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Welcome Letter

Welcome to Elkhart County 4-H! You have made a great choice to join the premier youth organization in the nation. 4-H has been around for over 100 years and has given countless youth life skills to prepare them for a great future. The door has now been open for you to participate in many different opportunities.

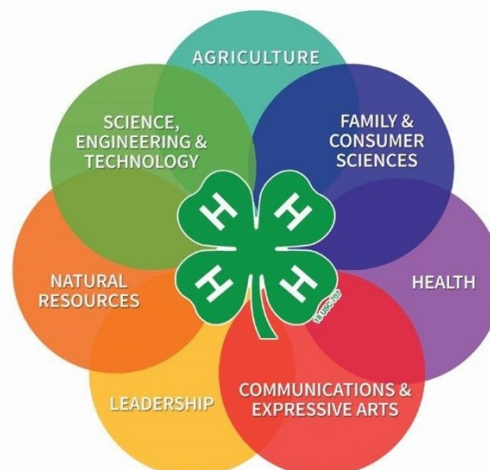
There are several things that you will need to know being in the animal science side of our program. But don't worry we are here to help you along the way and encourage you to ask questions along your 4-H journey. In this livestock update you will find many of the items you will need to know about being in a livestock club, from the Youth for Quality Care of Animals program, Animal ID information and other animal science events during the year.

Above all, it is important for you to attend club meetings, be active and read communications from the Purdue Extension Office. You will note that most of our communication is done via email and our website (you will see the link on the left hand side of this page, along with our social media). Please pay attention to deadlines for programs. Feel free to reach out to our amazing volunteers or our Extension office staff along the way.

All the best,
Robert Kelly

4-H Animal Records

Did you know that you should be keeping records on your animal projects? This is one of the many important pieces when it comes to raising animals. All 4-H members who have a livestock project will need to fill out a record sheet. Records help you keep track of your expenses and income from your project, health of your animal and what skills you have learned.



4-H Small Animal Club Contacts

Below you will find a list of 4-H Small Animal Club leaders, be sure to reach out to them for information and their assistance.

Club Name	Organizational Leader	Phone	Email
4-H Cat Club	Jade Bobeck	574-971-1204	jade.bobeck@aol.com
4-H Dog Club	Melissa Cloud	574-849-9872	msebastiancloud@yahoo.com
Classy Cavies 4-H	Dominique Sigsbee	574-849-6333	mesigsbee@icloud.com

Animal ID Information

What is 4HOnline?

4HOnline is our web-based data management system. This is where you sign up information, projects and Animal ID information. This allows the Purdue Extension office and 4-H Club leaders to generate reports and other items that they need to inform you of events, and project information. You as a 4-H family can read our newsletters, update your contact information and sign up for events using the 4HOnline system. It is important if you move, or change a phone number or email address that you update that information in your family profile.

What is FairEntry?

FairEntry is our data management system for items related to the fair. This system is where classes are selected, and show programs are managed. All 4-H Small Animal members will need to log into this system using their 4HOnline profile to place their animals into their proper classes, sign up for showmanship and other club events. It is important that you complete this information when you receive the instructions at the end of May.

4-H's Long-reaching Effects
Compared to other youth, 4-Hers are:

- 4x** more likely to contribute to their communities
- 2x** more likely to be civically active
- 2x** more likely to make healthier lifestyle choices

Club Specific Information

Each animal species may have different requirements for ID's and other information. Under each one you will find the dates for each. Please check with the volunteers of your 4-H clubs to make sure that you have the most current information.

Cat - 2020 - (3rd Thursday of the month from January through June)

January 23, 2020 - Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Elkhart County Fairgrounds
February 20, 2020 - Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Elkhart County Fairgrounds
March 19, 2020 - Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Elkhart County Fairgrounds
May 26, 2020 - FairEntry Opens
July 8, 2020 - FairEntry Completed

Classy Cavies - 2019 - 2020 - (1st Tuesday of the month except for August and September)

December 3, 2019 - Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Elkhart County Fairgrounds
January 7, 2020 - Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Elkhart County Fairgrounds
February 4, 2020 - Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Elkhart County Fairgrounds
March 3, 2020 - Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Elkhart County Fairgrounds
May 26 - FairEntry Opens
July 8 - FairEntry Completed

Dog - 2020

January 21, 2020 - Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Elkhart County Fairgrounds
February 18, 2020 - Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Elkhart County Fairgrounds
March 24, 2020 - Club Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Elkhart County Fairgrounds
Beginning March 31, 2020 - weekly trainings
May 26 - FairEntry Opens
July 8 - FairEntry Completed

Health Forms

Cats and dogs that will be used for the 4-H program are required to have vet sheets on file. This is for the safety of the animals and the 4-H members. These forms will need to be turned in before the animals can be brought to meetings and trainings. To get a copy of the forms you can go to:

https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Documents/2018_cat_vaccination_form.pdf

https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Documents/2018_dog_vaccination_form.pdf

Hard copies will be available from you 4-H leader and in the Purdue Extension Office. Please be sure to read over the forms and the appropriate information completed.

State Fair Information

The Indiana State Fair is a great way to showcase 4-H livestock projects from around the state. Many families have a tradition of going down every year to show and make new friends. The state fair may have some different rules and animal ID requirements than we do in Elkhart County. Note that animals and or products sold in place of that animal are not eligible to show at the Indiana State fair that same year. Most of their livestock deadlines are June 1, and more information can be found on their website at: www.indianastatefair.com



Animal Science Programing

Dairy Foods Team

Do you have an interest in learning more about food science, dairy products, or tasting food? Then the dairy foods team is for you. This program is open to any 4-H member in 3rd- 12th grade, and you don't have to be in a livestock club to join! Participants learn more about dairy products, cheese, milk quality, and marketing. All of our practices are hands on and interactive. The team will start their practices in August 2020. Be on the look out for more



Jr. Livestock Advisory Board Building Teen Leaders

This program is open to all 9th - 12th grade 4-H members who are nominated and selected on their leadership capacity, and willingness to learn more about animal science. Members also need to be enrolled in a livestock club. This group focuses on building leadership skills, developing presentations to engage younger 4-H members at countywide

Animal Science Day Camp

This program is geared towards any 3rd - 6th grade youth. You do not have to be a 4-H member to participate in this hands on experience. This one day workshop will offer you an up close and personal view of animal parts, hands on science and learning more about animal body systems. The Animal Science day camp will be held in June 2020.



Animal Science Programing

4-H Academy @ Purdue

Geared towards 9th - 12th grade 4-H members, this program at Purdue University is your chance to learn first hand from campus professors, graduate students and staff in a hands on atmosphere! 4-H Academy has workshops based on: Animal Science, Aviation, Engineering, Computers, Health Careers, Nutrition and much more. 4-H members will get to network with over 400 other youth from across the state and have a 3-day experience on a Big Ten Campus! This year 4-H Academy will take place in June. Registration forms are due to the Extension



Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy

The Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy is for youth who have an interest in the dairy industry and are going to be in grades 10th - 12th in the 2020 school year. This is a year long program where youth gain hands on knowledge of the dairy industry, dive into their leadership journey and network with industry professionals. Youth will participate in the National Dairy Conference, leadership weekends, an international dairy experience, and an Indiana dairy tour. Information on this program will be released during the spring and applications will be taken until August 2020 for the 2020-2021 class.

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