



Special Animal Contests/Exhibits

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ANIMAL POSTER EXHIBITS

SCHEDULE:

- Fair Entry Deadline: July 7th
- Drop Off: By Friday, July 28th (4-H Office)
- Release: Sunday, August 6th – (Barns or Dome)

JUDGING/RULES:

1. *County only exhibit, does not qualify for Colorado State Fair*
2. *These are not entries for the Horseless Horse Project or the Cat Project which are Colorado State Fair qualifying classes. See “4-H Static Exhibits” premium section for Horseless Horse Project or Cat Project static entry.
3. **PURPOSE:** Posters must related to project and be educational. This exhibit option exists to encourage members to learn and explore the animal project areas more deeply, and practice sharing their knowledge with others. 4-H members must do their own work and all sources must be sited. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
4. **SHOWBOARD:** A “showboard” is a folded cardboard poster 3 feet tall by 4 feet wide. No 3-D on boards. Exhibits that exceed size requirements will not be considered for champion or reserve champion. All entries must be labeled with name, 4-H age, club, and division.
5. **INTERVIEW JUDGING:** Animal poster entries will not utilize interview judging and will only be judged on poster content and quality.
6. **RECORD BOOKS:** Animal record books should not be entered with poster exhibits, and will not be used in the judging process.

AWARDS:

1. All exhibits will be awarded based on the danish ribbon system; blue/red/white (see “County Only Static Exhibits” for details). Only exhibits receiving blues will be eligible for Species Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon awards. Species Champions will be eligible for consideration for the Large Animal Grand Champion Poster Exhibit award or Small Animal Grand Champion Poster Exhibit Award.
 - Large Animal Grand Champion Poster Exhibit award: Eligible species are Beef, Goats, Horse, Camelid, Sheep & Swine
 - Small Animal Grand Champion Poster Exhibit Award: Eligible species are Cavies, Dogs, Pocket Pet, Poultry, & Rabbit



PREMIER EXHIBITOR CONTEST (LIVESTOCK)

Rules:

1. The purpose of this contest is to recognize exhibitors that excel in the areas of care, knowledge, and presentation of their projects.
2. The contest will have the following divisions: Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Poultry and Rabbits.
3. Exhibitors may have breeding or market projects or both. All ages will compete together within each species area. Exhibitors are allowed to enter the Premier Exhibitor Contest in as many species as they are enrolled in. One winner per species will be awarded.
4. Exhibitors must pre-enter this contest along with their regular fair entries.
5. All entrants will identify themselves by placing a Premier Exhibitor ID on your stalls/cages.
6. The Contest will be judged on the following Criteria:
 - **EDUCATIONAL POSTER - 30 points possible**
 - Educational Posters must be entered in appropriate Animal Poster Exhibit class and dropped off to the 4-H Office by 4:30pm July 28. See poster class description below for rules and drop off details. Poster exhibits will be awarded on the Danish System and points will be awarded based on danish placing:
 - Blue- 30 pts / Red - 15/ White – 6
 - Champion= +5 / Res. Champion=+2
 - Grand Champion=+5 / Res. Grand Champion =+2
 - **SHOWMANSHIP – 30 points possible**
 - Points given for showmanship placing will be broken down according to the following point chart.
 - 1st=30 / 2nd=28 / 3rd=26 / 4th=24 / 5th=22 / 6th=20 / 7th=18 / 8th=16 / All other=12 /
 - **CLASS PLACING – 10 points possible**
 - Each exhibitor will receive points for his/her highest placing animal. Only one animal per exhibitor (market or breeding) will be used for class placing points. Points will be broken down according to the following point chart.
 - 1st=10 / 2nd=9 / 3rd=8 / 4th=7 / 5th=6 / 6th=5 / 7th=4 / 8th=3 / All other=1 /
 - **NUMBER OF ANIMALS EXHIBITED - 6 points possible**
 - Exhibitors will receive one point for each market animal they exhibit (up to 3 points).
 - Exhibitors will receive one point for each breeding animal they exhibit (up to 3 points)
 - **RECORD BOOK – 10 points possible**
 - Points will be awarded on the following sliding scale found in the following chart:
 - Blue- 10 pts / Red - 5/ White – 2
 - Champion= +5 / Res. Champion=+2
 - **KNOWLEDGE TEST – 20 points possible - administered at Fair**
 - Exhibitors will be required to take a 20 question, multiple choice test, designed to evaluate knowledge of their project in areas such as: health, feeding, breeding, selection, handling, carcass, and industry related issues. All questions will be taken from the recognized 4-H project manuals.
 - **BONUS POINTS – 5 points possible**
 - Exhibitors will receive 5 bonus points for exhibiting animals in the producer class division (applicable to beef, goat, sheep & swine).
 - **TIE BREAKER**
 - Test score, followed by highest showmanship placing will be used in the event of a tie to determine a winner.
 - **AWARD:**
 - \$125 Cash Award
 - Each species with eligible entries will be awarded a Premier Exhibitor
 - Announced at Fall 4-H Achievement Ceremony



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PREMIER EXHIBITOR CONTEST (HORSE)

Rules:

1. The purpose of this contest is to recognize exhibitors that excel in the areas of care, knowledge, and presentation of their projects.
 2. The contest will have the following divisions: Horse
 3. All ages will compete together within each species area. Exhibitors are allowed to enter the Premier Exhibitor Contest in as many species as they are enrolled in. One winner per species will be awarded.
 4. Exhibitors must pre-enter this contest along with their regular fair entries.
 5. All entrants will identify themselves by placing a Premier Exhibitor ID on your stalls.
 6. The Contest will be judged on the following Criteria:
- **EDUCATIONAL POSTER - 30 points possible**
 - Educational Posters must be entered in appropriate Animal Poster Exhibit class and dropped off to the 4-H Office by 4:30pm July 28. See poster class description below for rules and drop off details. Poster exhibits will be awarded on the Danish System and points will be awarded based on danish placing:
 - Blue- 30 pts / Red - 15/ White – 6
 - Champion= +5 / Res. Champion=+2
 - Grand Champion=+5 / Res. Grand Champion =+2
 - **SHOWMANSHIP – 30 points possible**
 - Points given for showmanship placing will be broken down according to the following point chart.
 - 1st=30 / 2nd=28 / 3rd=26 / 4th=24 / 5th=22 / 6th=20 / 7th=18 / 8th=16 / All other=12 /
 - **CLASS PLACING – 10 points possible**
 - Each exhibitor will receive points for his/her highest placing animal. Only one animal per exhibitor (market or breeding) will be used for class placing points. Points will be broken down according to the following point chart.
 - 1st=10 / 2nd=9 / 3rd=8 / 4th=7 / 5th=6 / 6th=5 / 7th=4 / 8th=3 / All other=1 /
 - **NUMBER OF CLASSES EXHIBITED - 8 points possible**
 - Exhibitors will receive 1/2 point for each class exhibited (max 8)
 - **RECORD BOOK – 10 points possible**
 - Points will be awarded on the following sliding scale found in the following chart:
 - Blue- 10 pts / Red - 5/ White – 2
 - Champion= +5 / Res. Champion=+2
 - **KNOWLEDGE TEST – 20 points possible**
 - Exhibitors will be required to take a multiple choice test, designed to evaluate knowledge of their project in areas such as: health, feeding, breeding, selection, handling, carcass, and industry related issues. All questions will be taken from the recognized 4-H project manual and horse show rule book.
 - Test scores from Mandatory Fair Horse Written test will be used for point scoring.
 - **TIE BREAKER**
 - Essay score, followed by highest showmanship placing will be used in the event of a tie to determine a winner.
 - **AWARD:**
 - \$125 Cash Award
 - Each species with eligible entries will be awarded a Premier Exhibitor
 - Winners will be announced at Fall 4-H Achievement Ceremony



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ANIMAL PRODUCER CLASSES

RULES:

1. Producer classes are available for: Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine projects.
2. Extension Agent or their designee must visit the premise where the producer animal is housed prior to weaning and before spring tag-in. No producer animals may be nominated after the market tag-in date for the particular species.
3. The Extension Office shall keep a record of all visits made to premises and identified animals; only exhibitors and animals following this process will be allowed entry into this class.
4. Exhibitors may nominate up to three animals but show only one.
5. Animals nominated for producer may be market or breeding and must be entered in another regularly scheduled class for the department.
6. All producer nominated animals, must have identifying tags or tattoo's in order to verify identity. The Extension office can provide tags if needed during the premise visit.
7. Producer animals need not attend market tag-in's. It only must if the animal is also a market animal and must be tagged and identified for the market classes.

SCORING:

- This DIVISION is scored and placed based upon three different criteria. All criteria must be met and entered by all stated deadlines in order to be eligible for placing.
- **LIVE PLACING:** Enter and show identified Producer beef animals in the producer class. Class is placed from top to bottom.
 - 1st=10 / 2nd=9 / 3rd=8 / 4th=7 / 5th=6 / 6th=5 / 7th=4 / 8th=3 / 9th=2 / 10th= 1 /
- **INTERVIEW** – Each exhibitor must have a personal interview with the Judge. The judge will give the exhibitors a score between 0-20. The score numbers will correspond to the number of points the members earns on their interview.
- **RECORD BOOK** - Complete and Enter Project Record Book by stated deadline. Members planning to exhibit in the producer class must submit a record for the species in which they're entered in order to be eligible (this is in addition to the requirement as stated for sale animals). Members will earn points based on their score on the danish scoring scale. They can also earn 'bonus' points for placing in the top five of their age and species division, scored on the American system of judging.
 - Blue=5 / Red=3 / White=1 /
 - 1st=5 / 2nd=4 / 3rd=3 / 4th=2 / 5th=1 /

AWARDS:

- 1-\$70, 2-\$45, 3-\$25, 4-\$15, 5-\$10 *may vary based on entries*
- Placed by species
- Winners will be announced at Fall 4-H Achievement Ceremony



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HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

RULES:

1. Purpose: To encourage better care and display of animals in the barn.
2. Herdsmanship Contest is available for all animal species stalling/penning overnight at Adams County Fair: Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Horse projects.
3. Exhibitors must have stall cards in view to be eligible for consideration.
4. All animals must be stalled or penned in assigned areas.
5. Judges may conduct several examinations throughout the day/week.
6. Herdsmanship award will be given for each species and age division.

SCORING:

- This CONTEST is scored and placed based upon the following criteria:
- **STALLING & EQUIPMENT:**
 - Pen cleanliness & safety, Tack pen organization and safety, aisle way cleanliness.
- **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY:**
 - Appearance of animal, regularity of feeding and water.
- **EDUCATIONAL EFFECT:**
 - Stall card present, educational animal poster presented
 - It is highly recommended to enter Educational poster as a Animal Poster Entry to be judged for awards before display in barns. See page 1 of Special Animal Contest department for poster entry rules.

AWARDS:

- Placed by species & age
- Winners will be announced at Sunday Fair Animal Awards Ceremony



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SPORTSMANSHIP CONTEST

RULES:

1. Purpose: To encourage an understanding of and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity, and general goodwill toward an opponent.
2. Sportsmanship Contest is available for all animal species exhibitors showing at Adams County Fair or Pre Fair Shows (Dog, Pocket Pets, Cats, Horse, Camelid, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Beef, Poultry, Rabbit) as well as 1 overall parent sportsmanship award.
3. Sportsmanship award may be given for each species.

SCORING:

- This contest will be by peer, leader or parent nomination.
- Nominations may be submitted online using link/QR code provided at each show/barn and must complete each field including describing the actions witness that inspired the nomination. Quantity and quality of nominations will be considered when awarding.
- **QUALITIES OF A GOOD SPORT:**
 - Displaying respect for animals
 - Displaying respect for opponents
 - Displaying respect for the "game"
 - Displaying respect for others
 - Positive attitude
 - Follows rules
 - Helping and encouraging fellow 4-H members

AWARDS:

- 1 award per species & 1 parent award
- Winners will be announced at Sunday Fair Animal Awards Ceremony except Paws & Claws Show participants who will be recognized at the conclusion of their pre-Fair shows



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CLUB BARN DECORATION CONTEST

RULES:

1. Purpose: To encourage club members to work together to decorate a section of the barn(s) in which their exhibitors are stalling to promote teamwork, bonding and inclusion among the club members.
2. Clubs may decorate in one or multiple barns in the area in which their club members have assigned stalls.
3. Decorations will be exposed to weather, and should be out of reach of animals at all times.
4. If lights are used in decor, solar or battery powered lights are preferred. Lights or features requiring plug ins may be unplugged to allow for exhibitor use for fans or fitting equipment.

SCORING:

- Decor will be judged based on:
 - Use of provided theme: 2023: Adams FAIRmily
 - Creativity
 - Eye appeal
 - Safety

AWARDS:

- 1 club will be awarded
- Winners will be announced at Sunday Fair Animal Awards Ceremony