



KENOSHA COUNTY 4-H 2008/2009 Rabbit Project Standards Sheet



The following standards have been established by the Kenosha County 4-H Rabbit Team as the standards by which the rabbit project is to be implemented. It is the team's hope these standards will be followed by all project members and leaders and will result in a positive, educational project experience for all youth in the rabbit project.

Questions concerning these standards should be directed to the Rabbit Team. These standards will be reviewed on an annual basis and the Rabbit Team reserves the option of revision to better meet the needs of the Kenosha County 4-H Program through the 4-H rabbit project.

1. Rabbits must be in the possession of the member by April 15th of the current project year or from birth if after April 15th.
2. To achieve in a rabbit project, a member must display their project animal at a public showing. (Fair, club meeting, mall show, ARBA rabbit show, project meeting, etc.)
3. Rabbit members must attend 2 county-wide rabbit project related events in order to show their animal at the Kenosha County Fair.
4. A rabbit project member is required to house their project in Kenosha County unless otherwise approved by the superintendent.
5. A rabbit project must be cared for by the member at least 75% of the time.
6. All animals must be shown by the youth member who is exhibiting the animals. If the project exhibitor is unable to show the animal, another project member may show the animal subject to notification in writing of the reason by the exhibitor, to the superintendent, prior to the show.
7. Proper show attire is expected to be worn by all members while exhibiting any of their project animals. Show officials may at their discretion, prevent an exhibitor from showing or selling until proper show attire is worn.
8. EXHIBITORS, DRESSED IN PROPER SHOW ATTIRE, MUST CHECK IN WITH SHOW OFFICIALS ONE-HALF HOUR PRIOR TO SHOWING OR SELLING ANIMALS. THIS WOULD BE LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS OR BLOUSES, JACKET AND LONG PANTS.
9. Fair premium book rules and Rabbit Team standards, and other published materials regarding weights, classes, dates, etc. for the current 4-H year are to be considered a part of the rabbit standards.
10. Members should consult the standard of perfection book for rabbits respectively for information concerning animal conformity. Books will be available in the UW-Extension Office.
11. All rabbit project members must sign a copy of the rabbit project standards to acknowledge their understanding of the standards. This signed acknowledgment must be sent to the UW-Extension Office and will be kept on file there.
12. Barn duty is required to show. All project members must sign up for their two hour shift, in the rabbit barn, during the fair. Sign-up sheets will be available when the animals are brought in.

13. In the event of an infraction of rules, the member will be notified and will be allowed a hearing before the rabbit team before action is taken. Responsibility to request a hearing rests with the member.
14. Because the rabbits are housed in an enclosed building, there is absolutely no need for an overnight pass to stay at the fair for this project.
15. Barn duty is required to show. **The duty must be served by the 4-H member, not another family member.** If you do not show up for your original barn duty time, your duty will be doubled. If you miss both the original and the make-up times, you will be barred from showing your animal the following year. If you are in any two animal projects, you must do your barn duty for those projects, however, you will be exempt from doing petting zoo duty.
16. All rabbits must be tattooed one week prior to the fair.
16. Any 4-H member in 3rd grade can only show and not be a part of the Small Animal Livestock Auction.

Alcohol Policy and Team Project Rule Infractions ...

See the Kenosha County 4-H Code of Conduct you signed at enrollment for these rules that must be followed. There have been some significant changes to these rules regarding notification and the appeals process.

I _____ acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Rabbit Project Standards, have read them and understand them. I further agree to abide by the Standards by which my project work should be carried out.

Signed--Youth Member: _____

Print Name: _____

Club _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature _____

Print Name: _____

