

PET RABBIT - 227 Project Guide Sheet

Project Description

This project is for the 4-H member who does not want to raise several rabbits for breeding or marketing. You may already have a pet rabbit or would like to purchase one. You will learn about rabbits in general by choosing from topics such as the history of the rabbit, selection/breeds, housing & equipment & nutrition. Information on the pet rabbit will help you learn about rabbit communication, behavior & temperament, ownership, factors to consider when buying a rabbit, rabbit proofing, etc.

To complete the Project

Use your project book as a guide to do the following:

1. Obtain your rabbit by May 1.
2. Study 1 or more Topics of Interest from your Rabbit Resource Handbook. Write a summary of the topic you studied & what you learned.
3. Complete a minimum of 8 activities from the list of project "Levels & Activities" that are listed for your age category. For grades 3 - 5 or the first 3 years of this project, these are found on pages 5 through 11. For grades 6-8 or the 4th through 6th year of this project these activities are listed on pages 12 - 19 and for 9th grade and above or 7th year and above with this project, these are found on pages 20 through 27.
4. Take part in at least 2 project experiences each year (pg. 28). Take part in at least 2 citizenship/leadership activities (pg. 29 & 30).
5. Complete the Quality Assurance (pg. 31 - 41) & Rabbit Records section of this project book.

If you choose not to participate in judging at the fair, make arrangements to discuss and review completion of your project with your advisor.

Judging of this Project

This project will be judged as part of Special Interest Judging;

Or
at the Richwood Fair Wednesday, August 27, 10:30 a.m.
at the Union County Fair on Sunday, July 20, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Your advisor will tell you a more specific judging time later in the summer. At the specific judging time assigned to you, **bring your completed project book, your rabbit & your project display.** Bring your rabbit to judging in a safe traveling cage. Remember there will be other animals & lots of noise at judging. You will participate in an interview judging and then leave your exhibit (a display of your project) on display the entire week of the fair.

Project Display

Prepare a display that shows the judge and fair visitors what you learned and accomplished in your project. Your display could be a scrapbook, poster, item you created, or any method of showing what you have done. **If you choose to make a poster, the maximum size is 22"x28". Use regular poster paper, not foam board or a tri-fold board.** You may need to walk a distance from your parked vehicle to judging, plan accordingly. You may choose to bring additional items to show the judge your project work, that you do not leave on display. This is acceptable. You must however, leave something on display the entire week. **Your project book cannot serve as your project display.** Plan your display item carefully: fragile, valuable, or items that will be damaged by dust are not a good idea.

At the Union County Fair Special Interest Projects will be displayed in the Armory. At the Richwood Fair these projects will be displayed in the Booth Building.

Project Pick-Up

You must pick up your project display at the end of the fair, or arrange for someone to get it for you. At Union County Fair, Special Interest Projects will be released on Sunday, July 27, at 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Projects not picked up by 4 p.m. will be disposed of or donated to charities. At the Richwood Fair, all Special Interest Projects will be released at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 1, and should be removed by 9 p.m.

Award Presentation

Union County Fair Special Interest Project Awards will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program on Saturday morning, July 26, 9:15 a.m. in front of the Grandstand. Richwood Fair Special Interest Project Awards will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program during the fair. Check the fair paper for the day, time, and location of this program.

Ohio State Fair Opportunity

This project **Does** have the opportunity to be displayed at The Ohio State Fair in 2008. **Every 4-Her who wishes to compete with this project at the State Fair must submit an Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Day Entry Form to the Ohio State Fair Livestock Entry Department. Entries must be postmarked no later than July 11, 2008. Entry fee is \$2 per project.**

The entry form & rules may be viewed & printed at this website: http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/sm_animal/index.htm