

228BR – BREEDING RABBIT

4-H PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

To complete a livestock project in 4-H, member must annually:

- Enroll in 4-H Club by March 1
- Be 4-H member in “Good Standing” by completing county and club requirements
- Complete Project Book or Livestock Record Book
- Complete Livestock Skillathon

*NOTE: 4-H Members may also choose to exhibit their livestock at the Ross County Junior Fair. Members are NOT required to exhibit at the fair to complete a project in 4-H.

1. PROJECT BOOK & LIVESTOCK RECORDS

- **PROJECT BOOKS:** First-year members will receive a **Rabbit Project (#228)** and a **Rabbit Resource Handbook (#228R)**. Members must retain these books for use in future years. The Resource Handbook is given one per family and must be retained for future family members.
- **LIVESTOCK RECORD:** Each member will receive a **Livestock Record** annually. **Members are required to bring their completed Livestock Record to Skillathon** with all information completed up to the date of the Skillathon.

2. QUALITY ASSURANCE & DUNF Forms *(NOT required for Breeding Rabbits; are required for Market Rabbits)*

3. SKILLATHON

- All Ross County Jr. Fair Animal Project Exhibitors must complete Skillathon to exhibit, show and/or sell their animal(s). Exhibitors may complete either the Ross County Skillathon OR the Ohio State Fair Skillathon (if offered) for their species. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to submit proof of completion to the Extension office, if attending the OSF Skillathon.
- **Skillathon Dates:**
 - Location: Fairgrounds
 - July 7, 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - July 18, 9:00am-11:00am
- **Age Categories:** Members complete Skillathon according to their age (as of January 1).
 - Junior (8-11 years)
 - Intermediate (12 – 14 years)
 - Senior (15 – 18 years)
- **PREMIER SKILLATHON** (all ages): Optional contest. Participants will compete in a Premier Skillathon station in each specie area. Details will be in the *May Family Hotline* and *Ross County Fair Book*.

→ ***This is not a complete list of all Jr. Fair rules. Refer to Ross County Fair Book for all rules.***

To exhibit, show and/or sell an animal at the Ross County Junior Fair, exhibitors must:

- ☑ Enroll in 4-H Club and/or FFA Chapter by March 1
 - 4-H members sign up through 4Honline
 - FFA members sign up with their Ag Teacher
- ☑ Be 4-H/FFA members in “Good Standing” by completing county and club/chapter requirements
- ☑ Complete Project Book or Livestock Record Book
- ☑ Complete Livestock Skillathon
- ☑ Submit online “Jr Fair Livestock Entry Form” by July 15
 - One form includes Market, Breeding, and Showmanship entries

*NOTE: Members are NOT required to exhibit at the fair to complete a project through 4-H or FFA.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. *Any exhibitor taking a market rabbit project is ineligible to show that same rabbit in breeding class, and vice-versa. An exhibitor may have a breeding rabbit project and a market rabbit project using different animals.*
2. *At the Pre-fair and Fair Weigh-ins: heavily soiled, oiled, or wet rabbits will not be allowed across the scales until the problem is corrected.*

BEFORE THE FAIR

1. **NUMBER OF ANIMALS.**
 - A. Exhibitors may have **one** entry in each Rabbit Breeding class and Fancy Rabbit division, plus **one** Market Rabbit Pen of 2 entry.
 - B. Animals may be entered in one class/division only.
 - C. Exhibitors must use different rabbits for each class.
 2. Exhibitors must own their rabbits. NO leased or borrowed rabbits.
 3. All Breeding Rabbits **must** be tattooed at the June weigh-in unless previously tattooed, for identification purposes.
 4. **JR FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRY FORMS due July 15**
 - A. Exhibitors must submit an online Jr Fair Livestock Entry form to be eligible to exhibit at the Ross County Junior Fair.
 - B. Animals brought to the fair must match the entry form to be eligible.
 5. **JR. FAIR RABBIT EXHIBITS.**
 - A. **Breeding Rabbits:**
 - a. Exhibitors may make one entry per class (One Pen of 1; One Pen of 2; One Pen of 3). Animals may be entered in **one** class only!
 - b. Exhibitors must use different rabbits for each class.
 - Pen of 1:** Exhibit one doe or buck
 - Pen of 2:** Exhibit one doe *and* one buck of same breed and age
 - Pen of 3:** Exhibit Pen of Three – two does and one buck of same breed and age
- Rabbit Ages for Each Class:**
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| Junior: | Less than 6 months |
| Intermediate: | 6-8 months |
| Senior: | 8+ months |

B. Fancy Rabbits:

- a. **Health Risk!** Fancy Rabbits that have been raised indoors may suffer heat stress at the fair. If you choose to exhibit them, then you assume the risk to the animal’s health and well-being.
- b. Exhibitors may exhibit one rabbit in each division (example: 1 Junior, 1 Intermediate, and 1 Senior).

- c. Fancy rabbits may **not** be shown in breeder rabbit class. Different rabbits must be used.

Juniors:	Junior Doe: less than 6 months
	Junior Buck: less than 6 months
Intermediates:	Intermediate Doe: 6 – 8 months
	Intermediate Buck: 6 – 8 months
Seniors:	Senior Doe: 8+ months
	Senior Buck: 8+ months

AT THE FAIR

1. **JR FAIR EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE.** Exhibitors **must** adhere to the following dress requirements **at all shows and sales** at the fair: must wear nice jeans or slacks (no low-rise, no holes or tears); a shirt, blouse or polo with a collar and sleeves AND without slogans or advertisements (4-H club/member name is acceptable); no cleavage showing; no undergarments showing. Shoes must be closed-toe (no sandals or flip flops).
2. **FAIR VETERINARIAN.** The Fair Veterinarian is hired by the Ross Co. Agricultural Society per Ohio Dept. of Agriculture guidelines. Determinations related to animal health, care, and wellbeing are up to the discretion of the Fair Veterinarian up to and including animal removal and possession. (clarification that the Fair Veterinarian gets final say)
3. **MEDICATIONS.** If a prescription is written that requires medication/treatment, a superintendent must be present each time the medicine/treatment is administered to ensure compliance with the guidance in the prescription. The superintendent must be present before any medicine/treatment is mixed through delivery.
4. An exhibitor taking a Market Rabbit Project is ineligible to show that same rabbit in a Breeding class, and vice-versa. An exhibitor may take a Breeding Rabbit project and a Market Rabbit project using different rabbits.
5. **FAIR MOVE-IN.**
 - A. **First Saturday of the fair from 4:00pm - 8:00pm** – ALL rabbits (market, breeders, and fancy) must be weighed and caged by assigned club times to be eligible for show and sale.
 - B. **Check breeding rabbits in at the Breeding Rabbit Check-In Table.**
 - C. Rabbits must be checked in by the Rabbit Superintendent or assigned person.
6. **ANIMAL CARE.**

Junior Fair exhibitors are responsible for feeding, watering, and caring for their own rabbits.

 - A. Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing their own feed.
 - B. No straw or salt blocks will be allowed in the pens.
 - C. No locks are allowed on the pens.
 - D. No feed, grooming supplies, carriers/crates are to be stored in rabbit barn.
7. **JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT BREEDING & FANCY SHOWS.**
 - A. **Sunday of fair, 10:00am**
 - Cavy Show and Showmanship Contest
 - Breeding Rabbit Show
 - Fancy Rabbit Show

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP:

Refer to current Ross County Fair Book for complete rules (age divisions, fitting/showing rules, show order, etc.)

Showmanship Sign-ups

- a. **July 15** – Showmanship sign-ups (Beginner, Junior, Intermediate & Senior) are included in the online Jr Fair Livestock Entry form due July 15.