

# Department G – Plants & Animals

## Rabbit

### ***Sarpy County Fair Co-Superintendents***

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4-H Staff Person Responsible – John Kilpatrick

### **Rules:**

A. All rabbit exhibitors need to have completed Quality Assurance training in order to exhibit in the Sarpy County Fair.

B. During Fair week, rabbit exhibitors will be responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits daily. No litters allowed. Signs pertaining to the sale of animals are not to be displayed on the fairgrounds by any 4-H exhibitor or their families.

C. All rabbits MUST be tattooed and identified on the “*Nebraska 4-H Rabbit Identification Certificate*” 4-HF103, no later than June 15. **Attention** - when using this form, please indicate the birth date of the rabbit in either the Sire or Dam column on the rabbit I.D sheet. Advanced entries (Form D) are due to either Douglas/Sarpy Extension Office by July 15 of the current year. **All rabbit exhibitors must fill out Form “D” (Rabbit and Poultry entries only) and return it to either Douglas/Sarpy Extension Office by July 15 of the current year. DO NOT use Form B for rabbit or poultry entries.**

D. If total entries exceed total cage space the Superintendent will determine which class or classes will be exhibited. Each 4-H member enrolled in the rabbit project may exhibit a total of eight (7) entries. An individual rabbit is limited to showing in only one division of the 4-H rabbit show (Showmanship not inclusive).

E. Any rabbit exhibited in the Sarpy 4-H rabbit show must have been born before June 1 of the current year. Lactating does or any doe within one week of kindling should not be brought to the fairgrounds. All rabbits must be healthy. If unhealthy, they will not be allowed to exhibit and must be removed from the fairgrounds. This will be left to the discretion of the rabbit superintendent. The rabbit superintendents reserve the right to release animals prior to scheduled release in cases of extreme heat.

F. The show will be judged according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection. Exhibitors showing rabbits are required to wear either a white shirt with the official 4-H chevron attached or an official 4-H T-shirt, or a 4-H club t-shirt approved by the 4-H Office. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn while showing.

G. **Premiums for the Rabbit Department are pay level 5. Showmanship is pay level 4.**

### **H. Entry Time:**

**3-8 p.m. at Poultry/Rabbit Barn on Tuesday, July 28, 2009**

**Show Time: The showmanship classes will start at 8:30 a.m. The table show will start at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at north end of Poultry/Rabbit Barn.**

I. With regard to eligibility for State Fair participation please read the following statement. For State Fair in classes where the presence of the 4-H'er is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations, and fashion show, the 4-H member must be 4-H age10 by January 1, 2009, or becoming 11 years of age during 2009. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19. (Eligible birth date range is January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1998.)

J. Exhibitors will be asked to help out as Barn Watchers.

K. **Any rabbit exhibit shown in any class MUST be Owned by the Exhibitor or the exhibitor must be able prove they were responsible for at least 60% of the care of the animal.** If you are a poultry/rabbit exhibitor and you do not own the animal/s you are exhibiting you must have the owner complete the 60% ownership Form and turn it in to our office by 7-15-09. You must complete this form to be in any showmanship class.

**However**, 4-H Clover Kids are exempt and may show a rabbit that is not their own in the Clover Kid Showmanship class only. Clover Kid rabbit showmanship is a non-competitive class and has no special awards or premiums associated with it.

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### Division 80 – Rabbits

**CLASS 2 SINGLE SMALL MARKET FRYERS (3½ TO 5½ LBS)**

**CLASS 3 MEAT PEN OF THREE FRYERS (3½ TO 5½ LBS)**

**CLASS 4 MARKET ROASTER (OVER 5½ LBS)**

**CLASS 5 FANCY BREED (4 CLASS) RABBITS**

Exhibitors may show any of the following breeds, provided rabbits have been tattooed and listed on ID sheets: American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Jersey Woolie, Lilac, Holland Lop, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan.

- Please indicate the age of the rabbit (Senior or Junior) on Form D.

**CLASS 6 COMMERCIAL BREED (6 CLASS) RABBITS**

Exhibitors may show any of the following breeds, provided rabbits have been tattooed and listed on ID sheets: American, American Chinchilla, American Fuzzy Lop, Beveren, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox.

- Please indicate the age of the rabbit (Senior, Intermediate, Junior) on Form D.

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### Division 80 – Pet Division Rabbits

**\* FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR CONSIDERATION\***

**CLASS 901\* SENIOR BUCK (OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**

**CLASS 902\* SENIOR DOE (OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**

**CLASS 903\* JUNIOR BUCK (3 TO 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**

**CLASS 904\* JUNIOR DOE (3 TO 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**

**CLASS 905\* BEST DRESSED RABBIT**

Exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination to design a costume for their 4-H Rabbit. The attire should emphasize the personality of the animal. One rabbit per 4-H member. Contest will be held at the conclusion of rabbit judging.

## **Department G – Plants & Animals Division 80 – Rabbit Showmanship**

### **General Information:**

**Showmanship** is based on grooming and training of the rabbit and appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and merit of the rabbit. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the rabbit before the judge. The excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor. Exhibitors may choose to exhibit in an age division higher than the one they would be classified by their age.

**CLASS 910\* SR. SHOWMANSHIP - 4-H AGES 15 TO 18**

**CLASS 911\* INT. SHOWMANSHIP - 4-H AGES 12 TO 14**

**CLASS 912\* JR. SHOWMANSHIP - 4-H AGES 8 TO 11**

**CLASS 913\* NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP - 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR PARTICIPANTS ONLY.**

**CLASS 914\* MASTER SHOWMANSHIP**

Open to any State Fair eligible Senior who has won Senior Showmanship @ County Fair.

## **Department G – Plants & Animals Division 84 – Clover Kid Rabbit Exhibitors**

**\*Not Eligible for Premiums, Ribbon Only**

**\* CLOVER KIDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION\***

### **Rules:**

A.. An exhibitor in the Clover Kid rabbit must be between 5 and 8 years old on January 1 of the current year and be enrolled in 4-H.

B. Each exhibitor will be limited to one entry. Rabbit entries may be either bucks or does and be of any age.

C. The Clover Kids Rabbit Show will be held following showmanship and prior to rabbit judging.

D. Each exhibitor will receive a 4-H Clover Kid participation ribbon and the class will be conducted, non-competitively, based on the following: 1) What the individual learned about caring for and raising the rabbit. 2) The general health of the rabbit and knowledge in health related areas. 3) How the individual uses handling techniques when working with their rabbit.

**CLASS 906\* CLOVER KID EXHIBITOR - 4-H AGES 5-8**