday mid-day of fair weekend. Parents are asked to take one hour shifts to watch the small animal side of the barn and keep an eye on the animals. Barn watchers are there to make sure the public doesn’t bother the animals (hands in cages, removing animals from cages, etc.) They are not there to water and feed the animals.
  - Older 4-H youth are encouraged to help with Barn Duty.

- **Why do it?**
  - This is the parent’s opportunity to help and provide support to the SAC Committee and their own 4-H youth.
  - Barn Duty/Watch only takes an hour or two out of your weekend to help make sure the barn stays safe and secure.
  - Because we NEED you!
Shows and Judging

- Rabbit/Cavy Showmanship
  - Takes place on the Friday evening of Fair weekend.
  - Rabbit/Cavy Quality takes place on Saturday of Fair weekend.
  - Show times are subject to change and are at the judges’ discretion.

- Poultry
  - Poultry showmanship takes place on Saturday morning of Fair weekend.
  - Poultry quality show follows showmanship on Saturday of Fair weekend.
  - Show times are subject to change and are at the judges’ discretion.
Show and Judging Areas

- Shows are held behind the roped off areas and designated tables.
- Parents and 4-H leaders are NOT to be in the show/judging areas or hanging around the judging tables!
- Youth waiting to show are to be seated with their animals in the designated “wait” area. They are to be patient and not disruptive.
- Parents and leaders may sit in the public seating area to watch the shows.
The judges may or may not hold a judge’s meeting for the youth.

A judge’s meeting is where the judge goes over some basic points with the youth prior to starting the judging.

All 4-H youth attend the appropriate judge’s meeting, i.e. rabbit, cavy or poultry, depending on what they are showing.

4-H leaders can attend the judge’s meetings; parent’s may not attend them.
Ribbons and placings will be announced after each showmanship show for rabbit, cavy and poultry. Because times vary for the ending of shows, it is important for youth to stay in the barn and wait patiently for the shows to end and placings to be announced. If a youth has a conflict with another show, such as large animals or another event and they miss the ribbons/placing announcement, they may pick up their ribbons from the Show Manager.

It is not the responsibility of Show Management to make sure all youth are present and accounted for during the ribbon/placing announcements.
Quality ribbons are placed on the cages after all quality shows are judged. These placings are not announced to the youth. The ribbons will be placed on the cages and information will be written on the back of each ribbon as to what placing the animal received. Because quality judging can take a long time, it is important that youth and parents remain patient! Every judge is different and has their own time frame for judging quality classes.
The 4-H Small Animal Awards night is held in September, usually about three weeks after fair. This year it will take place on October 15 due to unavailability of rooms during September and early Oct.

Youth receive their awards, plaques and cages at this event.

All youth are required to turn in their project sheets on the Monday following Fair weekend to verify that they have been keeping records for their project. They do not have to be fully completed at this time, but they do have to be started and contain information within them.

Youth will be able to pick up their project sheets the week of September 21, so that they can complete them and turn them back in on the county record book/project sheet due date of October 15. If they want credit for their 4-H year/project, the project sheets must be turned in!

The 4-H County Awards banquet and evening is held in November of each year. This Awards night is for ALL 4-H YOUTH! This is where youth receive their year pins, project pins and any other special awards they might qualify for.
4-H Barn Usage

- The 4-H Barn is available for all small animal clubs to use for meetings.
- The 4-H barn has been organized and needs to stay that way.
- If your club meets in the barn, it is the responsibility of the club leader and members to keep any tables used clean and keep chairs pushed in around tables.
- There will be a NO TRASH policy in the 4-H Barn! All garbage from snacks, etc. is to be put in the trash cans provided in the barn!
- Keep the barn clean and tidy! Thank you!
WRAP UP

Questions
And
Comments