

SMALL ANIMAL COUNCIL RULES

Updated 2025



INTRODUCTION

The following rules established and approved by the Portage County 4-H/Junior Small Animal Council (hereafter referred to as the SAC), and the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board are binding upon all Portage County Junior Fair Small Animal exhibitors. Changes may be made as needed by the Small Animal Council in cooperation with the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board. Exhibitors will be notified of any changes.

PORTAGE COUNTY RANDOLPH SENIOR FAIR BOARD:

The responsibility of knowing and understanding any and all rules pertaining to the Portage County Randolph Junior Fair shall belong to the junior fair exhibitor and their parents/legal guardian.

Anyone attending events either as an exhibitor, advisor, volunteer, parent, spectator, superintendent, judge, council member or fair official must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct and according to the Rules and Regulations of the Portage County Agricultural Society, dba Randolph Fair. The Code of Conduct and Rules are not limited to the show ring but are applicable to any location on the fairgrounds and to any event held at the Portage County Randolph Fair grounds including, but not limited to, meetings, workshops, clinics, contests, shows, county fair, etc.

Exhibitors will adhere to the rules outlined by the SAC and The Portage County Randolph fair as established for Junior Fair Small Animal projects. Exhibitors must also adhere to the rules adopted by the Portage County Randolph Fair in accordance with the Ohio Livestock Show Reform Act and Ohio Livestock Tampering and Exhibition Rules and the Portage County Junior Fair Code of Conduct.

The SAC and show volunteers are not responsible for lost, misplaced, stolen, broken or otherwise damaged displays or posters. Every attempt will be made to enclose the Cloverbud display in a clear plastic covering if possible. It is not the Council's responsibility to ensure the well-being of any part of this display, though every attempt will be made to do so.

Disciplinary Actions:

Any infraction of the regulations will result in the following progressive disciplinary actions:

FIRST INFRACTION: the sub-committed chair or designee will bring the problems or issues to the advisor's attention by the day of the issue. Documents verbal discussion with the appropriate sub-committed regarding issues.

SECOND INFRACTION: Documented written warning from Small Animal Barn Superintendent, Small Animal Council President, Fair Board and Extension Office will be notified.

THIRD INFRACTION: Meeting with Small Animal Barn Superintendent for removal of participation for next year's fair. The Extension Office will be notified by the SAC President of decision.

Portage County Small Animal Committee to Council

Procedures and Narrative

After discussion with the state 4-H Office and Fair Board, we have implemented a new committee structure for Portage County. This new structure should align us with most committee practices across the state. This structure is being implemented to help promote efficiency of the Portage County Small Animal Program and Council.

Structure:

- There will be 10 adult positions and 2 teen positions (14+). Based on nominations, the council may have up to 11 adults and 1 teen position. The council may have no more than 12 members.
- 3-year terms-no more than 2 consecutive terms allowed starting in 2023.
- Volunteers must take 1 year off before running again after serving 2 consecutive terms.
- Approved volunteers in small animal clubs from the current year may vote. Anyone from the community is eligible to be nominated and voted in as long as they are eligible to become an OSU Extension volunteer in good standing. This process includes BCI criminal background check, completing a volunteer application, completing a volunteer enrollment form and signing the standards of behavior every year, four references and an interview with the educator.
- Attendance- Council members must attend 8 meetings a year (Nov-Oct). Failure to attend the required meetings forfeits your position. Position may be filled at the discretion of the council and OSU Extension. This individual will carry out the vacated term.
- Each adult position on the board must be limited to no more than 2 people per 4-H club. Each youth position on the board must be limited to no more than 1 person per 4-H club.

Sub-committees- All small animal advisors will have an opportunity to be on one sub-committee. Each club must have at least 1 volunteer to participate in a sub-committee each year. Volunteers will sign-up yearly and plan to attend the 1st sub-committee meeting in January and as needed thereafter. Each club will be required to have at least one representative attend mandatory all advisor information meetings or their club will not be able to bring small animal projects to the Portage County Randolph Fair with that club for that year.

Timeline for Small Animal Council Meetings

Meetings held on the 2nd Monday of the month (unless otherwise communicated)

January	MANDATORY: One representative per club must attend All advisors sign up for a sub-committee
February	Council meeting
March	Council meeting
April	Council meeting
May	Council meeting
June	MANDATORY: One representative per club must attend
July	Council meeting
August	MANDATORY: One representative per club must attend

September	Council meeting
October	Council meeting
November	Council meeting
December	No meeting

Meeting Agenda for Small Animal Council

- 7:00pm-Meeting called to order
- Approve minutes of last meeting
- Reading and Approving Treasurer's report
 - Present and Approve bills
- Other Updates/Reports
 - Auction
 - Barn Duty & Work Night
 - County Updates
 - Fair board Updates
 - Rules
- Council Sub-committee Updates
 - Activities (Cloverbud Show, Costume Show, Fun Show & Rooster Crowing)
 - Cats (Show, Showmanship & Skill a thon)
 - Cavy (Show, Showmanship & Skill a thon)
 - Fundraiser/Concession
 - Market Poultry (Show & Skill a thon)
 - Non-Market Poultry (Show, Showmanship & Skill a thon)
 - Pocket Pets & Reptiles (Show & Showmanship)
 - Rabbits (Show, Showmanship & Skill a thon)
 - Awards (Scholarships, Banners, Ribbons & Trophies)
- Youth Rep Updates/Questions/Concerns
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Pre-Fair Regulations

Ownership of Animals:

1. Animals must be owned by the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors by June 1st.
2. Exceptions would be Rabbit/Pocket Pet/Cavy Litter pens, Market Rabbit Pens, Market and Non-Market Poultry Pens where there is a specific age ran.
 - a. All mothers of the above litter pens must be owned by the 4-H/Jr. Fair member.
3. Animal welfare home visits may be made by the Small Animal Council members. Council member's family may be visited by another Council member.

Entry Forms:

1. All entries that are to be shown at the fair must have a completed entry form which includes all information requested on the entry form. Do not leave sections blank. The poultry pullorum paperwork must be turned in with every poultry entry form.
2. The deadline for entries is no later than the June SAC Meeting. No entries will be accepted after the June meeting.
3. All entries will be shown as indicated on the entry form. The entry will be judged according to the entry form.
4. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must be enrolled in the project they intend to show in through 4-H/Jr. Fair.
5. There is a \$1.00 entry per non-market entry. \$2.00 entry fee for all litter pens, a \$5.00 entry fee per market entry in the Small Animal or the Rabbit barn. This includes animals that come in for the day of shows only. The entry fee is due at the June Small Animal Council Meeting with entry form and is non-refundable.

Skill a Thon Rules:

1. If a 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor wishes to help administer the test, the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor must first go through the test before they can help administer it or forfeit their right to take that test.
2. Mandatory: There must be at least 1 advisor or parent from each 4-H Small Animal Club signed up to assist during Skillathon.
3. The age breakdown is as follows:
 - a. Novice: 1st time enrolled in that project.
 - b. Juniors: 9-11 years old, 4-H age.
 - c. Intermediate: 12-14 years old, 4-H age
 - d. Seniors: 15-18 years old, 4-H age

Fair Regulations**Barn Information:**

1. All animals, displays, and decorations must remain in place until the Barn Superintendent or representative releases them. Any deviation from this rule will result in non-participation the following year. This includes crocks, water bottles, bowls, etc.
2. No carriers, boxes or containers are permitted to be left in the barns during Fair Week. They must be brought in to release time Sunday night.
3. Any 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor registered in the barn that has animals that come in the day of the show only may borrow an animal to display for the week with the owner's permission to use for the Costume and Fun Shows.
4. All animals must stay in the Small Animal barn or the Rabbit barn. Exception for transportation to auctions or open shows.
5. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors/participants may only use battery operated fans directed on or in their pens.
6. Only club tack boxes are permitted, no individual tack boxes allowed.
7. All new tack boxes coming to the Fair must not exceed 3'X3'X5" (Width of 3 feet, depth of 3 feet and height of 5 feet).

8. All pens must be cleaned, taken down (disassembled) and returned to the lean-to at the close of the fair before going home. This includes Cloverbud projects.
9. Cages must be cleaned by:
 - a. 8:00pm the Monday prior to fair
 - b. 9:00am Tuesday through Sunday of fair week. Barn rules over club rules.
 - i. Exception: Saturday, the day of the Auction-All auction pens must be cleaned by 8:00am. When the auction is over, all auction participants must make sure their animals have feed and water.
 - c. Night/evening pen cleaners-their cleaning time is to be completed by 10:00pm each day.

Check-In Day:

1. All small animals must be checked in and in their pens by designated check-in day and time. Exhibitors' name plates must be in place by the start of the fair. Name plates must have the exhibitor's name and club name on them. (Do not use foam or toxic materials).
2. Check-in is Sunday before the fair from 11:00am-7:00pm.
3. Any sub-committee members that are scheduled to check in animals for that sub-committee may check in their family's animals from 10:30am-11am.
4. Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) must be submitted online as per current Junior Fair Rules in the Fair book. One form per pen.

Feed and Water:

1. Exhibitors are responsible for their own food.
2. Feed and water containers:
 - a. Require all exhibitors to bring their own water and feed dishes/bottles.
3. All Poultry and Waterfowl exhibitors must supply their own food and water containers for their cages (1-gallon containers preferred). Do not feed your animal grass from the fairground. It may have been sprayed for insect control.

Pens:

1. A 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 10 entries (e.g. 1 litter pen=1 entry, showing doe is separate from litter=1 entry, so that equals a total of 2 entries) in the Small Animal Barn.
2. No padlocks are permitted on any cages. You may use zip ties if you provide them and bring your own tools to remove.
3. When cleaning pens, put used bedding in the proper location only. DO NOT put bedding in trash cans.
4. No commercial signs, advertisements or business cards permitted on any pens.
5. Cavy personal cages can only be brought to the fair for Skinny or litter that might be able to fit through the wires of the fair cages. If the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must bring their own cage (Skinny or litters). The cages cannot be larger than 20"X24". If there are any concerns, please contact the show chair.

Show and Go Projects:

1. Projects must be brought on the day of the show in an appropriate, safe and healthy carrier with food and water as needed.

The show and go project(s) must arrive in the barn 30 minutes before the project's show begins.

2. The show and go project(s) must be removed from the Small Animal barn within 30 minutes of the end of the show.

Showmanship Rules-All Species:

3. Sign up through fair entry to participate in your species showmanship.
4. The age breakdown is as follows:
 - a. Novice: 1st time enrolled in that project.
 - b. Juniors: 9-11 years old, 4-H age.
 - c. Intermediate: 12-14 years old, 4-H age
 - d. Seniors: 15-18 years old, 4-H age
5. Poultry exhibitors may borrow a non-market poultry animal with permission.

Private Animal Sales:

1. All sales of small animals are to be handled by the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors who should be available in the Small Animal barn.
2. For Sale signs may be posted after the species show is completed, not before.
3. Private sale animals will be released from the barn at designated release time.
4. All animals being offered for sale at the fair must be tagged with a sign with the following information. Exhibitor's Name, Club Name, Telephone Number and with or without pedigree papers.
5. Failure to follow set sale rules will eliminate you from selling any animals in the Small Animal barn the following year.

Auction Rules:

1. All 4-H/Jr. Fair market exhibitor must meet current eligibility rules as noted below, but not limited to:
 - a. Enrolled in that market project.
 - b. Complete Quality Assurance requirements.
 - c. SAC entry form.
 - d. Complete Fair Entry.
2. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors that are auction 4-H/Jr. exhibitors must find their own buyers.
3. The number of animals each 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors may sell at the Livestock Sale will be limited to 2/1/1. Example: 2 sheep, 1 pen of chickens and 1 pen of rabbits. Small Animal for Auction consist of the following:
 - a. Chickens (150CM)-Pen of 3
 - b. Rabbits (228MA)-Pen of 3
 - c. Turkey (150TM)-Pen of 1
 - d. Duck (150DM)- Pen of 1
 - e. Goose (150GM)-Pen of 1

4. All Jr. Fair exhibitors in Market projects are expected to exhibit and sell their own animals. Exhibitors must be present to show in their market or showmanship class in order to be eligible to sell. Another Portage County Jr. Fair exhibitor within the same species may show in market class or in the sale, but not both. Any Jr. Fair Market exhibitor that will miss either market show or sale must submit a form to the Sr. Fair Board Market Livestock Committee for review. Sr. Fair Board Market Livestock Committee decision is final. If the form is not submitted and the show or sale is missed, the exhibitor will be paid the market price. The remainder of their market proceed check will be donated to the Jr. Fair Market Livestock Sale Scholarship Fund.
5. All 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors need to remain at the auction until their market species have finished selling the last “donated back” animal/pen.
6. Tag in and/or Weigh In is mandatory for Market Beef, Market Goats, Market Lambs, Market Swine and Market Small Animals during assigned day, time and location. No exceptions.

Barn and Concession Stand Duty:

1. All 4-H/Jr. Fair clubs in the Small Animal & the Rabbit barn must do barn and concession duty during the fair.
2. Clubs are responsible for the Small Animal barn, the Rabbit barn and the area around the barns.
3. While on duty, you are to check water containers and water as needed without opening the cage.
4. Don't feed animals.
5. Even with clubs on barn duty, each member/exhibitor is responsible for keeping their own area clean and picked up.
6. An adult must be present at all times in the concession stand. If there is no adult present, then your club will be fined \$50 for each time an assigned adult didn't show.
7. **Rules for Complimentary Beverages:**
 - a. Free coffee, hot tea and water bottles are provided for judges and those working the show only during their show.
 - b. No free drinks or candy for any 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor.

Activities: Cloverbud, Costume and Fun Show, Rooster Crowing:

Cloverbud Small Animal Display-In addition to general rules:

1. Cloverbuds must be a registered, active 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor with an established Portage County 4-H/Jr. Fair club.
2. Cloverbud pens need to be set up Sunday or Monday by 8pm. Cloverbuds must turn in an entry form even if they do not want to decorate a pen.
3. Cloverbuds may create their own “Cloverbuddy” to display in the Small Animal barn at the Portage County Randolph Fair during the entire fair week. At the end of Fair during barn teardown, all items must be removed from the display and the pen taken down and stored.
4. Display space is limited by barn space availability in the 4-H Small Animal barn and should be accompanied by a cage tag.

5. All entries should be marked with an ownership label (put your name on it) in an inconspicuous place, i.e. bottom of foot or wherever the display meets the shelf. Consider describing this as a tattoo.
6. Cloverbuds may tear down their exhibit after the Cloverbud show.

Costume Show-In addition to general rules:

1. The backdrop and/or costume should not be larger than 28"X28".
2. Must be able to fit on the table.
3. Only one entry per member.
 - a. May use one or more animal.
 - b. May join together for a combined entry. This equals 1 trophy.
4. Open to all Small Animal project members except Cloverbuds.
5. No show and go animals can be used in this show.
 - a. Members may borrow another member's small animals with the owner's permission.

Fun Show-In addition to general rules:

1. The contest is open to any 4-H/Jr. Fair Exhibitor and any registered rooster at the fair.
2. The rooster does not need to be registered to you but you must have permission from its owner.
3. Judging is based on the number of times that your rooster crows in the allotted time.
4. The 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors who are participating must stay with their roosters during the entire show.
5. Verbal coaching of the rooster is permitted during the show.
6. Sign-up sheets are available during fair week at the advisor's table in the Small Animal barn.

Cat Rules-In addition to general rules:

1. All kittens/cats must have rabies shot by June 1st and a copy of the certificate from the vet must be turned in with the completed entry from the June SAC meeting. The certificate must be dated no more than 30 days before the show.
2. All kittens/cats must be on leashes or harnesses.
3. All kittens/cats must be in good health. No open sores, wounds or fleas.
4. No nursing queens.
5. All kittens/cats must be brought in a secure carrier.
6. Kittens must be 4 months to 9 months old by the show date.
7. Cats must be 9 months old by show date.
8. Only one (1) entry per age and class per 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor.
9. Pure breed does not show against domestic cats.
10. All cat entries will participate in showmanship during the cat show.

Cavy Rules- In addition to general rules:

1. Senior boar or sow- over 32oz
2. Intermediate boar or sow-22oz-32oz
3. Junior boar or sow-12oz-22oz

4. All cavy 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must provide their own food.
5. No nursing sows.
6. Litter pens age must be 2 weeks old and not nursing.
7. No parent is permitted at the show table.

Pocket Pet Rules-In addition to the general rules:

1. Pocket Pets (Small Animal 4-H Project #220)
 - a. Acceptable species are gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats, chinchillas, ferrets, hedgehogs and degas.
2. Limited to 5 Jr. Fair entries per species.
3. Exhibitors must provide their own cages with secure closure (no padlocks) and proper ventilation. Water bottles/containers, feed and bedding are also their responsibility.
4. Litter pen: no nursing females. Mother must accompany the litter to the fair.
5. Chinchillas and ferrets are required to be show and go projects. Other pocket pets may be show and go.
6. Ferrets must have a current rabies vaccination. Submit certificate from the vet with entry form. The certificate must be dated a minimum of 30 days before the fair show date.

Reptile Rules- In addition to the general rules:

1. Reptiles (Small Animal 4-H Project #365 Self-determined)
 - a. Acceptable species Reptiles(lizards, turtles, snakes), Amphibians (salamanders, newts, frogs), Arthropods (spiders, hermit crabs)
2. Limited to 5 Jr. Fair entries per species.
3. Spiders and scorpions will stay all week at the fair. No venomous creatures are permitted on the fairgrounds.
4. Reptile 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must provide their own cages with secure closures (no padlocks) and proper ventilation.
5. Water containers and food are also their responsibility.
6. Reptiles requiring daily food must have leftover food removed each day and fresh food supplied.
7. Electrical connections for lights and heating units will be provided.
8. Reptiles may stay the entire week of the fair or can be Show and Go.
9. Judging will be based on 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor's completion of the Reptiles & Amphibians Idea Starter Project (#365.13) and supplemental questions, his/her animal and its habitat.
10. An educational poster to display at the fair is also required.
11. No reptile will be permitted outside its cage without the supervision of an advisor or the judge.
12. Hands must be promptly disinfected/washed after handling any reptiles.

General Poultry Rules- In addition to general rules:

Definition of Poultry-Poultry is defined for the purpose of this document as any fowl falling into the following groups: chickens pheasants, quail, guinea fowl, peafowl, grouse, ducks, geese and turkey. Poultry does not include pigeons and doves.

1. Pullorum Testing:

- a. If you are bringing poultry to fair, pullorum testing must be completed prior by fair entry deadline. Pullorum testing-refer to the Ohio revised code: 901:1-18-05 Poultry Fowl.
- b. The SAC provides testers and the antigen for testing. Testing this will be done in the spring when the weather begins to warm up.
- c. All 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors are responsible for calling one of the testers to schedule the test.
- d. It is the tester's discretion if they decide to test flocks with external parasites.
- e. Pullorum testers cannot test their own flocks.
- f. The Pullorum paperwork must be turned in with every entry form, this includes paperwork from a pullorum free hatchery.
- g. Turkey on property must be tested by veterinarian.

Market Poultry Rules-In addition to general rules:

Ordering Market Poultry

1. All market projects must be ordered through the Small Animal Council.
2. A communication will be sent to all families regarding the ordering of market poultry. Market poultry must be ordered online for each 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor (not a family order) by the deadline.
3. This will be the time to sign up for a market job during and after the fair. The market poultry committee will then assign jobs after the entry forms are received and notify club advisors of the job assignment.
4. The failure of the family to show up or find a replacement for the assigned job and complete their assigned job will result in the family's club being fined \$50 per non-compliant family for lack of family support to the market poultry committee. If all of the market animals die or the project does not come to the fair the family is required to fulfill their assigned jobs.
5. Pullorum-free testing paperwork must be submitted on your current poultry flock at pick up.
6. Market animals must be picked up with the designated timeframe or the animals and the purchase cost will be forfeited.

Check-In Rules:

1. Animals must meet or exceed the following weights.
 - a. Market chickens-Birds will be 7-9 weeks old with a minimum weight of 6 lbs. each. There will be 3 birds to a pen.
 - b. Market turkey-Birds will be 17-20 weeks old and a minimum of 18 lbs. each and is a hen show/sale only.
 - c. Market ducks: Ducks will be at least 7 weeks old with a minimum weight of 5 lbs. each.
 - d. Market geese: Geese will be 16-19 weeks old with a minimum weight of 7 lbs. each.
2. All birds must be washed and dry before they can be checked in.
3. Once the poultry is brought to the check-in table, checked in and banded, there will be no changes/switching out birds.
4. The entire pen needs to be checked in at the same time.

5. DUNF forms must be submitted online as per current Junior Fair rules in the Fair Book at check-in.
6. All poultry need pullorum tested or proof or purchase from pullorum free hatcher before entering the fairgrounds. If not tested, cannot participate in the fair. Waterfowl don't need pullorum tested.

Death of a bird:

1. Death of an animal in a multiple market animal pen exhibit (chicken) or in a single market animal pen exhibit (turkey, duck, goose):
 - a. If the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors wishing to participate in the auction must replace the dead market animal between noon to 2:00pm Sunday of fair week.
 - b. If the market animal goes through the auction and is not replaced by Sunday of fair week between noon to 2:00pm, all of the proceeds of the sale is forfeited to SAC.
2. Any animal purchased through SAC cannot be shown in the non-market division the same year.

Market Poultry Showing

1. All market 4-H/Jr. Fair Poultry exhibitors will be responsible for the showing of their own animals. This includes taking the animal from the cage if needed, to the show area or to the showing table to be judged.
2. If the exhibitor is not physically able to handle their animal, they may have someone show their animal, but they must be next to the person showing it.
3. If the exhibitor has someone else show their animal and they are physically able to show this animal, then they will only be paid the market price. The remainder of the sales will go to the scholarship fund.
4. If the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor is unable to be present for the show, it is his/her responsibility to designate another 4-H/Jr. Fair Poultry exhibitor or 4-H/Jr. Fair Parent to present his/her bird(s) for judging. Market project participants must refer to the Fair board Rule under Auction Rules.
5. Committee members will NOT be responsible for removing any poultry from their cages.
6. If the bird(s) are not presented for judging, they will place last in their class and/or last in their species.

Market Poultry Sale Order Determination

1. The Judge will place the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3rd through 10th for each species.
2. The donated pen(s) will sell after the Reserve Champion and before the 3rd place pen.
3. First place Skill-a-thon winners will sell after the 10th place pen in their species starting with the Senior Class and ending with the Novice class.
4. The rest of the sale order will be determined by adding 2 to the last placed (10th) pen number placed by the judge. The sale will proceed in sequential order from that number. If the child has more than 1 pen to sell, then they will sell both of their pens back-to-back until all of that species has sold. (04/2018 Fair Board)

Hauling to Processors:

1. Hauling times will be announced during the fair week.
2. The Auction Animals of the Small Animal or the Rabbit Barn will be loaded onto the processor's truck and the pens will be taken down and barn cleaned.
3. All Auction 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must be present during this time.

Non-Market Poultry Rules – In addition to general rules:

1. The Non-Market Poultry Committee follows the Standard Book of Perfection as a guideline.

2. All poultry need pullorum tested or proof of purchase from pullorum free hatchery before entering the fairgrounds. If not tested, cannot participate in the fair. Waterfowl don't need pullorum tested.
3. The age and breed of bird is required information on the entry form. (If the above information is not known, please contact the appropriate poultry chair for assistance.)
4. All forms must be completed, and a copy retained by the family of the exhibitor for entry day.
5. The Non-Market Poultry Committee will no longer require the banding of birds. Birds may be banded with temporary color-coded plastic bands if more than one bird of the same breed and sex is entered by the same exhibitor.
6. Pens will be supplied for all poultry with the exception of quail. Quail must be in a secure cage which has been approved by the Poultry Committee. It is recommended, but not required, that pheasants be housed in a cage brought from home. These cages must also meet approval.
7. There will be one fancy bird per pen unless otherwise dictated by the committee.
8. Any animal purchased through SAC cannot be shown in the non-market division the same year.

Rabbit Rules – In addition to general rules:

1. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must be in the Breeding Rabbit or Market Rabbit Project.
2. Rabbits are shown following the ARBA book of standards as a guideline.
3. All rabbits entered must have a permanent legible tattoo in the left ear prior to being checked in at the fair.
4. Tattoos must match what is on the entry form.
5. No movement of rabbits to other pens without prior approval from a member of the Rabbit subcommittee. Non approved movement may result in awards being forfeited.
6. Per ARBA Standards, fixed/neutered rabbits are not permissible to show and are to be disqualified for alterations, therefore they are deemed per rabbit and are not shown at fair.
7. **Utility Class**
 - a. This class is done by weight.
 - b. Small Bucks and Does weighing anything under 7 pounds.
 - i. Large Bucks and Does weighing 7 or more pounds.
8. **Litter Pens**
 - a. Does must stay with her litter.
 - b. Age limit is 6-8 weeks old as of entry day of fair.
 - c. Must be in Breeding Rabbit or Market Rabbit Book.
 - d. Each 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor will only be allowed to bring three (3) litter pens to the Fair.
9. **Market Rabbit Project:**
 - a. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor must be in the Market Rabbit Project.
 - b. Meat Pen will consist of three (3) rabbits from the same litter.
 - c. Age limit is 8–10 weeks old as of entry day of fair.
 - d. Each market rabbit must weigh between 3 to 5 1/2 pounds.
 - e. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors may not show these rabbits in the regular rabbit show.
 - f. 4-H/Jr. Fair Exhibitor must also bring and show the doe of the market pen and it must be included on the entry form with tattoo #. The doe will be considered one of the 10 pens.
 - g. There is no sharing of a doe between family members or club members who are market rabbit exhibitors.

- h. The emphasis of judging for meat pens will be on meat type, (confirmation), condition of flesh, uniformity in body and weight, condition of fur, and uniformity of exhibit (all 3 animals).
 - i. Animals must have meat type characteristics.
 - j. All meat pens that do not conform to the requirements and are disqualified will be sent home.
 - k. If one (1) rabbit in the pen weighs less than the minimum or more than the maximum weight, the entire pen will be disqualified or moved to one (1) Fryer Pen and the other two (2) will be sent home.
 - l. Fryer Pens – 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor may change from a Meat Pen to a Fryer Pen, IF their entire meat pen doesn't meet the Market Rabbit rule requirement of 3 to 5 1/2 pounds, or if one of their meat rabbits die.
 - m. Exhibitors will then be allowed to enter one (1) rabbit per meat pen entered as a fryer or have a meat pen and one (1) fryer pen – following the 2-1-1 rule. The rabbit entered, as a fryer must follow the Market Rabbit Rules of 3-5 1/2 pounds, 8-10 weeks old.
- 10. Market Rabbit Sale Order Determination**
- a. The Rabbit Sale Order will be determined as follows:
 - b. The Judge will place the Grand Champion Rabbit Pen, Reserve Champion Rabbit Pen, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.
 - c. The rest of the sale order will be determined by adding 2 to the last placed (6th) pen number placed by the judge. The sale will proceed in sequential order from that number. If the child has more than 1 pen to sell, then they will sell both of their pens back-to-back until all of that species has sold. (04/2018 FB)
 - d. The donated rabbit pen(s) will sell after the Reserve Champion Rabbit Pen and before the 3rd place pen.
 - e. The Fryer Pens will be placed in the sale order after all regular Market Rabbit Pens (3 rabbits in a pen) sell, starting with 1st place and continuing down to 6th place per the judge's determination.
- 11. Pet Rabbit Project:**
- a. Exhibitors are not permitted to bring their animal to the fair because the state 4H office's interpretation of "Pet Rabbit" is that the animal is housed in the house, away from the weather elements and stress. They are strictly a companion animal which means inside.
 - b. All 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors in this book will Participate in Grade Day prior to the Fair