

## 227 Pet Rabbit

## Intermediate 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 18 parts of a rabbit.
6. Be able to identify 16 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 of rabbit proofing and litter box training.
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 2020

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](http://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](http://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 7.**

- *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).

#### #2010 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 2, 2020.**

#### 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 13	Tuesday July 14	Wednesday July 15	Thursday July 16	Thursday July 23
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, 2020.

This is available from the organizational advisor or online ([go.osu.edu/tusc4-hjudging](http://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>

A 4-H member taking non-livestock projects must attend regularly scheduled judging to be eligible to place in the county or be eligible to go to State Fair. No pre-judging participants will be considered. NOTE: 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.

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## County Fair

For more county fair information or to see the fair booklet, visit [tusccountyfairgrounds.com](http://tusccountyfairgrounds.com).

All members attending a Quality Assurance session will receive the Junior Fair Section of the Tuscarawas County Fair Book. Fair entry forms, rules, and show information are in the booklet.

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 7, 2020. 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		
<i>All premiums are paid by the Tuscarawas County Agricultural Society based on project rating received at 4-H Interview Judging.</i>		
<b>Gold</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exceptional project knowledge.</li><li>• Work exhibits extra effort with individual initiative to go above and beyond the project requirements.</li><li>• A thorough understanding of proper methods to complete project.</li></ul>	\$8
<b>Silver</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Very knowledgeable of project subject matter.</li><li>• Completed project requirements.</li><li>• Project presented in a neat and organized manner.</li></ul>	\$7
<b>Bronze</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adequate project knowledge.</li><li>• Has made effort towards completing requirements and project presentation</li></ul>	\$6
<b>Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shows little effort towards completing requirements and presentation.</li></ul>	None
<b>MEMBER'S PRESENTATION AND ATTITUDE WILL AFFECT PROJECT RATING</b>		

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

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## Small Animal Important Dates 2020

Clinics, Fun Shows, and other dates for members enrolled in the following projects:

### *Companion Animals (excludes dogs)*

- #227 Pet Rabbits
- #220 Pocket Pets
- #216, #217, #218 Cats
- #215 Cavies

### *Small Livestock*

- #135 (all) Goats
- #225, #226 Rabbits
- #150CE, #150CEP, #150CM Chickens
- #150DE, #150DM Ducks
- #150TE, #150TM Turkeys

Unless specified, member may bring animals to clinics.

**Pullorum Testing** – The Ohio Poultry Association and Ohio Department of Agriculture announced that pullorum testing is not required for 2020.

**\*Note: Members enrolled in #135P Pack (Utility) Goat MUST attend at least one (1) pack goat clinic. There are 3 options: June 25, July 25, and August 27.**

- **March 29**
  - **Super Sunday** – 1-4 PM, Union Hospital - QA option at 1:15 PM followed by info clinics for rabbits, goats, and poultry
- **April 26**
  - **Multi-County Rabbit Seminar** – 3-6 PM, Guernsey County Fairgrounds
- **June 4 - TENTATIVE**
  - **Market Turkey Pick-up**, 5-7 PM, Fairgrounds (Junior Fair Board Office)  
Payment due at pick-up. Cost is to be determined.
- **June 6**
  - **Rabbit Check-in**, 9-11 AM, Livestock Arena, Fairgrounds  
On-going Learning Stations will be available. Members in Pet, Breeding, and Market projects are welcome and encouraged to attend.
  - Back-up tag-in/check-in date (rabbits, market goats) – by appointment *only* on June 11, 6-7 PM, Fairgrounds
  - **Market Goat Tag-In**, 9-11 AM, Sheep/Goat Barn, Fairgrounds
- **June 15**
  - **Livestock Project Registrations due by 4 PM to the Extension office for Pygmy, Dairy & Pack (Utility) Goats, Fancy Poultry/Water Fowl, and Breeding Rabbit.** For registration form, visit: [www.go.osu.edu/LivestockRegistrations](http://www.go.osu.edu/LivestockRegistrations).
- **\*June 25**
  - **\*Pack Goat Clinic**, 6:30 PM, Fairgrounds

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- **July 15**
  - **Rabbit, Poultry, and Goat Projects Interview Judging at Midvale Elementary** (check with advisor for club time)
- **\*July 25**
  - **Small Animal Clinic, Companion Animal and Fun Show**, 9 AM (registration 7:30-8:45 AM), Fairgrounds  
Topics include: Rabbit Fun Show and Skillathon, Pack Goat Clinic, Poultry Clinic, Companion Animal Show (Pet Rabbits, Pocket Pets, Cats & Cavies).
- **August 6 - TENTATIVE**
  - **Broiler and Market Duck Pick-up**, 5-7 PM, Fairgrounds (Junior Fair Board Office)  
Payment due at pick-up. Cost is to be determined.
- **August 7**
  - **JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES DUE BY 4 PM TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE**  
*The Extension office collects these on behalf of the Sr. Fair Board; no late entries accepted.*
- **\*August 27**
  - **Goat Clinic (ALL goats)**, 6:30 PM, Fairgrounds
- **August 29**
  - **Market Rabbit Tattooing**, 9-11 AM, Main Show Arena, Fairgrounds.
  - Back-up date – by appointment *only* August 31, 6-7 PM
- **September 9**
  - **Poultry Showmanship Clinic**, 5-7 PM, Fairgrounds
- **September 19 & 20**
  - **Fair check-in** – refer to Tuscarawas County Fair Booklet for specifics
- **September 21-27**
  - **Tuscarawas County Fair**

For additional dates, refer to the  
[Tuscarawas County Fair Livestock Requirement Summary](#)

For specific county fair information, refer to the  
 Tuscarawas County Fair Booklet  
<https://www.tusccountyfairgrounds.com>

For project updates and guidelines, visit  
<http://tuscarawas.osu.edu>

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