227 Pet Rabbit   Beginner Level

A pet rabbit is a companion animal project focusing on building a good relationship and care of your rabbit.

1. Read and complete, neatly and accurately, the Project and Record Book. This includes completing all activities listed in the Project Guidelines of the Project Book. **No pages are optional in your level.** Receipts are required.

2. Project will be judged with Small Animal Livestock projects.

3. Bring to Interview Judging:
    a. An educational display
    b. Completed record book

4. Own and raise at least one rabbit.

5. Be able to identify 10 parts of a rabbit.

6. Be able to identify 6 rabbit breeds.

7. Be able to discuss the factors to consider when buying or securing a pet rabbit.

8. Have a basic understanding of rabbit nutrition, feeds, and how to read a feed tag.

9. Have a basic understanding of housing and management needs of the rabbit.

10. Have a basic knowledge of tattoo identification.

11. Be able to describe common rabbit diseases.

12. Have a basic understanding of rabbit communication and behavior.

13. Be able to discuss activities that you do with your pet rabbit.

14. Be able to distinguish between a hare and a rabbit.

15. Have a basic knowledge on toenail trimming.

16. Have a basic understanding of fitting and showing techniques.

17. Have a basic understanding about treats, toys for pet rabbits.

Pet rabbits will **not** be exhibited at the county fair. There will be a Companion Animal Show before fair.

If you have any questions regarding your project and your advisor is unable to answer your questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension office at 330-339-2337.

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County 4-H Project Completion and Judging Overview 2021
Please carefully read this information; it may answer most Interview Judging or county fair questions.

Project Guidelines
For project guideline information, visit: go.osu.edu/tusc4-hguidelines

All project guidelines are available online. Only equine and livestock projects will receive guidelines with project book. Guidelines need completed for Interview Judging. Members taking more than one project in the same interest area need to complete guidelines for each project and cannot use the same items to support both projects.

For a member to achieve the progression of goals needed for development, 4-H projects must be separate and different from those carried in other organizations such as FHA/HERO, FFA, Scouts, Camp Fire, grange, church, and school (including industrial arts class, science fairs, etc.).

Project Completion and Interview Judging
For more Interview Judging information, visit: go.osu.edu/tusc4-hjudging

Completion of a 4-H project may be achieved in one of two methods. Members must choose one of the following for evaluation, based on the completion of project guidelines and knowledge gained. **All projects must be judged no later than August 6.**

- *4-H Project Interview Judging* – All members are required to attend an Interview Judging evaluation to receive a project grade. All projects are evaluated using individual project guidelines. Club times will be assigned, and advisors will be notified of their club's times. Members are strongly encouraged to attend at their club's scheduled time.
- *Pre-Judging* – Pre-Judging is arranged in advance. Any member who is unable to participate in 4-H Project Interview Judging may participate in Pre-Judging. Participants will be ineligible for county awards and state fair participation. Contact the Extension office **after June 1** to schedule an appointment. Post-Judging arrangements will be reviewed on a case-by case basis if a member misses Interview Judging due to extenuating circumstances.

Dress Code
Clothing and footwear need to be neat, clean, and appropriate for a professional office interview. No blue jeans or shorts. Shirts/tops and skirt length should be conservative. Wear appropriate shoes (no flip flops).

#201O Dog Obedience
Judging dates are determined by the key leaders and will be distributed at the dog project information meeting.

#588 The Writer in You
Writings are due to the Extension office **before Noon on Thursday, July 1, 2021.**

Shooting Sports Projects
The Shooting Sports program is designed for 4-H members ages 9 to 18 (4-H age). Judging dates are determined by the key leaders and will be distributed at the Shooting Sports orientation meeting.

Llamas/Alpacas Projects
Tuscarawas County does not currently have a program in place for llamas/alpacas.

Precise Schedules to be Announced				
Monday **July 12**	**Tuesday** **July 13**	**Wednesday** **July 14**	**Thursday** **July 15**	**Thursday** **July 22**
Equine (includes Horseless Horse)	FCS Related	Small Livestock (**all** goats, poultry, rabbits)	Dairy	Clothing and Style Review
Swine	Food and Nutrition		Beef	
	Miscellaneous		Sheep	
	#200 All About Dogs #201D You and Your Dog			

Member Evaluation Form
This form is due to our office no later than June 15, 2021.
This is available from the organizational advisor or online (go.osu.edu/tusc4-hjudging). It is to be *completed by the 4-H Advisor and parent/guardian* if they feel it is necessary that the judge should use special consideration concerning a 4-H member during Interview Judging.

State Fair Eligibility
For more State Fair competition or entry deadline information, visit: http://www.ohiostatefair.com
4-H members enrolled in non-livestock projects must attend regularly scheduled judging to be eligible to place in the county or be eligible to go to State Fair. 4-H members in clothing projects must participate in the county 4-H Style Review to be eligible to be selected for State Fair competition. No pre-judging participants will be considered.

County Fair
For more county fair information or to see the fair booklet, visit tusccountyfairgrounds.com.
Fair rules and show information are in the Junior Fair Supplement. Entry forms will be online only.

Of special note:
- **All Junior Fair exhibitors must have their official entries completed and signed by their parent/legal guardian regardless of age. The Tuscarawas County Extension office collects Junior Fair Entry Forms on behalf of the Senior Fair Board. All entries must be in the Extension office before by 4:00 p.m. on August 6, 2021. LATE ENTRIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Wristbands will be distributed only to members who have a yes (Y) in the Club Completion Column on their club's Completion Sheet.
- Members must have an exhibit at the county fair (as stated in project guidelines) in order to receive a fair premium. If there are circumstances where an animal is not able to be exhibited, a display or poster must be exhibited in the member's club's or county miscellaneous booth.

	PROJECT RATINGS, PREMIUM REQUIREMENTS, and PAYMENTS *All premiums are paid by the Tuscarawas County Agricultural Society based on project rating received at 4-H Interview Judging.*	
Gold	• Exceptional project knowledge. • Work exhibits extra effort with individual initiative to go above and beyond the project requirements. • A thorough understanding of proper methods to complete project.	$8
Silver	• Very knowledgeable of project subject matter. • Completed project requirements. • Project presented in a neat and organized manner.	$7
Bronze	• Adequate project knowledge. • Has made effort towards completing requirements and project presentation	$6
Participation	• Shows little effort towards completing requirements and presentation.	None
	MEMBER'S PRESENTATION AND ATTITUDE WILL AFFECT PROJECT RATING	

Please email or call us at 330-339-2337 if you have any questions.
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