

1999 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL “Action Taken” on Recommendations

A. GENERAL 4-H

1. **Judging Contests** - Lewis. Recommends that all 4-H judging contests require introduction of the member for oral reasons; introduction must include name, age, club, and years in project.

Rejected by Council: Judging contests should be as unbiased as possible; including name and/or other personal information could give unfair advantage to a contestant.

2. **Animal Science Policy** – State: Recommends on page 2, Horse/Livestock Management and Ownership, EM0758 "Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program Policy":
 - a. The title of the section be changed to "Animal Science Management and Ownership."
 - b. Addition of the statement: "The administration of any drug, medication, or herbal substance which could affect an animal's disposition or performance, and could result in taking unfair advantage of another exhibitor, is not acceptable in the 4-H Youth Development Program."

2a. Accepted by Council. Change has been made on EM0758 revision, 3/00. Section is titled "Animal Management & Ownership."

2b. Rejected by Council. More definition is needed for "herbal substance."

2. **Livestock Policy** - State. Recommends that on page 2, Horse/Livestock Management and Ownership, EM0758 "Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program Policy," the addition be made: "The administration of any drug, medication, or herbal substance which could affect an animal's processed meat is not acceptable in the 4-H Youth Development Program."

Rejected by Council. See 2b.

4. **Photography** - Lewis. Recommends changes to the Photo Label (C0890) to include:
 - a) change film type to film speed; b) change automatic exposure to auto exposure,

Accepted by Council.

Accepted by State Staff with suggestions from Photography Superintendent to be considered when label is revised.

5. **Photography** - Snohomish. Recommends that a Black & White Class for photographs be created at State Fair.

Accepted by Council

Rejected by State 4-H Fair Board: Black and White photos are already provided for in the existing photography classes; they are separated and judged against a standard, not in comparison to colored photos.

6. **Quiz Bowl** - Island. Recommends that Quiz Bowl be reinstated in the 4-H State Fair program.

Rejected by Council: There is not adequate space or volunteer help to hold quiz bowls at the State 4-H Fair.

7. **Pet Rats** - Island. Recommends that Pet Rats be added to the State 4-H Fair.

Rejected by Council: There is not a WSU curriculum for a Pet Rat project. The State 4-H Fair doesn't have space for this activity. There are no standards of quality for rats.

8. **Poultry/Pocket Pets** - Spokane. Spokane County 4-H offers to host the 4-H State Fair events for poultry and pocket pets, starting in summer 2000.

Rejected by Council: 4-H poultry exhibits are currently shown in the Junior Poultry Exposition at Puyallup. We do not have a curriculum for pocket pets. Spokane County is encouraged to host a PNW Poultry/Pocket Pet exposition that focuses on Youth Development, and whose timing does not conflict with the Junior Poultry Show and the State 4-H Fair.

B. FAMILY LIVING

1. **Clothing & Textiles** - King. Recommends that a new State committee be formed or a subcommittee be created within the current WA State Clothing and Textile Committee for the purpose of upgrading/adding clothing activities to the State Fair Premium Book based on current available curriculum.

Rejected by Council: A committee has already been established and is addressing this subject; the State Clothing & Textile Team is co-chaired by Kay Hendricksen and Jan Hiller. Christy Price is giving leadership to this subcommittee of the CT team.

2. **Clothing & Textiles** - King. Recommends that a version of "Creative Consumer of Fashion" be added to the clothing activities at State 4-H Fair. This activity would complement and supplement the current Daily Fashion Revue (and possibly State Fashion Revue), and could utilize Daily Fashion Revue judges following this activity's morning time slot.

Accepted by Council: Referred by State 4-H Fair Board to State Clothing & Textile Team for activity development. Christy Price is giving leadership to this subject committee.

3. **Clothing & Textiles/Foods** - King. Recommends that a 'Clothing Bowl' activity and a 'Foods Bowl' activity or a combined 'Family Living Bowl' activity be added to the Family Living activities (in separate departments or combined under Family Living activities.)

Accepted by Council with modification: Activity to be coordinated by volunteers.

Rejected by State 4-H Fair Board: Recommendation rejected based on the lack of facilities at State 4-H Fair to accommodate bowl activities. Bowls for other subject matter areas are organized and held at locations and times separate from the State 4-H Fair.

4. **Food Preservation** - Lewis. Recommends that the wording on the "Dried Food Judging Sheet" (C0538) be changed to "prevents contamination under normal conditions."

Rejected by Council: The recommendation is unclear and has nothing to do with how the child has prepared their product. Contamination occurs when the judge opens the package.

C. DOGS

1. **Guidelines** - Pierce. Update and republish EM4796 "Guidelines for Washington State 4-H Dog Program."

Accepted by Council with modification: Incorporate changes in the draft in the updated publication and refer this to the State Dog Leaders Committee. Implementation is already in progress.

2. **Score Sheets** - Pierce. Review, correct, and republish 4-H Dog Obedience Score Sheets, replacing all existing ones. Change paper color of new sheets and notify all counties.

Accepted by Council: Refer to State Dog Leaders Committee for final approval and then forward to WSU for publication.

Accepted with Modification by State 4-H Staff: Dog score cards are reviewed regularly (usually at least once every two years), with revisions made as recommended by the State Dog Leaders Committee as stock runs low. Efforts will be made to keep the most current versions of scorecards available to download from the 4-H publications website, <http://cahedb.wsu.edu/infoPub/scripts/webSubject.asp?category=800>.

3. **Scoring** - Pierce. Change the Blue Ribbon requirements in the Dog Project from a score of 90-100 to a score of 85-100.

Rejected by Council: Current scores are satisfactory. Committee feels there is more of a conflict between school and 4-H events and that is why quotas are not filled to capacity.

4. **State Fair Requirements** - Pierce. Change the requirements in the State Fair Premium Book to allow counties to determine which dog will be taken to State Fair when a member brings two dogs to County Fair and qualifies in Obedience with both.

Rejected by Council: WA State guidelines are in conflict with the State Fair Premium book.

State 4-H Fair Action: Correct the State 4-H Fair Premium Book to reflect the current guidelines for WA State 4-H Dog Program in this situation.

State 4-H Staff: Support the action of the State Fair Board.

5. **Dog Agility** - Pierce. Create classes for Dog Agility in the State Dog Program.

Accepted by Council with modification: Refer to the State Dog Leaders Committee for program development.

Accepted by State Staff: Could be added as time and facilities allow, based on AKC materials.

State Fair Board: Will instruct superintendent to set up and run a few agility obstacles in the evenings as time permits, for "fun and prizes," not for premiums or ribbons. Will replace the older equipment with standard agility obstacles.

6. **Guide Dogs** - Whatcom. Recommends that youth in Guide Dog/Service Dog projects be allowed to show another guide dog in Fitting and Showing if their puppy may not be able to attend.

Rejected by Council: Current State 4-H Fair rules are sufficient. The service dog that qualifies at the designated county qualifying event is the only dog eligible to be exhibited at State 4-H Fair.

7. **Guide Dogs** - Whatcom. Recommends that 4-Hers involved in the Guide Dog/Service Dog project be allowed to wear dress slacks or culottes for Fitting and Showing.

Rejected by Council: Current State 4-H Fair rules and Guide/Service Dog Fitting and Showing scorecard already allow this.

D. EQUINE

1. **Dressage** - Cowlitz. Recommends that a statewide dressage project and competition for 4-H equine participants be created.

Accepted by Council with modification: Recommend a statewide committee be formed to create the dressage project curriculum and competitions for 4-H equine participants.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff: Leaders are encouraged to communicate with one another via the horse listserve and face-to-face meetings to determine the curriculum and events to be developed. Leaders should be prepared to make recommendations to the State 4-H Staff by July 2001.

2. **Equine Fair** - Lincoln. Recommends that an EMT or ambulance be on site at the arena for all 4-H horse events at State Fair.

Rejected by Council: We already have an emergency response time of 1-2 minutes; procedures and emergency protocols are in place and are the responsibility of the Puyallup Fire Department.

3. **Equine Fair** - Pierce. Recommends that Senior Equine be scheduled before Intermediates at the State 4-H Fair.

Rejected by Council: Does not address performance or gaming. Needs to be more specific. Scheduling needs to be left to Fair management, depending upon arena availability.

4. **Performance Horse** - King. Recommends that mules be included in the 4-H program, be listed in the "Performance Horse Manual," and be included in all classes and the county and state fairs.

Accepted by Council with modification: Mules be included in all 4-H equine programs and information be placed in all 4-H equine manuals.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff: Mules are equine, therefore they are included in the 4-H equine program and state curriculum will reflect this more consistently as materials are revised.

5. **Performance Horse** - King. Recommends that all breeds of horses that do not trot or canter naturally, be included in all 4-H classes, listed in the "Performance Horse Manual," and referenced on pg. 7 (Gaits) and on pg. 30 (Intermediate Gaits).

Accepted by Council

Accepted by State 4-H Staff: Currently in the 4-H Equine program, intermediate-gaited horses are included in 4-H Performance Classes; the curriculum will more clearly reflect that as future revisions are made.

6. **Performance Horse** - Spokane. Recommends that Intermediate and Senior Jumping be added as a state qualifying events, to include Fitting and Showing, Hunter Hack, Working Hunter, and Equitation Over Fences.

Accepted by Council

State 4-H Fair Action: Modify the original recommendation to add an Equitation Over Fences Class to the Senior Performance Horse section of the State 4-H Fair, with no change in the maximum number of classes that may be entered per exhibitor.

State 4-H Staff: Supports action of Fair Board.

7. **Western Games** - Pierce. Recommends that in the Two Barrel Flag Event, that each flag must be removed from its respective barrel; if a flag is not removed, it would result in an off course, and no time recorded.

Accepted by Council with modification: In the two barrel flags event, each flag must be removed from its respective barrel. If a flag is not removed, it would result in a 10-second penalty, rather than the current 5-second penalty.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

8. **Western Games** - Spokane. Recommends that EM4610, "Western Games," pg. 31, Section II. A. (2nd sentence) be changed to read: Contestants must enter the arena at a walk or collected trot, but leave the arena dismounted and leading with reins (off the neck) in hand.

Accepted by Council with modification: Contestants must enter the arena at a walk or collected trot, but may leave the arena dismounted and leading with reins (off the neck) in hand.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

9. **Western Games** - State. Recommends a number of revisions to EM4610, "Western Games Youth Manual and Class Rules" (itemized below).

a. **Page 45, Texas Barrels** - Change the labeling on the patterns to designate Figure 38 as the Alternate Course, and Figure 39 as the Regular Course.

Accepted by Council.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

b. **Page 22, Ribbons and Awards** - Add: "Participation ribbons will be given for a ride that has received a disqualification."

Rejected by Council: (No reason noted on committee report.)

Changed by State 4-H Staff, with the recommendation of horse leaders, to allow three classifications of disqualification. Disqualification with white ribbon, disqualification with participation ribbon, and disqualification with no award (see Disqualification section in the 2000 revision of "Western Games," EM4610).

c. **Page 24, #17. Add:** "The judge will first give a mandatory warning; if the rider does not comply, a disqualification will be given."

Accepted by Council

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

d. **Page 26, Personal Attire** - Change requirement to: "a long-sleeved, button-down shirt," eliminating the collar requirement.

Rejected by Council: We accept all collars.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff.

e. **Page 28-29, Section 4 - Equipment and Attire.** Add to item A: "All equipment is to be checked before the rider enters the arena."

Rejected by Council: (No reason noted on committee report.)

Accepted by State 4-H Staff. The current rules are adequate.

f. **Page 30, Section 6 - Ties.** Change to read: "The procedure for breaking ties is either a runoff or a coin toss. In the event that a coin toss is picked, the loser of the toss will take the next lower position."

Accepted by Council

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

g. **Page 31, Section 8 - Rerides.** Add: #3. Course measured incorrectly. Add: #4. Unsafe arena conditions.

Accepted by Council with modification: Delete #4. Unsafe arena conditions.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

h. **Page 31, Section 11 - Arena Safety.** Add: "When rider dismounts, reins must be taken off the horse's neck for safety."

Accepted by Council with modification: Add that this item be placed in the ground rules for all 4-H equine events.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

i. **Page 32, Judges' Duties.** Add: #6. The judge is to make sure that the arena is safe and that all gates are closed. Add: #7. The judge is the only person with the authority to give the green flag as a signal that the course is ready for the rider to start.

Accepted by Council

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

j. **Page 35, Section 13B. Change to read:** "Failure to have the horse under control at the start and close of the running portion of the event." (OMIT the rest of the sentence - "by stopping the horse at the end of runout lane.")

Rejected by Council: (No reason noted on committee report.)

Changed by the State 4-H Staff and implemented to be a disqualification with a participation ribbon.

k. **Page 35, H. Add:** "It is recommended that the judge first give a mandatory warning to the rider so that there is no doubt in the rider's mind how the judge sees the rider's actions."

Accepted by Council

Accepted by State 4-H Staff and implemented.

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A. GENERAL 4-H

- A. Public Presentations**—King. Recommends that 5th grade Juniors be allowed to participate in Public Presentations at State 4-H Fair.

Rejected by Council: 4-H is a learning process and development takes place in steps. 5th Graders are not at a level developmentally to handle the stress of a State Fair level public presentation.

- B. Oral Reasons**—Pierce. Recommends that the same person(s) judge the entire age divisions for Orals Reasons.

Rejected by Council: Suggests that the recommendation be sent back to the originating county for more clarification. It is unclear whether the proponent is talking about consistency within one contest or all contests. Logistically, it is not possible for one person to judge all oral reasons for an age grouping in all judging contests. At State 4-H Fair, many judging contests classes (particularly in animal classes) are too large to be judged by a single judge. In other cases, such as foods or clothing judging contests, the same person often does judge oral reasons for an entire group.

- C. Projects & Pub. (EM2778) Levels/Fair Entry Policies** – Pierce. Questions whether the project level recommended in EM2778 defines fair entry policy.

Rejected by Council: This is a question, rather than a recommendation, and has no bearing on fair entry policies. The grade levels recommended for projects/publications in EM2778 are indicators of curriculum appropriateness for target youth audiences, and have no bearing on eligibility for fair participation.

- D. Project Score Sheets** – Pierce. Recommends that all project score sheets be printed with the approved date and "supercedes" date; recommends that all score sheets be available to all counties no later than Jan. 1 of the 4-H year; recommends that the color of paper be significantly different than the one that is superceded.

Accepted by Council

Rejected by State Staff: Scorecards are printed as supplies run low and the 4-H Publications Budget continues to be a limiting factor in the ability to keep short-use, free publications in supply. In the past, if major revision has occurred in scoring after the first of the year, the new standards have not been enforced until the following 4-H year. A reprint or revision date is always included on each WSU 4-H publication. The idea of printing a "supercedes" date on publications may seem logical, but would not insure that the most recent version of a publication is in use. This problem is best solved by county office personnel maintaining up-to-date publication files, keeping abreast of monthly publication changes, and discarding old versions of publications. Effort is already being made to vary paper color as scorecard revisions are printed. An alternative solution is to continue to post the latest version of scorecards as downloadable files on the CAHE Information web site. County office personnel or individuals can print off needed quantities on whatever paper color they choose.

B. FAMILY LIVING

- A. Foods/Clothing Judging Contests** – Pierce. Recommends that State Fair Foods and Clothing Judging contest include more visual and tactile practical situations.

Accepted with Modification by Council: We suggestion that correct answers be available at the time scores are posted.

Rejected by State 4-H Staff. Because printed materials are distributed to interested counties following the State 4-H Fair, it is not practical to include the more cumbersome posters and hands-on, tactile components. County personnel are welcome to use the printed materials as a basis for making a more hands-on, creative contest at the local level.

Modification: The committee inappropriately added an unrelated modification to this recommendation. A modification is to clarify the recommendation without changing its original intent.

The Foods/Clothing Judging Contests are presently being evaluated and the format in which they are offered may change for the upcoming State 4-H Fair. The resulting changes may alter past procedures for posting scores and contest answers.

- B. FAO Worksheet** – Skagit. Recommends that the statement, "Include estimated purchase cost for all home-grown items," be deleted from *Foods for All Occasions Worksheet*, (C0807).

Accepted by Council.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff

This publication will not be reprinted for some time because of current inventory. In the mean time, the Web file version will be updated, and the phrase lined out on in-stock copies at Bulletins. County office personnel will be responsible to line out this statement on publications already in their files.

- C. FAO Worksheet** – Lewis. Recommends that the statement, "Include estimated purchase cost for all home-grown items," be deleted from *Foods for All Occasions Worksheet*, (C0807).

See B.2.

- D. State Fair Family Living/Clothing Classes** – Pierce. a) Recommends that the title for Class 40, Adventures in Family Living, Lot 2, "Clothing" be changed to "Sewing." b) Recommends that non-clothing items be entered in Class 46, Household & Home or Room Décor instead of Class 45, Clothing & Personal Accessories

Accepted by Council.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff

C. LLAMAS/SHEEP

- A. Wether Sheep Class** – Pierce. Recommends that a wether sheep class be created in the sheep project, other than the market class, both for wool and down.

Accepted with modification by Council: "to create a wool and down wether sheep class, any breed or cross shown at full fleece, judged on wool characteristics."

Accepted by the State 4-H Fair Board/Staff.

- B. Lad & Lassies Lead/Llamas** – Thurston. Add llamas and alpacas to the Lad and Lassies Lead Class (at State 4-H Fair).

Accepted by Council

Accepted by the State 4-H Fair Board.

- C. Primary Members/Llamas** – Whatcom. Recommends that Primary 4-H members (those K-2nd Grade and under age 8) be allowed to enroll in the llama project.

Rejected by Council: Suggests that a llama-less llama project be proposed.

D. EQUINE

1. **State Fair Allocations/Equine** – Thurston. Recommends that the process for allotting the number of equine exhibitors for each county be based on actual participation at the county level, rather than the number of members enrolled in equine projects.

Rejected by Council: The current allocations process addresses the uniqueness of each county's situation, making it fair and equitable. Furthermore, changing the process as proposed would discount the efforts of those members choosing to participate in the educational aspect of equine projects rather than riding.

2. **Performance Horse** – Skagit. Recommends that the following be added to "Bit" (EM4727, Performance Horse Class Rules, pg. 46): Western horses 5 yrs. and under (from Jan. 1 of year foaled) may be ridden in a smooth snaffle at least 3/8" diameter from side or a bosal with two hands used on the reins.

Rejected by Council: There are already provisions in the State Performance Rules for counties to develop green horse classes. Horses, 5 years and under, are not required to be limited to a snaffle or bosal. Furthermore, it is an unfair advantage for the two-handed western rider being judged with one-handed riders in equitation.

E. DOGS

1. **Obedience Score Sheets** – Pierce. Recommends that all current approved obedience score sheets be printed with the approved date and "supercedes" date; recommends that all score sheets be available to all counties no later than Jan. 1 of the 4-H year; recommends that the color of paper be significantly different than the one that is superceded.

Accepted by Council

Rejected by State Staff: See A.4

2. **Guide/Service Dogs** – Skagit. Recommends that the terminology for Guide/Service Puppies be changed to "Assistance Puppies."

Accepted by Council.

Rejected by State Staff: The term, Service Dog or Service Puppy, is more inclusive.

3. **Guide/Service Dogs** – Skagit. Recommends that Guide/Service Puppies rules eliminate any reference to names of "schools."

Accepted by Council.

Rejected by State Staff: Opportunities to show service dogs should be used to showcase the distinctives of service dog schools and promote the uniquenesses of these organizations.

4. **Guide/Service Dogs** – Skagit. Recommends the following rule changes for compliance with all the schools' different raising techniques:

- a. Change Rule # 13 ('99) to read: "Baiting will be allowed in the ring for raisers of schools that approve of this training method."
- b. Change Rule #5 ('99) to require the same scores as in the regular dog project.
- c. Under the points allowed, regarding champion and reserve, eliminate "only using Lot 1."
- d. All schools should show against one another, by age group, just as in other projects.

4.a., b., and d. Accepted by Council

4.c. Rejected by Council: Referred recommendation to the State 4-H Fair Board to reconsider the exception to allow two dogs (obedience/assistance) at the State 4-H Fair.

State 4-H Fair Board/Staff Action:

A Special Committee on Service Dogs at the State 4-H Fair, composed of State 4-H Staff and Fair Board Trustees, met and prepared a report that was further modified and accepted at the January 2001 meeting of the State 4-H Fair Board. The final report was approved by State Staff. The report addresses showcasing the Service Dogs and 4-H youth handlers so completely that all sub-items in E.4. are addressed.

The showcase opportunity allows service puppy handlers to participate in a 4-H in Action opportunity in the dog barn area on a schedule that will also allow the 4-H members time to be together with their other project participants. For those 4-H members who wish to also use their service puppy in an obedience and showmanship contests, plans and rules have been prepared to allow that participation on their regular county dog show day schedule in addition to the 4-H in Action opportunity. Any participation on the regular county dog show day would be above the regular quota allocated to the county, and will use score sheets and rules already established for the obedience dog show. The committee report allows showing a service puppy in the 4-H in Action event by a 4-H member who also exhibits another animal – of any species – at State 4-H Fair.

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A. GENERAL 4-H

1. **4-H Membership Eligibility** - Clark. Recommends that membership in 4-H be open to youths who have reached their 5th birthday before October 1 of the current 4-H year, through those who have not reached their 19th birthday before October 1 of the current 4-H year; and that members must have reached their 8th birthday before October 1 of the current 4-H year to be eligible for competitive situations, and to be eligible for enrollment in large animal projects and projects using firearms, motorized vehicles, hot water bath or pressure canning methods.

Rejected by Council: Eligibility requirements are already addressed in current policy. Enrollment by grade, rather than age, is a better indicator of the developmental stages for which 4-H curriculum has been designed. [This issue has also been addressed nationally: "Nearly 4 million 4-H participants (over half) are in school enrichment...Our educational materials are targeted at particular mental ages, which are best reflected by grade in school, not chronological age."]

2. **4-H Membership Groupings** - Clark. Recommends that the following groups be identified for special programs and activity participation within the 4-H program: Primary - youths aged 5-7; Junior - youths aged 8-10; Intermediate - youths aged 11-13; Senior - youths aged 14-19.

Rejected by Council: Grade grouping keeps kids competing on a more level playing field. [It would be inconsistent to have membership eligibility by grade and participation groupings by age.] See item A.1 for more explanation.

3. **State 4-H Forum** - Spokane. Eliminate WA State 4-H Forum and replace it with 4-H Project Weekends, where one project area is totally focussed on for beginners to experienced, youth leadership within that project, with 4-H projects divided into four main categories (Family Living, Animal Science, Environment and Sports, and Arts/Sciences).

Accepted with Modification: "In addition to WA State 4-H Forum, add project weekends."

Rejected by State Staff: The State Forum is a needed activity, as it is the only time volunteers, youth, and staff from across the state gather together to share ideas, make new acquaintances, and learn. It is an opportunity to expose participants to new projects

and ideas outside their own area and county. Many weekends are already being offered for specific project emphasis to gain more in-depth knowledge for the experienced volunteer and basics for the new volunteer. Examples of these include dog project weekends, science camp-in, livestock training, dairy weekends, shooting sports training, etc. offered as county invitational events and training, WSU-sponsored events, or state-wide training opportunities.

4. **State 4-H Forum** - Spokane. Focus WA State 4-H Forum on training of 4-H staff and volunteers so they can lead better within their counties; add Project Weekends where everyone comes to learn about a project.

Rejected by Council: The Forum is already set up to address this issue. [The focus of the Forum is training in specific project areas as well as the broader issues of youth development and leadership for 4-H staff and volunteers.]

5. **State 4-H Fair** - Spokane. Instead of having 4-H State Fair at Puyallup each year, rotate 4-H State Fair through the four districts.

Rejected by Council: While it would be convenient for a different portion of 4-H youth each year, rotating the State Fair presents more disadvantages than advantages. These include: a) locating and maintaining an adequately-sized group of experienced volunteers in each area to carry out this major effort only once each four years; b) adapting to the many variables present at different fairgrounds facilities; c) continuing to quality for essential funding from the WA Dept. of Ag.; d) securing convenient and appropriate dates for the State 4-H Fair to use facilities of county or area fairs.

6. **State 4-H Fair** - Spokane. Remove 4-H State Fair out of the Puyallup Fair. Instead, scatter the 4-H State events and activities and exhibits throughout the state, hosted by different counties (through a bid process), and held at different times throughout the summer.

Rejected by Council: The State 4-H Fair qualifies for funding from the WA State Dept. of Ag. in its present configuration; but this is no guarantee that funding would or could be continued for scattered events, which would not be viewed as consistent or stable. In addition, many 4-H youth participate in more than one area in the current State 4-H Fair. Scattering events and displays across the state could cause overwhelming obstacles to their full participation. Continuity and stability are valuable features of the current State 4-H Fair.

7. **County Days** - Kitsap. Schedule only one County Day at State Fair for each county; schedule exhibit entry due dates on the county day.

Rejected by Council: County day scheduling can be addressed by fair management and any county can request that their county day assignment for exhibit building activities be changed. To wait for exhibit entries from each county on their county day would cause the fair to open with an empty building. Exhibits from the counties with the last day assignment would have their still life exhibits displayed for less than one day. That would

not merit a good score from official fair evaluators-essential to maintaining our funding level from the WA State Dept. of Ag. Further, every still life department would need to have superintendents and clerks (volunteers) and judges (paid) available for all 17 days for the Fair. Currently, they work 5 days; this recommendation would increase time and costs by more than 300%. Additionally, the turmoil and confusion of an on-going fair mixed with requirement for space and time to accept, judge, and adjust displays daily would cause serious disruption for those 4-H youth trying to present their demonstrations, model their fashion garments, or complete preparation of a dish or meal.

8. **Fitting & Showing/Performance Standards** - Skagit. Recommends that all projects have a written score sheet for fitting and showing and performance class standards; recommends a written required amount of total points that must be achieved to qualify for county blue ribbons and qualifying for State Fair.

Rejected by Council: Rejected because of lack of clarification (fitting/showing and performance do not apply to all projects); two different issues are being addressed by the recommendation.

9. **Photography** - Lewis. Recommends that exhibitors be allowed to bring three photos to State (Fair), even if they were admitted to the county fair as 3"x5" small photos.

Rejected by Council: Not an issue - exhibitors may already enlarge photos if they ask the superintendent.

10. **Photography** - King. Recommends that in the Photography exhibits, the composition subcategories be changed to: A. Special Lighting/Exposure; B. Line/Angle; and C. Special Patterns, Texture, or Shapes.

Accepted with Modification: ...subcategories be change to: 1. Special Lighting, i.e., back, side, evening, strobe, etc.; 2. Design Elements, i.e., line, shapes, patterns, etc.; 3. Still Life, inanimate objects, set-up; 4. Abstract. Flexibility in wording given to St. Fair Photography superintendent and the Fair Manager.

Accepted.

11. **Photography** - King. Recommends that a judging sheet be added for Black & White/Darkroom skills.

Accepted with Modification: adding the statement: Have available by March 1, 2002 in downloadable form.

Accepted. The judging sheet is undergoing final review before posting is on the 4-H web site.

12. **Photography** - Lewis. Recommends that the wording on the Photography Tag, C0890, be changed from "Automatic Exposure" to "Camera Type" - Manual/Adjustable or Point & Shoot; and that the line "Year in Project" be changed to "Year in Photo Project."

Rejected by Council: No action is necessary; changes have already been made, waiting for new tags. Changes will be posted in downloadable form on the web by March 1, 2002. [Undergoing final review before posting on the 4-H web site.]

B. FAMILY LIVING

1. Home Economics Activity - Yakima. Recommends the creation of a new class called "Dress for the Occasion."

Rejected by Council: Addressed in B.2.

2. **Consumer Economics Activity** - King. Recommends that the State 4-H Fair Board research specific programs now being offered in various counties in the state, so they may prepare a State Creative Consumer Event that reflects the range of current similar events now being offered in Washington State.

Accepted

C. CATS/DOGS/SHEEP

1. **Cat Judging** - Pierce. Recommends that in the Cat Judging Contest the same person(s) judge the oral reasons per each division, i.e., one judge for Intermediates, one judge of Seniors.

Accepted

Rejected by Fair Board: The Fair Board is concerned that rules not be created for one judging contest that aren't practical rules for the remaining twelve contests. However, the Board recognizes the issue that caused this recommendation, and the Fair Manager was instructed to discuss proper use of oral reason judges, with the unique situations of each contest, with all the contest superintendents.

2. **Sheep** - Lewis. Recommends that county and state market lambs' weights be 95 lbs. minimum and 170 lb. maximum, giving consideration to the growth of the lamb between county fair and state fair.

Rejected by Council: The State 4-H Fair market lamb class currently reflects market standards.

3. **Dog Classes** - Pierce. Recommends that the name of our current "Graduate Novice" be changed to "4-H Advanced Novice."

Accepted with modification: State dog leaders will edit current score sheets for use

4. **Dog Classes** - Pierce. Recommends that the name of the 4-H Novice Y Class be changed to "4-H Pre-Novice Class."

Accepted with modification: State dog leaders will edit current score sheets for use by the 2002 State 4-H Fair.

Accepted. The Dog Curriculum Committee is in the process of editing current score sheets. They will be posted as downloadable files on the 4-H web site this spring.

5. **Dog Classes** - Pierce. Recommends that the name of the 4-H Open Y Class be changed to "4-H Graduate Novice."

Accepted with modification: State dog leaders will edit current score sheets for use by the 2002 State 4-H Fair.

Accepted. The Dog Curriculum Committee is in the process of editing current score sheets. They will be posted as downloadable files on the 4-H web site this spring.

6. **Dog Classes** - Skagit. Recommends that Novice Y and Novice blue ribbon scores be in agreement with the AKC standard of 50% of each exercise, and a score of 170 points or above.

Rejected: Although rejected by the Council, the Dog Curriculum Committee is working on clarifying the issue between AKC and 4-H standards.

7. **Dog Classes** - Skagit. Recommends that Graduate Novice and above scores for a state qualifying score and a county blue ribbon be in agreement with the AKC standard of 50% of each exercise, and a score of 170 points or above.

Rejected: Although rejected by the Council, the Dog Curriculum Committee is working on clarifying the issue between AKC and 4-H standards.

D. EQUINE

1. **Driving/Performance Participation** - Grant. Change State 4-H Fair participation to allow driving exhibitors to participate in performance equitation classes and driving classes.

Accepted with modification by Council: ...or Western Games until barn is filled in Driving at State Fair. Premium points will be awarded in only one discipline.

Rejected by State 4-H Fair Board: a. Impossibility of scheduling arena time to accommodate significant increase in numbers of harness exhibitors; b. To maintain consistency in rules and policies (cross entering between Western Games and Performance is not allowed.)

2. **Driving/Performance Participation** - Grant. Recommends that driving be included in performance as it is at the county level. Recommends that a person who shows in performance and driving with the same horse be allowed to show at State in driving and performance events.

Rejected by Council: See D.1. [See rejection by State 4-H Fair Board, D. 1.]

3. **Harness Classes** - Lewis. Recommends that Harness Classes be permitted to combine horses and ponies, as was the practice prior to 1998.

Accepted by Council & State 4-H Fair Board

4. **Bareback Equitation** - Clallam. Recommends that bareback equitation be dropped from the State/County Fairs.

Rejected by Council: This should be left as a personal choice of rider and parent.

5. **Contestant Numbers** - Snohomish. Recommends that State Fair Premium Book, pg. 53, #8., be revised to allow members to laminate numbers so that they last 3 days.

Accepted with modification: change the Fair Premium Book - add to end of last sentence, "but may be laminated."

Accepted by State 4-H Fair Board

6. **Contestant Numbers** - Snohomish. Recommends that State Fair Premium Book, pg. 53, #8., be revised to allow Performance Contestants to put numbers on both sides of saddle pad, requiring member to provide second number.

Accepted with modification: add "of same size."

Rejected by State 4-H Fair Board: Maintaining consistency in placement of exhibitor numbers assures that the judge's view is less likely to be impeded and ensures equity to all exhibitors

7. **Rodeo Project** - Spokane. Recommends that either the Rodeo project for WA State 4-H be reinstated for members as described in EM4610 or drop the project completely.

Accepted with modification: Revise statement #2 under "Safety" in EM0758, dropping the last word ""events." The policy will be revised with the next printing.

8. **Green Horse** - Spokane. Limit handling of green horses, yearling to 5-year-olds, to intermediate and senior members (Grades 6-12).

Accepted with modification: add that Green Horse Project will only be open to Intermediates and Seniors. Put this in EM4714 & EM0758.

Accepted: The statement will be added to these publications when they are reprinted.

9. **Green Horse** - Spokane. Recommends that no stallions be allowed in the green horse project, as described in EM4714, "Training Horses, Yearlings to Five-Year-Olds."

Rejected by Council: Creates a conflict between EM0758 and EM4714. [EM0758 will be revised to be consistent with EM4714; only yearling stallions are allowed in the Green Horse project.]

10. **Horse's Age** - Spokane. Recommends that a horse's age be determined as of January 1st of the current year; a horse becomes 1 year old on January 1 of the year following the actual foaling date. Include this in EM4714, "Training Horses, Yearlings to Five-Year-Olds."

Accepted by Council

Accepted by State 4-H Staff: This has been an unwritten policy in the 4-H Horse program. It will be included in the future in horse and policy publications.

11. **Attire** - Lincoln. Recommends that 4-H horse show attire be: long-sleeved white shirt, dark jeans, tie, helmet, and boots.

Rejected by Council: This is a county issue. Counties may be more restrictive than state guidelines.

12. **Performance Horse** - Skagit. Add to "Bit" (EM4727, Performance Horse Class Rules, pg. 46): Western horses 5 yrs. and under as of Jan. 1 of year foaled, may be ridden in a smooth snaffle at least 3/8" diameter, 1" from ring or a bosal with two hands used on the reins. When split reins are used both reins must be held in both hands.

Accepted with modification: In each of the project references, under the word disqualification, add the words "rider places two hands on the reins when riding with a curb bit."

Action is delayed on this recommendation. This issue will be addressed by a horse program committee to be organized by fall 2002.

13. **Performance Horse** - Spokane. In EM4727, Performance Horse, pg. 39, under "Judging Requirements," change rule #2 to the fall of horse and/or rider shall be cause for elimination. Rider may finish the class at judge's discretion, but will receive a participation ribbon.

Rejected by Council: In EM4727, pg. 55, state staff should move "falling off horse" from Mandatory Disqualifications to Faults. This should be at the judge's discretion.

14. **Performance Horse** - Spokane. In EM4727, Performance Horse, pg. 42, under "major faults," add off course as a major fault and cause for elimination.

Accepted with modification by Council: Modify to read: "In EM4727, 'Performance Horse' on pg. 42, add off course."

Action is delayed on this recommendation, as its intent is unclear. This issue will be addressed by a horse program committee to be organized by fall 2002.

15. **Performance Horse** - Spokane. In EM4727, Performance Horse, pg. 42, under "major faults," add fall of horse and/or rider as cause for elimination under major fault.

Accepted with modification: Eliminate "as cause for eliminate under major fault" from recommendation.

Action is delayed on this recommendation, as its intent is unclear. This issue will be addressed by a horse program committee to be organized by fall 2002.

16. **Performance Horse** - Spokane. In EM4727, Performance Horse, pg. 42, under Class Routine, replace the phrase "may be cause for elimination" with "will be cause for elimination," and delete 1) a refusal 2) loss of stirrup 3) trotting while on course when not part of a test.

Rejected by Council: Covered under safety rules.

17. **Performance Horse** - Spokane. Recommends that in EM4727, Performance Horse, pg. 43, under "height of fences," that jump height be set at 2'0" to 2'6" for Intermediates.

Rejected by Council: Covered in D.18.

18. **Performance Horse** - Spokane. Recommends that In EM4727, Performance Horse, pg. 43, under "height of fences," that jump height be set at 2'6" to 3'0" for Seniors.

Accepted with modification: State Fair Premium book will have two height divisions for Intermediates and Seniors. Members may only enter one division. Height divisions will be 2'0" to 2'6" and 2'6" to 3'0".

Rejected by State 4-H Fair Board [A horse program committee will review the 4-H Jumping program this fall.]

19. **Performance Horse** - Snohomish. Revise EM4727, Performance Horse, pg. 44, saddle seat attire, to allow paddock boots.

Accepted by Council
Accepted.

20. **Performance Horse** - Snohomish. Add to Saddle Seat Class Routine (EM4727 Performance Horse, pg. 44) "transition to canter may only be from a halt, walk, or collected trot - never a strong trot."

Accepted by Council

Accepted

21. **Western Games** - Spokane. Recommends the use of closed (roping) reins for Western Games riding events be put back into the rule book.

Rejected by Council: Already in EM4610, so no action is needed.

22. **Performance Horse** - Snohomish. Revise the definition of an acceptable western bit to the definition in the current AHSA (pg. 46 under Appointments).

Accepted by Council

Accepted - implementation will be dealt with by the future horse program committee.

23. **Western Games** - Grant. In EM4610, Section 4, Equipment & Attire, change from "Closed reins are recommended" to "Closed reins are required. Split reins must be tied or secured with a slider."

Accepted by Council

Rejected: Closed reins are recommended. If split reins are used, it is recommended that they be tied or secured with a slider.

24. **Western Games** - Grant. In EM4610, Section 4, Equipment & Attire, add item under Western Saddle with Horn: "If the cinch buckle has a tongue it must be buckled into a hole in the latigo or billet."

Accepted by Council

Accepted.

25. **Western Games** - Walla Walla. Recommends that the following rule be eliminated: "Intentionally striking the horse ahead of the cinch while on course" under No Award Disqualification (EM4610, Western Games, pg. 24, Section 14, C., #3).

Rejected by Council: Most judges recognize the difference between patting and striking.

26. **Western Games** - Spokane. Recommends that weight be added to plastic barrels used in Western Games to equal the weight of steel barrels.

Rejected by Council: County issue

Reconsidered and Accepted by State Staff: Texas barrels - 55 gallon white plastic barrels with both ends in tact. Barrels are to be set with ring down in the inverted position. Eight (8) pounds of water or sand are to be added to the barrels.

27. **English Classes** - Wahkiakum. Recommends that flash nosebands and crossed nosebands be allowed in appropriate English classes consistent with AHSA, USCTA, USDF, and Oregon 4-H rules.

Accepted by Council

Accepted.

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A. GENERAL 4-H

1. **4-H Event Eligibility** -- Ferry. Recommends that 4-H membership be required for your participation in 4-H conferences such as Know Your Government.

Council Action: *No action required;* State policy already requires that attendees be enrolled by the county, EM0758, membership, #8.

2. **4-H Chaperones** -- Pierce. Recommends that chaperones for any 4-H event must be enrolled and have passed the screening process.

Council Action: *No action required;* State policy, under Volunteer Staff (4.A., Em0758), already requires that chaperones be screened.

3. **4-H Chaperones** -- Pierce. Recommends that chaperones for County and State overnight 4-H events must be at least 21 years old.

Council Action: *Accepted with Modification.* Any district or state overnight event have an 8:1 ratio met by a 21 or over chaperone before an under 21 chaperone can serve.

State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted with Modification.* Chaperones for State and County overnight events must be screened and enrolled 4-H volunteers. There must be a 1:10 adult to youth ratio of chaperones, ages 21 and older. 18-21 year-old volunteers may serve as additional chaperones as long as the 1:10 ratio is maintained and they have been in the program at least two years.

B. GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. **Educational Displays** -- King. Recommends the creation of a new Ed. Display Class for Livestock Best Management Practices.

Council Action: *Accepted with Modification.* Creation of a new class for livestock Best Management Practices contest. Refer back to State Fair Board for implementation.

Fair Board Action: *Rejected.* The Fair Board management will work with King

County to implement a 4-H in Action activity to showcase the Best Management Practices: demonstration/display during the 4-H Livestock weekend of the State Fair.

2. **Premium Points** -- Pierce. Recommends that State Fair premium points be adjusted so exhibitors who are allowed to enter only one animal receive the same points for their non-Fit and Show class.

Council Action: *Accepted with Modification.* Recommends that State Fair Board look at the premium points and adjust to achieve equity across projects.

Fair Board Action: *Accepted with Modification.* The State Fair Board will appoint an advisory committee to examine and review the determination of premium points in all divisions.

3. **Judging Contests** -- Pierce. Recommends that for Judging Contests, each oral reasons class have the same judge(s) for each age division.

Council Action: *Rejected.* It is impractical to apply this rule to all judging contests.

4. **Goat Classes** -- Yakima. Recommends that all fairs and regional shows support the companion goat classes.

Council Action: *Rejected.* Referring back to the county for further development and resubmission.

C. DOGS

1. **4-H Dog Health Certificate** -- Spokane. Recommends that the "4-H Dog Health Certificate" 1) should read "Approved again in 12 months and then repeated every 3 years; 2) should change "age" to "whelped"; 3) the bill from veterinarian's office with their letterhead is all that is accepted at State Fair (not C0794 Project Record).

Council Action: *Accepted with Modification.* Accept C.1.3) in its entirety -- sending questions of standardization to the State Dog Committee. C.1.1) & C.1.2) are mute because C0805 is no longer used.

State 4-H Office Action: *Rejected.* A Rabies Vaccination Certificate has been developed and will be required for State 4-H Fair.

2. **Dog Publications** -- Spokane. Recommends that publications designate rules from guidelines.

Council Action: *Accepted with Modification.* See C.3.

State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted.* Changes will be implemented upon review by the State Dog Committee.

3. **Dog Publications** -- Spokane. Recommends that subjects in publications be worded to members do not get confused; for example, exhibitor dress as described in EM4796 (*WA State 4-H Dog Program Ldr. Guide*), pg. 5, and EM4904 (*Fitting & Showing Your Dog*), pg. 9.

Council Action: *Accepted with Modification.* Combine C.2. & C.3.
Recommend all dog publications be reviewed by the State Dog Committee for inconsistencies and set up an ongoing process to review and revise periodically.

State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted.* Changes will be implemented upon review by the State Dog Committee.

4. **Dog Score Sheet** -- State 4-H Ad Hoc Dog Committee. Recommends that "Veterans/Handicapped" name be changed to "Veterans/Modified."

Council Action: *Accepted.*

State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted.* The scorecard is available now online at the WSU 4-H website.

5. **Dog Project** -- State 4-H Ad Hoc Dog Committee. Recommends that an Agility Program be added to the Washington State 4-H Dog curriculum.

Council Action: *Accepted.*

State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted.* Forwarded to the State Dog Committee for implementation.

6. **State Fair Judging Contest** -- State 4-H Ad Hoc Dog Committee. Recommends that the following changes be made to the State Fair Judging Contest: 1) Late registrations will not be allowed; and 2) Contestants found talking during the contest will be disqualified.

Council Action: *No action required.* All recommendations in proposal are already listed in the State Fair Premium book.

7. **State Dog Program** -- State 4-H Ad Hoc Dog Committee. It is recommended that the Ad Hoc Dog Program Committee that was established at the 2001 State Leader Forum be formalized by the county and state 4-H Youth Program as the Washington State 4-H Dog Project Committee.

Council Action: *Accepted.*

State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted.*

D. EQUINE

1. **Performance Horse** -- Yakima. Recommends that EM4727, "*Performance Horse*," be amended on pg. 42, under Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences, Personal Attire, to read: "Tall hunt boots, jodhpur boots or half chaps."

Council Action: *Accepted with Modification.* Performance Horse be amended on pg. 42 and any other pages, under Hunt Seat Equitation. Personal attire to read: "Tall hunt boots, jodhpur boots, jodhpur boots or paddock boots with half chaps."

State 4-H Equine Committee/State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted.*

2. **Performance Horse** -- Yakima. Recommends that 4-H members who ride in jumping and hunter hack classes be allowed to have their horses wear martingales.

Council Action: *Rejected.* County option issue. State policy already allows for martingales in jumping classes; pg. 42, EM4727, *Performance Horse Member Manual & Class Rules*.

3. **Miniature Horses/Ponies** -- Pierce. Recommends that a program of in-hand obstacle and in-hand jumping be developed using curriculum from AMHA and AMHR (rule books for miniature horses and ponies).

Council Action: *Accepted.*

State 4-H Equine Committee/State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted with Modification.* Counties are encouraged to develop opportunities for miniature horses and ponies to participate in the local 4-H Equine program, and to research educational materials for their leaders and youth.

4. **Competitive Trail**-- Pierce. Recommends a statewide program of Competitive Trail be developed using curriculum from Ohio, Penn. State, and resources from NATRC and WSH.

Council Action: Accepted.

State 4-H Equine Committee/State 4-H Office Action: *Accepted with Modification.* The equine Advisory Committee recommends that we use the Pennsylvania Competitive Trail program and publication as a guide to develop a Washington program. Pat Pehling volunteered to work with interested leaders. The WSU State 4-H Office's biggest concern is the safety and health of 4-H youth and their horses.

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A. GENERAL 4-H

1. **Project Enrollment** – Pierce. The suggested levels for project enrollment need to be enforced.

Council Action: Rejected. This is not a State 4-H issue.

2. **Livestock Judging Events** –Stevens. Have one class of EPD (Expected Progeny Differences) judging in Livestock Judging events.

Council Action: Accepted.

State Fair Board Action: Accepted with Modification: EPD data may be used at the WA State 4-H Fair at the discretion of the contest superintendent.

3. (Formerly B1.) **Public Presentations**—King. Amend EM4787, *How to Make a 4-H Public Presentation*, to say that set-up time, questions, and clean-up time are not to be considered as part of the recommended time limits for 4-H Public Presentations.

Council Action: Accepted.

State 4-H Staff Action: Accepted. Set-up, questions, and take-down are not currently included in presentation times as described in EM4787. In the State Fair Premium Book, a 20-minute time frame is used as a scheduling tool. Youth are not marked down because of an extended question and answer session. Set-up and take-down are expected to be done quickly and efficiently.

B. GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. Moved to A.3.
2. **Public Presentations**—King. Allow qualified Junior members (3rd-5th Grades) to participate in Public Presentations at WA State 4-H Fair, as space allows.

Council Action: Accepted with Modification. Strike the phrase, “as space allows.”

State Fair Board Action: Accepted.

**Note: This has been implemented for the 2004 State 4-H Fair.*

- 3. Food Activity—King.** Include a Favorite Foods type activity in the foods department at State Fair.

Council Action: Accepted with Modification. Add: “following the creation of a committee by State Fair Board to determine criteria and timing.”

State Fair Board Action: Accepted. The State Fair Board has appointed a development committee for this activity.

**Note: This will be implemented for the 2005 State 4-H Fair. Look for the Favorite Foods activity sheet and scorecard to be introduced in Fall 2004.*

- 4. Performing Arts Still Life—Snohomish.** Add still life project entries for Performing Arts at State Fair (puppets, props, scrapbooks, etc.)

Council Action: Accepted.

State Fair Board Action: Accepted.

**Note: This will be implemented for the 2005 State 4-H Fair.*

- 5. Photo Label—Benton.** Revise C0890, *Photo Label*, per the following suggestions:

- a) remove the statement, ‘(Place this area under edge of photo)’;
- b) delete ‘Exhibitor’s Name’;
- c) delete ‘☐ P&S’;
- d) remove ‘ASA’;
- e) add ‘Exposure: ☐ Manual ☐ Auto’;
- f) add ‘Year in Unit ___’;
- g) add ‘4-H Unit ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3’;
- h) make ‘Caption’ optional (a sample revision is included with the recommendation).

Council Action: Accepted.

State Fair Board Action: Accepted with Modification

**Note: C0890, Photo Label, was revised in June ’04 and reflects the following changes—a) the statement, ‘(Place this area under edge of photo),’ was removed; b) ‘Exhibitor’s Name’ was made optional; c) ‘☐ P&S’ was not deleted; d) ‘ASA’ was removed; e) ‘Exposure: ☐ Manual ☐ Auto’ was added; f) ‘Year in project’ was added; g) ‘4-H Unit ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3’ was not added (this is not reflective of current curriculum); h) ‘Caption’ was made optional. C0890, Photo*

Label, is available from Bulletins or as a downloadable file online at <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/c0890/c0890.pdf>.

C. SMALL ANIMALS

1. **Rabbits** – King. Recommends that 4-H members with spayed or neutered rabbits be allowed to enter their rabbit(s) in a 4-H show or fair without penalty.

Council Action: Accepted with Modification. Recommends that 4-H members with spayed or neutered rabbits be allowed to enter their rabbit(s) in a 4-H show or fair to be shown in Crossbreed/Altered/Pet Quality classes.

State Fair Board Action: Accepted.

**Note: Class 479, Altered Rabbits, has been added for the 2004 State 4-H Fair.*

D. EQUINE

1. **Performance Horse**—Kitsap. Recommends the following change to EM4727, *Performance Horse Member Manual & Class Rules*, pg. 46, under 'Tack':
"Western horses 5 years of age and under as of January 1st of the year foaled may be ridden in a smooth snaffle, at least 3/8-inch in diameter, with 2 hands used on the reins."

Council Action: Rejected. Riding with two hands on the reins is an unfair advantage in equitation classes. Green horse classes need to be separated in a different class.

**Note: See EB1974, "4-H Horse Contest Guide," pg. 7-8.*

2. **Equine Allocations**—Benton. Recommends that the equine allocation at W. WA State Fair be increased for Benton/Franklin counties, due to increasing equine project enrollments.

Council Action: Rejected. Not an issue this committee can address as well as unfair to change for some counties and not others.

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A. GENERAL 4-H

1. **Project Enrollment**—Pierce. County offices need to be more vigilant in enforcing age appropriate enrollment in projects, following guidelines in EM2778.

Rejected by 4-H Council. The guidelines are already in place as to age appropriateness for each project listed. Refer also to EM0758, Washington State 4-H Policy.

2. **Boards/Committees**—Island. The responsibilities and benefits of the Horse Advisory Council and its relationship with the State Fair Board should be clarified.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee, who developed the following operational philosophy:

WA 4-H Conflict Resolution Principles

It is to be expected that the dedicated groups working within the 4-H Management Structure may occasionally encounter area/topics/issues of differing perspectives. When those differences arise the following criteria are to be the guiding principles:

- a) The relevant groups are expected to pro-actively, respectfully communicate with each other to find a mutually agreeable solution.
- b) Each group is to respect the jurisdictional leadership of each other group with preferred resolution be arrived at by the lowest level.
- c) Issues are expected to be resolved in a time appropriate manner.
- d) Integrate the 4-H Management Structure Principles and domains of the 4H Professional Research and Knowledge base competencies in conflict resolution.
- e) The 4-H Management Structure is not a hieratical system but rather an interrelated matrix.
- f) When an issue cannot be resolved in a mutually agreeable manner, it will become the responsibility of the 4-H Director to resolve the situation. The 4-H Director will make every effort to engage the 4H Core Committee in consultation prior to resolution.

Referred to State 4-H Director.

Action Pending. The State 4-H Fair Board and the State 4-H Equine Committee are continuing a dialogue to determine their roles and responsibilities.

3. **Boards/Committees**—Snohomish. Establish clear areas of responsibility of State boards and committees.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee.

Referred to State 4-H Director. See Item A.2.

4. **State 4-H Rules**—Island. Recommends that state contests abide by state rules.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee.

Referred to State 4-H Director. See Item A.2.

5. **State 4-H Rules**—Snohomish. Require that all state 4-H contests abide by state 4-H rules for classes.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Send recommendation back for clarification.

B. GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. **Rules Changes for State 4-H Fair**—King. The State 4-H Fair Board should follow the same procedures for changes for State Fair as other 4-H proposed rules, by going through the WA 4-H Council recommendation process.

Rejected by 4-H Council. It is too restrictive for functioning of State 4-H Fair and too cumbersome for effectiveness.

2. **4-H Equine Rules**—Skagit. The State 4-H State Fair Board and management shall be required to follow the State equine 4-H rules as written in the *4-H Equine (Horse) Contest Guide*.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Too restrictive for management, as it would require change to be presented at State 4-H Council Meeting.

3. **4-H Equine Rules**—Spokane. Recommends that EB1974, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, be followed in full by the State Fair Board for the 4-H Horse Contests at Puyallup.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to State 4-H Fair Board.

Accepted with modification that the State 4-H Fair will follow EB1974, 4-H Horse Contest Guide, as appropriate for the State 4-H Fair's individual needs and constraints.

C. LIVESTOCK

1. **Pygmy Goats—Thurston.** Recommends having a State 4-H Program-approved score sheet for pygmy goat fitting and showing.

Accepted with modification by 4-H Council

Recommends having a State 4-H Program-approved score sheet available for Pygmy Goat Fitting and Showing such as C0544 is available for Dairy Goat Fitting and Showing. (Draft included with recommendation.)

Referred to 4-H State Staff

Accepted. A draft will be made available for the 2006 fair season.

D. EQUINE

1. **Dress Code—King.** Eliminate the conflicting rule per the *2004 WA State 4-H Fair Premium List*, pg. 56, Section 21 (State 4-H Fair Equine Dress Code), and follow the attire guidelines per the *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, pg. 5-10.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee.

Referred to State 4-H Director. See Item A.2.

2. **Dress Code—Island.** The State 4-H Horse Exhibit should abide by the dress code and rules as expressed the 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee.

Referred to State 4-H Director. See Item A.2.

3. **Dress Code—Snohomish.** Establish the dress code in the 4-H Horse Contest Guide as the dress code for the State 4-H Horse Exhibit classes.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Referred to Core Committee.

Referred to State 4-H Director. See Item A.2.

4. **Western Games**—Island. Western Gaming events at State Fair (except Texas barrels) should be run with two lanes, marked with appropriate lane lines.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Safety concerns and size of State 4-H Fair arena.

5. **Western Games**—Snohomish. Use lane lines and run two (2) lanes at State 4-H Western Games sections.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Safety concerns and size of State 4-H Fair arena.

6. **Western Games**—Spokane. Recommends that all horses, regardless of age, may be shown in a snaffle or bosal.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Current procedures are adequate.

Further explanation/update: Horses 6 years old or older must be ridden in a proper curb bit.

Horses under 6 years may be ridden in a snaffle or bosal. PNW574, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, pg. 7.

7. **Western Games**—Snohomish. Add international flags to State 4-H Horse Exhibit Western Games section.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Accepted by State 4-H Fair Board with modification: Add international flags to the State 4-H Fair as an exhibition class, ribbon awards only, and as time allows.

8. **Western Games/Contest Guide**—Snohomish. Change the 4-H Horse Contest Guide to make ties optional for Western Games riders in the events.

Accepted by 4-H Council with modification: Change 4-H Horse Contest Guide to make ties, pins, or decorated collars optional for Western Games riders in the events.

Accepted by State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee. This is currently printed in PNW574, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, pg. 6, "Tie, pin, or 'decorated' collar (i.e., embroidered or beaded) is required except in Western Games."

9. **Contest Guide**—Snohomish. Change the 4-H Horse Contest Guide to make a check rein optional equipment for harness.

Accepted by 4-H Council with modification: Check rein includes both over check rein and side check rein.

Accepted by State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee. See PNW574, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, pg. 22.

10. **Horse Exhibitor Numbers**—Island. 4-H horse exhibitors at State Fair may have exhibitor numbers on their back or both sides of the saddle pad. Any extra numbers required must be supplied by the exhibitor.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Accepted by 4-H Fair Board with modification. The second number will be provided by the State 4-H Fair and be placed on the back or side of the pads. Donations will be sought for the second set of numbers.

11. **Horse Exhibitor Numbers**—Snohomish. Allow Performance Horse exhibitors at State Fair to wear numbers on both sides of pad (second number supplied by exhibitor).

Rejected by 4-H Council. Stated more clearly in C.10. Does not allow use of only one number.

12. **Bowl Scheduling**—Snohomish. Alternate dates for State Horse Bowl and Hippology between 1st Saturdays of April and May.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Established, reliable dates are needed for these annual events for the ease of family/club planning.

13. **Showmanship**—State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. Change the term, 'Fitting and Showing,' in the State 4-H Fair Premium book to 'Showmanship' for the 4-H Horse Exhibit.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Accepted by State 4-H Fair Board with modification. The term used for all animals in the State 4-H Fair Premium Book is 'Fit & Show/Showmanship. The 4-H member should have prepared the animal for the show. The word "fitting" means more than just feeding the animal for slaughter.

Getting the animal in shape for the project, even cavies have fit and who. Fit and Show is a unique term used in 4-H and to change now would not fit the consistency in all 4-H projects. The definition comes from the state level and it is their duty to inform all people. The word "showmanship" is an open class term and does not matter who got the animal ready for show.

14. **Flags**—Snohomish. Change level of can to "full" instead of "3/4" in international flags in 4-H Horse Contest.

Rejected by 4-H Council. So we can continue to maintain a high level of program uniformity in the Pacific Northwest's equine policies.

15. **Flags**—Snohomish. Change length of stake in international flags in 4-H Horse Contest Guide from 14" to 18".

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Rejected by the State Equine Advisory Committee. So we can continue to maintain a high level of program uniformity in the Pacific Northwest's equine policies.

16. **Jumping**—Clark. Make jumping separate from the Performance section and be given its own time and allotment, as with Harness. If time and space are an issues these events can be held before State Fair begins or soon after.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Currently our contract with Western Washington State Fair does not permit 4-H to extend the use of facilities before or after the Fair. We believe that the current horse sections represent the largest horse projects.

17. **Nosebands**—Wahkiakum. Recommends that English classes, hunt seat, dressage, etc. be allowed to use flash nosebands and figure-eight nosebands, in addition to cavassons and drop nosebands.

Rejected by 4-H Council. Hunt Seat and flat classes should use traditional and industry accepted equipment, as currently stated in *4-H Horse Contest Guide*, PNW574.

18. **Hunt Seat Equitation**—Spokane. Recommends that heights of fences match those used by Oregon in Hunt Seat Equitation.

Rejected by 4-H Council. WA State rules are adequate as written. The present policy gives the most flexibility to local 4-H horse shows.

2005 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL “Action Taken” on Recommendations

A. GENERAL 4-H

1. **4-H Member Code of Conduct**—Snohomish. Recommends that a code of conduct for 4-H members be developed and adopted for use within the State of Washington to address appropriate attire and behavior.

Accepted with Modification by 4-H Council: Add ‘/volunteer’ after ‘member.’ Add to the end of the recommendation, “A committee consisting of 50% youth will be formed to develop this code of conduct.”

Action: Referred to the State Advisory Board and the Core Committee. Core Committee member, Jan Klein, will lead the workgroup charged with addressing this recommendation.

B. GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. **Table Setting Activity Scorecard**—Snohomish. Recommends that the *Table Setting Activity Scoresheet* be revised.

Accepted with Modification by 4-H Council: Change the word ‘redone’ to ‘revised.’

Action: The State 4-H Food Committee is reviewing all Food Activity scorecards and activity descriptions. Revision drafts are anticipated to be presented to leaders at the 2006 State 4-H Forum.

2. **On the Spot Kitchen Activity**—Clark. Reinstate the ‘On the Spot Kitchen Activity’ at State 4-H Fair.

Accepted by 4-H Council.

Action: Rejected. The State 4-H Fair Board rejected this item and recommended that the county resubmit the recommendation with state-wide participation data to justify holding this activity in the future. Reasons for rejection included expense to conduct this activity, low participation levels, and lack of manpower. Other items considered were how much refrigerator space was taken away from other contestants and a required 3-hour time slot. Participants do not need to qualify in

this contest at the county level as they may qualify in Foods for All Occasions and then do On-the-Spot at state.

3. **My Favorite Food Contest**—Pierce. Remove the poster requirement from the 'My Favorite Food Contest.'

Accepted with Modification by 4-H Council: From Class 28, "Favorite Foods," remove the last sentence from item D. and create a new lot for "Exploring Foods Around the World," using score sheet C1068.

Action: Referred to the State 4-H Food Committee and 4-H Fair Board. There will be no change in contest requirements for the 2006 4-H State Fair.

4. **Fashion Revue**—Pierce. Revise EM0682, *Personal Data Sheet*, deleting "State Fashion Revue," and adding "Daily Fashion Revue Junior."

Accepted with Modification by 4-H Council: Remove 'the top of' before EM0682, added words 'Daily Fashion Revue Junior checkbox' and removed 'State Fashion Revue checkbox.'

Action: Accepted. Revision will be made (this publication will also be changed to online-only when revised).

C. EQUINE

1. **Equine**—Spokane. Clarify pg. 40 (PNW574, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*), International Flags Race - knocking over can and/or barrel.

Accepted with Modification by 4-H Council: As written in supporting statement.

Action: The State 4-H Horse Equine Committee has addressed this issue as follows—rules for International Flags are to be clarified and consistent with Oregon so that knocking over either one equals 5 seconds and knocking over both would equal 10 seconds penalties. The clarification will be effective in the 2006-2007 4-H year.

2. **Equine**—Cowlitz. Provide riders of horses with physical challenges (with) the opportunity to participate in county and/or state events by modifying the rules of the contest guide (PNW574, *4-H Horse Contest Guide*), especially related to the Performance Horse division.

Rejected by 4-H Council: The issue is covered in the State Horse Contest Guide, PNW574, pg. 6, paragraph 3.

Clarification from the State 4-H Equine Committee: It was agreed that this

statement would allow adjustments to accommodate the horse for valid medical reasons. For instance, allowing use of a hackamore on a horse with an injured tongue. This will be referred to the Oregon/Washington Curriculum Committee for clarification in the next issuance of the Contest Guide.

Riders with physical challenges are accommodated on a per request basis. See the following statement for further explanation:

Washington State 4-H Youth with Disability Guidelines

The 4-H Youth Program of Washington State University, through its curriculum, programs, and events, provides a supportive environment for diverse population groups with over-arching respect for individual's personal values and ideas. 4-H takes seriously its responsibility to offer educational programming opportunities, equitably to all qualified persons who can be reasonably accommodated.

Parents of youth with disabilities seeking accommodation, need to ensure that 4-H leaders are informed of the disability. The parents and youth should work with staff and leaders to insure that the 4-H experience is a positive one for all youth involved. 4-H Leaders and event officials should make all reasonable accommodations to allow youth with disabilities to participate in 4-H activities. These accommodations may include assistance from another person for the event or activity.

The steps in the accommodation process are:

1. A needed accommodation needs to be communicated to the event or program staff.
2. Event or program staff will evaluate all accommodations requests to insure that the requests can be provided. The program staff will always strives to make all reasonable to make accommodations for our 4-H Youth.
3. If accommodation is not requested at least ten days in advance, we cannot guarantee the availability of accommodation on site at the event.
4. If the event or program organizer needs additional support, they should contact their county 4-H Youth Educator, or State 4-H Staff for assistance with these accommodations as needed.
5. In events where the member is being tested or judged to specific criteria, those criteria may not be compromised by any accommodations. All youth to be judged, must be measured buy the same criteria.

D. DOGS

1. **Dogs**—Spokane. Revise the *State 4-H Fair Premium Book* (pg. 55, Obedience Dogs, Item 3, 2nd sentence) to read, “In the event an exhibitor shows two or more obedience dogs at the county show, the dog must receive a blue or red ribbon in fitting and showing/showmanship. Delete the next 3 sentences; keep the last two sentences (of Item 3).

Rejected by 4-H Council: Recommendation to submit to the State Dog Committee for further review, as the intention of the recommendation is subject to several interpretations.

2006 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL “Action Taken” on Recommendations

A. GENERAL 4-H

1. **Performing Arts Committee**—Pierce. Recommends that a State Performing Arts Steering Committee be formed to develop standards by which performing arts could be evaluated (judged).

Supporting Statement: This would enhance the quality and encourage growth of the program in complimentary fashion around the state as well as to give credit to the youth who are putting their time and effort into it.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted

State Staff Action: Accepted with the provision that county Extension professional/staff personnel can be found to give leadership to this effort.

2. **Small Animal Group**—King. Recommends the formation of a Small Animal State Advisory Board/Group for the Washington State 4-H program.

Supporting Statement: Because in some counties an increased emphasis has been placed on breed/type rather than Fitting and Showing/Showmanship in small animal projects. This Board/group would aid in answering such questions as proper small animal Fitting and Showing/Showmanship attire. Should a level of knowledge of professional show/breed organizations (i.e., American Rabbit Breeders Association Inc.) be required of members? If so, how much? Can 4-H small animal projects partner with professional show/breed organizations?

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with Modification to read: Form a State Small Animal Steering Committee for the WA State 4-h Program.

State Staff Action: Accepted with the provision that county Extension professional/staff personnel can be found to give leadership to this effort. It is recommended that focus be on an advisory group for the rabbit project, as committees are already in place for the dog and cat projects.

B. GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. **Critter Pal Contest**—Yakima. Allow Critter Pals to become a state 4-H project contest.
Supporting Statement: There are five participating counties with this project. To include mammals, reptiles, birds, aquatics. Expanding opportunities to 4-H members.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted.

4-H Fair Board Action: Rejected on the basis that judging criteria needs to be established and approved by WSU before including this at the State 4-H Fair.

State Staff Recommendation: Those already participating in the project at the county level are encouraged to collaborate, develop standards, recommend appropriate curriculum and present a proposal for a state Critter Pals project.

2. **Historical Activities**—Pierce. Class 11--Historical Activities, Lot 2, needs to have some other qualifying criteria than Class 36, Creative Consumers of Fashion.
Supporting Statement: Many of us have garments we made in 4-H decades ago. Most kids wouldn't choose to wear them (they have waistlines!). Since they were not made by or for the 4-h member of today, the Creative Consumer worksheet would not apply to this activity. It's OK to have a Historical class, just figure out a different qualifying activity. Many 4-H members use patterns from previous decades; but alter them to suit today's fit and style. There are often Fashion Revue Garments.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted

4-H Fair Board Action: Rejected as this entire class was eliminated from the State 4-H Fair due to lack of participation. All items in this class can be entered elsewhere in the State 4-H Fair.

3. **Textile Arts Classes**—Pierce. Allow at least two (2) entries in Textile Arts Classes 83-85, instead of just one (1), or go back to the old wording, "A total of three (3) entries per exhibitor are allowed in Classes 83-92."
Supporting Statement: Many 4-H members sew a wide variety of household and personal items to learn their sewing skills. They then sew a garment or outfit for Fashion Revue. Because fitting a garment is sometimes hard for fast-growing youth, household and personal items are more practical. They should be allowed to show them at the State 4-H Fair.

Committee/Council Action: Rejected as written, as it is a multiple item and there fore unable to vote upon.

4. **Performing Arts Class**—Pierce. Recommends a new class be added at State 4-H Fair for Performing Arts Still Life, to include such things as dioramas, displays, vocabulary notebooks, costumes, props, etc.
Supporting Statement: Still life is a way to showcase and document the work and learning of performers and encourage them to go beyond their experiences on stage. Many are already showing at their county fairs.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted

4-H Fair Board Action: Approved as amended – replace the word "class" with the word "lot" and strike the words "vocabulary notebooks,".

5. **Junior Participation**—Lewis. Recommends that Junior 4-H members be allowed to participate in the State 4-H Fair Consumer Revue.

Supporting Statement: Youth of the Junior age division are becoming aware of fashion and the cost difference between buying a new outfit and remodeling a used or second hand piece making this revue a good contest fit.

Committee/Council Action: Rejected. Juniors may not comprehend or be developmentally ready to discuss consumer issues and economics.

6. **Pygmy Goat Judging Contest**—Snohomish. Recommends that the Pygmy Goat Judging Contest be brought back as part of the State 4-H Fair.

Supporting Statement: Our 4-H kids attend 3 judging contests each year to qualify for the honor of representing Snohomish County at Puyallup. Please consider resuming this event—we will help!

Committee/Council Action: Accepted

4-H Fair Board Action: Rejected as there is not enough participation on a state-wide basis to include this contest at the State 4-H Fair. **The Fair Board also decided to try a “fun day activity,” similar to a judging contest to include all types of goats...pygmy, dairy, meat, pack/utility, fleece, etc.**

C. EQUINE

1. **Dressage**—Grays Harbor. Recommends that Dressage be part of Performance Horse, not its own class.

Supporting Statement: to encourage participation in Dressage.

Committee/Council Action: Rejected. Needs to be referred to appropriate committees and boards because of criteria on time constraints and qualifications.

2. **“4-H Horse Contest Guide” Revision**—Grays Harbor. Recommends that Rule #4, Pg. 1, in the 4-H Horse Contest Guide (PNW574) be deleted. [“Exhibitors should not pat their horse while being judged in the class, except during a cold or ground training class.”]

Supporting Statement: We feel like the horse should be rewarded for good performance by a touch or pat no a disciplinary stroke.

Committee/Council Action: Rejected. Rule is for all contests, and the change proposed is only for Western Games. Please refer proposal to the appropriate committee or board.

3. **“Training Horses” Revisions**—Grant. Recommends the following revisions [to EM4714E, “Training Horses: Yearlings to Five-Year-Olds.”]

- a. Under Project Requirements [pg. 19]. Remove Item #7. Ride under saddle at a walk, trot and canter. Showing recognition of proper lead. (Refer to Three-Year-Old section for leads.)
- b. Under Working [pg. 19]. Remove Item #1. Walk, trot and canter both directions in the ring. Showing recognition of proper leads. The horse must follow its head and show flexion. The change in gait will be progressive walk, to trot, to lope, to trot, to walk (See Figure 15.)
- c. Remove riding pattern. (Figure 15.)
- d. Under Faults of the Horse and Rider [pg. 20]. Remove Item #1.c. Bouncing in saddle at any gait.
- e. Reword paragraphs starting with Preparation [pg.21] in the Two-Year-Old Horse section to coincide with changes.

Supporting Statement: Our 4-H mission is about youth development. To teach our youth “life skills while learning about the equine industry.” The Green Horse program requires our youth to ride Two-Year-Old horses at a walk, trot and canter. See Project Requirements.

This could lead to starting horses as long yearlings in order to be ready for the show ring in some counties. (Horses are considered a year older as of the first of January no matter what month the horse was born in.) Although discretion on the part of the horse owner should be used, we need to consider what the program is encouraging in this case.

It is proven that when horses are ridden that early in their development they will have long-term soundness issues.

Let us remove the requirement in order to discourage riding a horse at such a young age.

Committee/Council Action: Rejected. Manual is no longer used.

State Staff Recommendation: EM4714E is, in fact, still in our system. However it is an older publication and has largely been replaced by PNW574, 4-H Horse Contest Guide and PNW587, 4-H Horse Project Manual. It is recommended the Equine Advisory Committee review EM3714E and determine if it should either be revised or put out of print.

2007 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS ACTION TAKEN

A. GENERAL 4-H/GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. **4-H Fair Participation**—Grays Harbor. Recommends that to participate at fair, county and state level, 4-Her must be enrolled in the project in which they want to participate in.

Supporting Statement: In State Fair Premium Book, under “Participant Eligibility,” it is not stated that a 4-H member must be enrolled in project they are showing.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted

State 4-H Fair Board Action: Accepted.

Implementation: Included in the 2008 State 4-H Fair Premium Book, pg. 8.

2. **Animal Showing Policy**—Pierce. Amend the current State Fair rules to allow 4-H members to show two species of animal at the State Fair, providing that the two species are not on exhibit on the same days.

Supporting Statement: The current rule made sense back when the fair was shorter and all animals were exhibited at the same time. Today, however, the case has changed. Exhibitors work hard to qualify with two species for State Fair and they should be allowed to reap the rewards for their efforts. As our state becomes more urban, many animal projects cannot fill their allowed quota. The animals left at home because they are the second species would have helped to fill that gap. A child can show 5 chickens, but not a cat and a horse. Let’s do what’s best for kids and modify the rule.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with modification: No more than two species of animals at the State Fair, providing that the two species do not have the same show times.

State 4-H Fair Board Action: Accepted as Modified. Exhibitors will be allowed to show two species of animals at the State 4-H Fair, providing that the two species do not have the same show times. Fair management will not adjust show times/schedules to accommodate exhibitors showing two different species.

Implementation: 2008 State 4-H Fair.

3. **Dressage**—Snohomish. Expand the Dressage/Over Fences State 4-H Horse section to 2 days and add additional classes (i.e., Dressage Seat Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation, Working Hunter).

Supporting Statement: It is a huge commitment to exhibit a horse at State 4-H Fair and would be appreciated if they had more than 2 classes available.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with Modification. Recommend that the State 4-H Fair Board address the possibility of expanding dressage classes at State

4-H Fair.

State 4-H Fair Board Action: Accepted. The Dressage/Equitation Over Fences section at the State 4-H Fair will be expanded to include a Hunt Seat Equitation Class. **Implementation:** 2008 State 4-H Fair.

4. **Miniature Horses**—Pierce. Recommends that miniature horse and pony projects be shown at State Fair, housed in the livestock barn, and shown in hand in the livestock arena.

Supporting Statement: Showing mini/ponies in the livestock barn would increase the animals in the barn and allow spectators to view the animals. With more and more growth in urban areas, 4-H members are increasing and turning to the mini and pony projects. This project differs from current equine project because of the in hand classes.

Committee/Council Action: Rejected. There is not currently a WSU-approved state curriculum.

Comment: Plans are underway for a 4-H in Action activity for Miniature Horses at the 2008 4-H Fair. The Equine Advisory Committee will be reviewing project material for future adoption.

B. FOODS & NUTRITION

1. **4-H Food Activity Guidelines**—Lewis. #9, pg. 2, 4-H Food Activity Guidelines (EM4733E), add "All food items used in food activities must be purchased at a grocery store or other approved food source, and brought to the event in original packaging."

Supporting Statement: Consistency is needed between food guidelines and State Fair Premium book—making it easier for all to understand.

Committee Action: Accepted

Council Action: Rejected; no reason provided.

State 4-H Food/Nutrition Team Action: Accepted with Modification.

Modified statements in EM4733E, *4-H Food Activity Guidelines*, and in the State 4-H Premium book to reflect the consensus of the 4-H Council.

Implementation: 2008 State 4-H Fair Premium Book, pg. 25, paragraph 6: Members are encouraged to utilize food from approved food sources. Home canned foods are not to be used in any of the food activities. Safe food handling and transporting procedures must be used. Food is not to be served or offered to the public. All food preparation in Classes 23-30 must be done in the fair activity kitchens. Meals prepared in Class 27, Foods for All Occasions, will be served only to the judge and the exhibitor's immediate family members, but not to any other persons. Judges have the option of not tasting food projects for several reasons including, but not limited to, allergies or food handling techniques.

2. **Food Preservation Activities**—Lewis. Food Preservation activities need to have their own score sheet.

Supporting Statement: Form C1098E (4-H Food Activity Scoresheet): Table service, eating quality and food served attractively and conveniently does not apply to food preservation activities.

Committee/Council Action: **Rejected.** The scoresheet (C1098E) already reflects this recommendation.

C. SMALL ANIMALS

1. **Cats**—Clark. A cat must be free of ear mites when presented at check-in. If ear mites are present, cat must be disqualified. Vet must have proper equipment to determine if ear mites are present.

Supporting Statement: Ear mites are highly contagious and cannot be treated in a single application of medicine.

Committee/Council Action: **Rejected.** State 4-H Fair already requires that animals be parasite-free. To address this issue for State Fair, the recommendation should be resubmitted for the State Fair committee to address. Counties should deal with this issue for their shows. This could be cost prohibitive due to the expense of hiring a veterinarian and having proper equipment available. The risk of contagion is extremely low in a show setting and appropriate treatment at show renders animal free of suspected parasite.

2. **Rabbit/Cavy Resource**—Pierce. Add the book "Raising Better Rabbits & Cavies" as approved resource material for Rabbit Project at county and state level.

Supporting Statement: As a main club leader, rabbit project leader, and rabbit barn superintendant, I feel this book would be a valuable resource and learning tool for all levels of rabbit project participants.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted.

State 4-H Staff Action: Accepted.

Implementation: Reference will be listed as an additional resource for the Rabbit Project on the '09-'10 EM2778 CD.

D. LIVESTOCK

1. **Horned Animal Policy**—Snohomish. The current statement in the Washington State 4-H Youth Development Policy (EM0758E) under Animal Management and Ownership (Section 5.b.) states, "Goats and sheep entered in market and showmanship classes must be polled or dehorned. Horned animals in breeding classes must have horn tips covered as a safety precaution." I recommend that the wording be changed by eliminating the first statement and changing the full

statement to read, "All horned animals in all classes must have horn tips covered as a safety precaution."

Supporting Statement: Our 4-H group, Angel Angoras, has spent years developing a program that prides itself on producing and maintaining quality Angora goats that meet the Angora breed standards. Our members spend hours practicing their showmanship and presentation skills with these gentle animals. They want to show the goats that they have worked so hard with, not a substitute from a different breed. All of our members recognize the danger that dehorning would cause their animals. The Angora goat is a long fibered goat that requires shearing twice a year. Because goats don't perspire, the horns help keep the animal cool in the heat. The animal's blood flows through the horns and helps regulate the animal's temperature. Dehorning or polling Angora goats is not recommended. In a recent interview with Dr. Frank Craddock, professor and extension sheep and goat specialist at Texas A&M University, he stated, "I have known Angora goats since I was six years old, done seminars and classes throughout the world and in other countries all over the world and nobody dehorn Angora goats. It is totally against the standards of the breed." Dr. Craddock has said that he would welcome calls from the Washington 4-H administration to help clarify the issues related to 4-H members exhibiting Angora goats. I have included a copy of Dr. Craddock's resume and to help substantiate his expertise in the fields of sheep and goats.

Committee/Council Action: Rejected. Based on the proposal is too all-encompassing and not specific to the breed concerns apparent in the supporting statement proposal spoke of fiber breeds versus all other breed of sheep and goats.

2. **Tail Docking of Lambs**—Lincoln. Adopt the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners (AASRP) position regarding tail docking of lambs. Lambs should be docked distal to the caudal tail fold.

Supporting Statement: The AVMA and AASRP position is supported in policy statements by both the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) and the Washington State Sheep Producers (WSSP). Scientific research (J. Animal Science, 2003, 81:2725-2732) has shown a casual link between short tail docs and rectal prolapse. We believe this policy is best for both animal health and the public image of sheep producers in Washington State.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted.

State 4-H Staff Action: Accepted

Implementation: The WA State 4-H policy regarding tail docking of lambs has been finalized, reflecting the intent of this recommendation, and is available online at <http://4h.wsu.edu/projects/publications/animsci/taildocking.pdf>

E. EQUINE

1. **Horse Contest Guide**—Snohomish. In PNW574, "4-H Horse Contest Guide," eliminate pin/tie requirement for Western riders.

Supporting Statement: Current rules were written when style was stand-up collars, i.e., "decorated collars." Styles have changed and "decorated" collars are found on many laid down collars.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with modification to read, "Pin/tie is optional for western riders."

State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee: Accepted

Implementation: Wording has been changed in PNW574, 4-H Horse Contest Guide, pg. 6, to make the pin/tie requirement for Western Games riders optional

2. **Horse Contest Guide**—Snohomish. Specify in PNW574, "4-H Horse Contest Guide," that showmanship contestants must keep two hands on the lead at all times (i.e., executing sidepass or turn on forehand).

Supporting Statement: It is difficult for members when rules are not specific and left to the judge's personal preference.

Committee/Council Action: **Rejected.** Return to State Equine Advisory Committee for further clarification and review. This committee would like to see the use of one hand on the lead at all times (i.e., executing sidepass or turn on forehand).

State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee: Response pending.

3. **Horse Contest Guide**—Snohomish. Revise PNW574, "4-H Horse Contest Guide," to allow drivers to have a senior member or adult in the vehicle for safety reasons.

Supporting Statement: The Washington State Driving Manual encourages this safety precaution, but the current Contest Guide does not.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with Modification. Add the word, "experienced" before "senior member or adult."

State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee: Accepted

Implementation: Response pending.

4. **Horse Contest Guide**—Whatcom. Recommends that Washington 4-H adopt the same start lines for the Texas Barrels Western Games Event as the Oregon 4-H Council, as per the 4-H Horse Contest Guide (PNW574). Currently Washington uses a 30 foot start line width, while the state of Oregon uses a 60 foot start line width.

Supporting Statement: The advantage to the 4-H member when using the 60 foot start line is that it allows the rider to line up correctly with the first barrel with less wasted movement on the part of the horse and rider, hence improving

the rider's time. In addition, many 4-H members who participate in 4-H Western Games events also participate in Washington State Horsemen Games Division events which also use the 60 foot start line. This rule change would allow there to be continuity between 4-H and non-4-H events which our members participate in simultaneously. Currently, this continuity exists in Oregon, but not in Washington, putting our members at an unfair disadvantage when competing against Oregon in interstate competition. This rule change would benefit our members and their ability to ride and train with consistency.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted

State 4-H Fair Board & Management: **Rejected.** The arrangement of the Paulhamus Arena at the State 4-H Fair does not allow us to go to the 60' starting line for the Texas Barrels event. In 2008, we were able to go to a starting line of 49'2" by closing one arena entrance and moving the course off center. We understand the desire to have a 60' starting line, however our current arena configuration does not allow for it.

5. **Halters/Hackamores**—Snohomish. Allow 4-H youth to use rope halters/hackamores for riding in controlled events (i.e., clinics with qualified instructor).

Supporting Statement: Several counties include "natural Horsemanship" clinics where instructors encourage use of a halter at early stages of riding to develop good hands and avoid abusing the horse's mouth. Current 4-H rules do not allow this.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with modification. Modify to read: allow 4-H youth to use rope halter/rope hackamores for riding in controlled non-contest clinics/camps with qualified instructor.

State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee: **Rejected.** Concern for overall control of horse because of varying experiences and skill levels of horses and/or riders in 4-H.

6. **Boots**—Wahkiakum. Recommends the use of protective boots for 4-H Performance and Driving classes allowed for protective purposes.
Supportive Statement: These classes are judged on the rider not the horse. Boots are allowed as part of equipment in jumping and gaming to protect horses' legs. They should be allowed in performance and driving for the same reasons.

Committee/Council Action: **Rejected.** Further clarification is needed.

7. **Miniature Horses**—Pierce. Recommends that miniature horses and ponies become their own state-wide project, separate from the Equine Project.
Supporting Statement: As the equine project and mini/pony project grows, availability for stall space is limited. Mini/ponies are able to use and fill those

livestock barns, making them viewed easier to the public. Urban youth are able to own a horse and show with "like" project.

Committee/Council Action: Rejected. For further review by State Equine Advisory Committee per consensus of Horse Round Table discussion that there be a discipline under the horse project for miniature horses.

Comment: The Equine Advisory Committee is working on miniature horse curriculum that originated in Pierce County for proposed future adoption.

2008 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS ACTION TAKEN

A. GENERAL 4-H/GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. **Robotics**—King. Recommends that State level judging standards be developed for the robotics project so that State level competition may occur.
Supporting Statement: Whereas: robotics is now a state recognized project complete with curriculum. Whereas: several counties have robotics programs/clubs. Whereas: a robotics for exhibit only event is scheduled for the 2008 State 4-H Fair. Whereas: expansion of the robotics project aides in fulfilling the national mission Mandate of "Science and Technology." Whereas: expansion of the robotics project aids in fulfilling the National Mission Mandate of "Science and Technology." Whereas: State level standards encourage continuity amongst counties and facilitate inter-county competitions and collaboration. Therefore, Be it that the proceeding recommendation be accepted.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted

State 4-H Fair Board: Accepted and referred to WSU Staff to develop the scorecard for use at the 2010 State Fair.

State 4-H Faculty/Staff: Under development

2. **Environmental Stewardship**—King. Recommends a complete revision of the Environmental Stewardship Scorecard (C1024).
Supporting Statement: Revising the Environmental Stewardship Scorecard – C1024 to make it objective, science-based, and program relevant will help achieve learning outcomes for youth participating in project fair entries. Additionally, the scoring rubric will aid youth in the development of entries which meet a higher standard as well as foster clarity in the criteria used in assigning point values for both youth and judges.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted

State 4-H Fair Board: Accepted and referred to the WSU staff to revise the scorecard for use at the 2010 State Fair.

State 4-H Faculty/Staff: Under development

3. **Environmental Stewardship**—King. Recommends that the State 4-H Fair Premium Book entry for Environmental Stewardship be completely revised to bring it in line with the most current 4-H Publications & Projects (EM2778).
Supporting Statement: By bringing the State Premium book entry for Environmental Stewardship into alignment with the Projects and publications listings under Environmental Stewardship it would allow for maintaining annual updates in order to keep current with any and all changes within the state Environmental Stewardship program. As this is an evolving program with many diverse projects within it I believe that it is imperative that youth have entry categories that directly correspond to the projects that they are pursuing and 4-H publications that they are using at the club level. However, it is critical that

some allowance needs to be made for independent environmental study and work done in an area that is, as yet, unidentified or non-categorized within the 4-H project listings.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted

State 4-H Fair Board: Accepted with Modifications to the original proposal for the 2009 State Fair. Implemented in the 2009 State 4-H Premium Book, pg. 48-49.

4. **Show Barns**—Snohomish. Recommends that all show barns have hand sanitizer available to the public, especially when a petting area is offered.

Supporting Statement: Hand sanitizer is mostly alcohol and can eliminate the spread of germs and viruses better than soap and water.

Committee/Council Action: Rejected. Local health department responsibility, recommendation unclear as to which events would be covered, studies do not validate alcohol is more effective than proper hand washing.

5. **Premium Points for Afghans**—Pierce. Recommends that in the State Fair Premium Book, pg. 36-37, Class 103, Knitted Afghans, and Class 106, Crocheted Afghans, the premium points should be increased to be comparable to quilts (e.g., Blue-20, Red-15, White-11).

Supporting Statement: It takes a lot of tenacity (and yarn) to complete an afghan. That should be recognized and rewarded. Maintaining the same stitch tension throughout a large article is not easy.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with Modification

Recommend refer to CTT for evaluation of educational level of the projects along with evaluation of quilting classes and scorecards.

State 4-H Fair Board: Accepted to increase the premium points for Class 103 (Knit Afghans) and Class 106 (Crocheted Afghans) to Blue=20, Red=15, White=11. Implemented in the 2009 State 4-H Premium Book, pg. 38-39.

6. **Textile Arts Entries**—Pierce. Recommends that the State Fair Premium Book, pg. 34, Textile Arts #2, be changed to read, "An exhibitor may enter a total of three entries in Classes 83-85 (instead of one entry in Classes 83-85).

Supporting Statement: More 4-H'ers sew a variety of small items like pillows, gabs, hats, etc. than sew garments and quilts. Let's give them equal opportunities to exhibit those items at State Fair.

Committee/Council Action: Rejected.

We want to encourage more clothing entries, with Class 92 there is already an opportunity for 2 non-clothing entries.

B. SMALL ANIMALS

1. **Cats**—Clark. Recommends Fitting and Showing dress standards for the cat project.

Supporting Statement: (A page-long statement was attached to the recommendation.) Promote safety and promote a professional image within 4-H and to public.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with Modification

Accept recommendation with modification to accept line 1 of the recommendation to add to existing publication EM4810E and that lines 2-5 are already existing in the publication EM4810E.

Refer to Cat Project Committee: Response pending

2. **Cats**—Pierce. Recommends the adoption of a proposed score sheet for use with 4-H Household Pet Type class.

Supporting Statement: Currently, there is no scoresheet for cat type classes. Judges often give comments as they judge, but this is not always helpful. Exhibitors often make comments like “she just doesn’t like tabbies” when maybe the truth was the cat had dirty ears. A scoresheet would make showing more of a learning experience. This sheet is adapted from a TICA form. A scribe could be used to speed up judging.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with Modification

Accept with a modification to refer item to the Cat Committee for further review.

Refer to Cat Project Committee: Response pending

3. **Cats**—Pierce. Recommends the adoption of a proposed score sheet for use with Cat Purebred Type class.

Supporting Statement: Currently, there is no scoresheet for cat type class. Judges often give comments as they judge, but this is not always helpful. Exhibitors often make comments like “she just doesn’t like Persians” when maybe the truth was the cat had dirty ears. A scoresheet would make showing more of a learning experience. I have scoresheets for the most common breeds and am willing to make more. A scribe could be used to speed up judging.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with Modification

Accept with a modification to refer item to the Cat Committee for further review.

Refer to Cat Project Committee: Response pending

4. **Cats**—Pierce. Recommends the adoption of a proposed score sheet for use with Cat Fitting and Showing class.

Supporting Statement: Cats are judged one at a time, so individual scoresheets would not be difficult to complete. A scribe could be used to speed things up.

This scoresheet is very similar to the current one except for the question section. It specifies one question from 5 different categories. This would encourage exhibitors to study broadly and show their understanding of both cats and 4-H.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with Modification

Accept with a modification to refer item to the Cat Committee for further review.

Refer to Cat Project Committee: Response pending

5. **Rabbits**—Snohomish. Recommends that rabbit judges should sanitize hands between the examination of each rabbit during a class and between classes.
Supporting Statement: Some diseases and viruses do not show symptoms right away and animals may pass vet check. Judges examine genitals, nails, and between without sanitizing between exhibitors.

Committee/Council Action: **Rejected.** Unrealistic and logistically impossible to implement.

6. **Rabbits/Poultry**—Snohomish. Recommends that, for rabbit and poultry exhibits, barriers be provided between exhibits to isolate better, contain urine that is sprayed, and avoid biting and pecking.
Supporting Statement: Suggest this sheet steel panels clipped on to cages. Some diseases and viruses do not display symptoms early on – allowing entries to pass through vet check and expose other entries unaware.

Committee/Council Action: **Rejected.** Recommendation too vague and should be addressed by individual show management.

C. EQUINE

1. **Dressage**—Grays Harbor. Recommends that the tests to be ridden at State Fair for Intermediates and Senior are Test 2 of the level entered for Intermediates and Test 4 of the level entered for Seniors.
Supporting Statement: The current rules states test ridden will be announced 1st week of July – but ends up being later. Announcing standardized tests earlier allows rider to train for specific skills needed by each test.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with Modification

Test 3 for Intermediates and Test 4 for Seniors.

State 4-H Fair Board: **Accepted.** Approved for 2009 and refer to the Equine Advisory committee to recommend tests/processes for future years.

2. **Equitation Over Fences**—Grays Harbor. Recommends having two levels (heights) of jumps – 2'6" for both Intermediates and Seniors, and 3' for both Intermediates and Seniors (4 Classes).

Supporting Statement: Jumping presents safety issues – we would like to encourage safety and allow Seniors to jump 2'6" as well as Intermediates would have to qualify at the height they would jump at State Fair.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with Modification
Height was modified to 2'3" to 2'6" for Intermediates and Seniors and 2'6" to 2'9" for Intermediates and Seniors.

State 4-H Fair Board: Accepted to offer two height levels (2'3" to 2'6" and 2'6" to 2'9") at the State 4-H Fair with the modification that participants may enter one level or the other, but not both, and that participants must have qualified at that height at the county qualifying show.

3. **Equitation Over Fences—Snohomish.** Designate that the height of fences in the over Fences section be 2'6" for Intermediates and 2'9" for Seniors at State 4-H Fair.

Supporting Statement: It is important for members to know what will be expected. Also qualifying events need to be planned to prepare participants properly.

Committee/Council Action: Combined with C.2.

4. **Dressage—Snohomish.** Designate that the Dressage tests ridden at State Fair be the 4th test in each level.

Supporting Statement: Several counties have qualifying events prior to the announcement being made near the end of July. Members and leaders would appreciate consistency and ability to plan correctly.

Committee/Council Action: Combined with C.1.

5. **Horse/Pony Driving—Pierce.** Reinstate Horse/Pony Driving at the State Fair by including it as another class option with Intermediate/Senior Performance (that same way that Saddle Seat is included).

Supporting Statement: The Harness division dropped from state competition this year. We were told to increase participation in order to return, but what has happened is that exhibitors have migrated to the performance or min/pony divisions in order to continue going to state. A better approach would be to combine driving with another small section and then offer clinics, increase the quota, to increase participation.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted – See C.6.

6. **Horse Pony Driving—Pierce.** Reinstate Horse/Pony Driving at the State Fair by combining it with another section that does not have enough horses to fill the barns.

Supporting Statement: The Harness division dropped from state competition this year. We were told to increase participation in order to return, but what has

happened is that exhibitors have migrated to the performance or min/pony divisions in order to continue going to state. A better approach would be to combine driving with another small section and then offer clinic, increase the quota, to increase participation.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted

State 4-H Fair Board: Accepted to offer an equine section, combining the dressage, harness, and equitation over fences disciplines into one section for 2009.

7. **Miniature Horses**—Pierce. Set the height requirement for the miniature horse program as “38 inches and under.”

Supporting Statement: There are many breed of miniature horse. Most are height registries recognizing miniatures as horses which stand 38 inches and under. Some of the registries restrict the height to even smaller heights. In the United States, the two largest registries are the American Miniature Horse Association (AMHA) and the American Miniature Horse Registry (AMHR). Of these, the AMHR sets the upper height at 38” and the AMHA sets it a 34”. Beyond this, the American Driving Society and the United States Equestrian Federation, the two organizations that deal with the showing of miniature horses, class them as “Very Small Equines” and set the upper height at 38”. As the majority of registries and organization recognize 38” as the upper limit for miniature horse, it makes sense for 4-h to do so as well.

Another reason for setting the height limit at 38” is that it will allow more children to participate. In the miniature horse world, the smaller the horse, the bigger the price tag. This means that the more affordable minis are the larger ones. More than 80% of our 4-H mini exhibitors have minis that are larger than 34”. A 38” mini only weights about 250 pounds. That is still too small to ride. The miniature horse program was developed to give children with equines that are too small to ride something to do in the 4-H horse program. Setting the height limit at 38” will allow all miniature horse owners to participate.

Committee/Council Action: Accepted with Modification

Modified to say “set height requirement for miniature horse as 38” and under as measured at last hair in mane.

State 4-H Faculty: Rejected. There is not a WA State Miniature Horse Program as this time; it has yet to be established. However, curriculum and policies are under development by the State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee. Such details as addressed by this recommendation will be taken under consideration.

2009 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN

A. GENERAL 4-H/GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. **Record Books**—Thurston. The covers of the Level 1 (C0932) and Level 2 (C0934) Record Books should be revised to eliminate the Address and Date of Birth lines.

Supporting Statement: Record books are often displayed at fairs and other public events. The public can view the information on the cover of the record books. The address and birth date are not needed and are not relevant for judging of record books (The member's age and year in 4-H are sufficient information for judging). For our members' safety and for the protection of their identity, the address and birth date should be removed from the cover information.

Council Action: Accepted with modification: Add: Counties should encourage exhibitors to leave that area blank or covered on current record books when they are displayed until they can be revised.

Accepted by State Staff - Revisions will be made when C0932 and C0934 are reprinted.

2. **Photography Scorecard**—Cowlitz. It is recommended that the current 4-H Photography scorecard add columns as on other still life project scorecards to reflect a check system of scoring you in the three categories of Excellent, Good, and Fair. If the judge so chooses they could also use the point system with a set amount of points. It is also recommended that some additional language be added to the judging criteria to make the categories more clear.

Supporting Statement: As a judge and superintendent for photography and in consultation with surrounding county peers it has been suggested that a system similar to the scoring on educational posters would be an easier way to score 4-H photography. Several others have contributed to this scorecard and made suggestions on what would make it an easier judging tool. (Suggested changes included.)

3. **Explore the World of Small Animals Scorecard**—Cowlitz. It is recommended that a scorecard be developed for 4-H statewide use in the project area of Explore the World of Small Animals.

Supporting Statement: As we try to encourage 4-H project participation in non-traditional areas there has been an increase in the number of youth that are showing animals in the project Explore the World of Small Animals. Several leaders in the SW District have contributed to this scorecard and made suggestions as to what has worked well for them. Please consider this scorecard as a starting point in this project area. (Suggested scorecard included).

4. **State Fair Passes/Dorm Privileges**—Skagit. Active 4-H leaders attending the State 4-H Fair to support their club members, even though they themselves do not have a child attending the fair, should be allowed to receive passes and have dorm privileges just the same as parents who do have children in attendance.

Supporting Statement: Presently, active leaders who have worked diligently with our children all year cannot receive passes unless they have a child attending the fair, nor can they stay in the dorm.

5. **Horned Goats in Showmanship Classes**—Thurston. Allow horned goats in showmanship classes at fairs.

Supporting Statement: Fleece goats, such as Angora, Pygora, and Cashmere, have a biological need for horns. Other types, such as utility, draft, and pack goats have a functional need for horns. Meat goats are required to have horns, according to ABGA standards. Many members have goats that have been dehorned but have scurs or short horns that grow back and have to be cut off every year for fair if the member wants to participate with their goat. Cutting the goat's horns is difficult for both the goat and the 4-H'er. At times it can lead to pain and infection for the goat. With the current policy, members who have goats with horns are left out of showmanship altogether unless they have a second dehorned goat of the same type of showmanship in that class. The "No Horn" policy affects kids with any breed of goat and all showmanship classes. So, we hope you will consider allowing horned goats in showmanship classes with the following possible conditions:

- Horn tips will be covered securely with tennis balls and tape.
- Superintendent can restrict animal from showmanship if it appears to be a danger to others.
- Other showman may be allowed to decline having to switch to a goat that has horns during showmanship class.
- Member with horned goat may assume cost of additional liability coverage and sign special responsibility contract.

The person submitting this recommendation has an additional typed page of explanation addressing concerns over safety (which can be reviewed at the Council Committee meeting).

B. FOODS

1. **Food Preservation Scorecard**—Grays Harbor. Score sheets for 4-H food preservation exhibits be modified to state that jar

rings may be present on jars, but must be removable for judging purposes. Score sheets affected include C0573, C0203E, C0204, C0539, and C1062.

Supporting Statement: State 4-H Fair is asking jar rings be included on food preservation exhibits. It is not uncommon for jars to come unsealed in the lighted cases that get quite warm over 17 days.

2. **4-H Canned Food Exhibit Label**—Grays Harbor. C0803, "4-H Canned Food Exhibit Label," be revised to include "type of pack" and "altitude."

Supporting Statement: Type of pack and altitude influence the processing time for several types of food. The information is needed for proper judging.

3. **4-H Food Activity Guidelines**—Grays Harbor. Update EM4733, "4-H Food Activity Guidelines" to adjust time for Lunch on the Go to one hour maximum.

Supporting Statement: Current maximum time is 1½ hours. One hour is ample for this activity.

4. **4-H Food Activity Guidelines**—Grays Harbor. Update EM4733, "4-H Food Activity Guidelines" and the State 4-H Fair Premium Book to change maximum time for juniors in My Favorite Foods and Foods of the Pacific Northwest to 2 hours.

Supporting Statement: Current time limit for juniors is 1½ hours. The State 4-H Fair Board selected this time when deciding to allow junior participation at the State 4-H Fair. Two hours would allow more creativity and more advanced projects.

5. **Bread Baking Activity**—Grays Harbor. Adjust the time for quick loaf breads in the Bread Baking Activity to 2½ hours. All other non-yeast items to remain at 2 hours.

Supporting Statement: Many quick loaf breads bake for 1½ hours or more, leaving little time for mixing, cleanup, and judge's interview.

6. **Table Setting Activity**—Grays Harbor. Change the maximum time for Table Setting Activity to one hour.

Supporting Statement: Current maximum time is 1½ hours. One hour is ample for this activity.

C. CATS

1. **Cats—Pierce.** Change the minimum age of cat for State Fair Cat Senior Type classes (currently class 405) from 10 years to 8 years.

Supporting Statement: In many areas, such as cat feeding recommendations, 8 years is considered a senior. By lowering the age for the State Fair type class more cats would be eligible for the senior class, thus removing them from the over-full regular classes.

2. **Cats-Pierce.** Change the age requirement for the State Fair Cat Kitten Type classes (currently class 406) to read, "open to kittens who were over 4 months and under 12 months on the type judging day of their county fair."

Supporting Statement: All common literature, including our 4-H material, considers a kitten to be any cat under 12 months of age. This recommendation raises the maximum age for a kitten from 8 months to 12 months. It also allows cats who reach the 12 month mark between their county fair and the state fair to remain in the kitten class for state fair.

3. **Cats-Pierce.** Change the State Fair Cat Household Pet Type classes (currently classes 403 & 404) to the attached classes, divided first by coat type and then by coat pattern:

- Class 403: Household Pet - shorthair solid/smoke (includes solid/smoke with white & solid white)
- Class 404: Household Pet - shorthair tabby (includes tabby with white)
- Class 405: Household Pet - shorthair pointed (includes pointed with white)
- Class 406: Household Pet - shorthair tortoise shell/calico/patched tabby (with or without white)
- Class 407: Household Pet - longhair solid/smoke (includes solid/smoke with white or solid white)
- Class 408: Household Pet - longhair tabby (includes tabby with white)
- Class 409: Household Pet - longhair pointed (includes pointed with white)
- Class 410: Household Pet - longhair tortoise shell/calico/patched tabby (with or without white)

Supporting Statement: The current class configuration makes for very large classes. To compensate for this, donations are solicited to offer rosettes down to 10th place. By dividing the classes into smaller sections, these extra ribbons would not be needed. Also, it would encourage exhibitors to learn more about colors and patterns.

D. EQUINE

1. **Horse Contest Guide-Lewis.** Clarify pg. 31 of PNW574, 4-H Horse Contest Guideline. Contestants may ride only once in

each event. Event being a fair or 4-H qualifier (exception: re-rides).

Supporting Statement: Too many counties have different opinions on how this rule is interpreted. This will make all counties uniform.

2. **Horse Contest Guide**—Grays Harbor. Change the rule on pg. 31 of PNW574 to read: "Contestants may ride only one in each event on any given day (exception: re-rides)."

Supporting Statement: The rule as originally written was intended to address a particular problem in those counties where the exhibitors have to qualify in outside shows and the rule is intended to prohibit them from just paying for another run at a particular show just so they can get the time they are looking for. Although we understand the purpose, we don't believe the rule is stated in a way that says what they want. Our county runs gaming on Wed. and Friday and takes the best time. As written this rule could be a problem for us.

3. **Horse Contest Guide**—Grays Harbor. Change the rule on pg. 34 of PNW574 to read: "If the horse's hip passes any obstacle on the wrong side it is a disqualification."

Supporting Statement: The rule as currently stated is vague - we would like it to be more clear for both exhibitors and judges.

4. **Horse Contest Guide**—Pierce. Change the 4-H Horse Contest Guide, pg. 10, "Saddle Seat Clothing and Equipment," Saddle section to read: Flat English-type saddle required. Forward seat, Western and side saddles are prohibited.

Supporting Statement: The above sentence is from the USEF Saddle Seat Equitation Rules. It does not specifically require a cut-back saddle. Current 4-H requirements are too restrictive, making it more difficult for 4-H'ers to find and afford to purchase the required saddle.

5. **Horse Contest Guide**—Lincoln. Recommends the following changes be made to rules regarding 4-H Horse shows:

- 1) Under Penalties & General Disqualifications (PNW574, pg. 34), we recommend that small rubber bands be allowed in Washington for Western Games classes to safely secure riders feet to stirrups and to help them stay centered, balanced, and in the saddle. Bands should not exceed the following dimensions: ¼ inch wide x 1/8 inch thick x 6 inch diameter. A single wrap of band will be allowed to be hooked over the toe, underneath the stirrup, and around the edge of the heel or spur. Only one band per foot.

Supporting Statement: Size limit of bands and use specified above allow bands to break if rider falls from saddle. AQHA allows this practice in youth competition.

- 2) We recommend that judges or show personnel be allowed and encouraged to post a diagram of the pattern or trail and walk contestants on foot through pattern or trail courses prior to the start of class so that contestants fully understand the expected pattern or trail.

Supporting Statement: This is a common practice allowed in most shows but not specifically allowed by 4-H rules. Youngsters learn by doing, and walking the course helps them learn the pattern and ride safely.

6. **Equitation over Fences**—Grays Harbor. Reinstate the 2'9"-3' Equitation over Fences class at State Fair.

Supporting Statement: Last year we expanded each height to each level but also we ended up eliminating the highest jump height. Those exhibitors that take over fences seriously regularly jump heights greater than 2'9". Horses that regularly compete at greater heights do not make the adjustment to the low heights very smoothly.

2010 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN

A. GENERAL 4-H/GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. **L&I Insurance/Volunteer Hours**—Yakima. The requirement for 4-H leaders to be covered by L&I insurance and log volunteer hours on the WSU volunteer website should be changed to a voluntary program, with the ability for a leader to opt out of L&I coverage and the logging of hours, if proof of alternative accident insurance is provided.

Supporting Statement: The requirement to log hours is a disincentive for volunteers to sign up to serve as leaders. The time required to comply takes away from time that could be used to support our youth.

Council Action: Rejected. Rejected because of the need of WSU's clarification of L&I insurance as it pertains to unpaid employees (volunteers) of WSU. WSU does offer alternative ways to submit hours for those with the capability.

2. **State 4-H Fair Ribbons**—Snohomish. At State 4-H Fair, award placings even if entry received a Red Danish Ribbon.

Supporting Statement: The Danish system scores against the "ideal" for each class in an unranked method. The American system ranks the "class" so there is no justification for not awarding placings.

Council Action: Rejected. It needs stronger clarification of exactly the intent of the proposal. The supporting statement is unclear and confusing.

B. FOODS

1. **Food Activity Worksheet**—King. Delete worksheet C1099E (Food Activity Worksheet) except for page 5, columns 1, 2, 3, & 7, and a recipe.

Supporting Statement: 4-H members participating in fit & show in other projects are not required to submit worksheets that outline their project knowledge. The amount of worksheets required for kitchen activities is a deterrent to youth wanting to participate. This especially impacts those with learning disabilities.

Council Action: Accepted with Modification. Remove sections B and C from worksheet C1099E, and retain Part D in its entirety and relevant portions of Part A. Also recommend that sections B & C be made into a study/reference sheet for food activities.

Referred to State 4-H Foods & Nutrition Team: Accepted.

C1099E, 4-H Food Activity Worksheet, has been revised to reflect the approved recommendation. A related reference sheet will be developed as time allows.

C. LIVESTOCK

- 1. Nigerian Dwarf Goats**---Wahkiakum. Allow primary 4-H'ers to show Nigerian dwarf goats.

Supporting Statement: Primaries are allowed to show pygmy goats. Nigerian dwarfs are the same size, have a wonderful disposition and give milk.

Council Action: Accepted.

Referred to State 4-H Staff: Accepted; policy wording has been changed in EM0758, WA State 4-H Youth Program Policy.

- 2. Wether Sire**—Lewis. Include as a class, at the Washington State 4-H Fair, "Wether Sire," no breed distinction, crossbreds included, with lot to follow the existing format.

Supporting Statement: The body style of Wether Sires is very different even from animals in the same breed that are produced for other areas of the sheep market industry. A Wether Sire is a male sheep used in the production of club or market lambs, which are used by exhibitors for market and sale competition. Wether Sires should be judged for their abilities to produce fast-growing, quality, high performance wether offspring.

Council Action: Accepted.

Referred to State 4-H Fair Board: Accepted. To be implemented at the 2012 State 4-H Fair.

- 3. Wether Dam**—Include as a class, at the Washington State 4-H Fair, "Wether Dam," no breed distinction, crossbreds included, with lots to follow the existing format.

Supporting Statement: The body style of Wether Dams is very different even from animals in the same breed that are produced for other areas of the sheep market industry. A Wether Dam is a female sheep used in the reproduction of club and market lambs, which are used by exhibitors for market and sale competition. Wether Dams should be judged for their abilities to produce fast-growing, high performance wether offspring.

Council Action: Accepted.

Referred to State 4-H Fair Board: Accepted. To be implemented at the 2012 State 4-H Fair.

D. EQUINE

- 1. Dressage**—King. Restructure dressage classes at the Washington State 4-H Fair.

Suggested structure:

Class 981A - Dressage, Training Level Test 4

Class 981B - Dressage, Training Level Test of Choice
(Ribbons only)

Class 982A - Dressage, First Level Test 4
Class 982B - Dressage, First Level Test of Choice
(Ribbons only)
Class 983A - Dressage, Second Level Test 4
Class 983B - Dressage, Second level Test of Choice
(Ribbons only)

Supporting Statement: Presently the Dressage and Over Fences section of the Washington State 4-H Fair allows each exhibitor to participate in herdsmanship, showmanship, and three riding classes. Exhibitors who jump typically enter a jumping class, a dressage class, and the hunt seat flat class. However, there are numerous exhibitors who participate in dressage who do not jump, and they find themselves able to enter only two riding classes: the dressage class at their level and the hunt seat flat class. The purpose of this recommendation is to suggest an alternate structure for dressage classes which would allow the dressage exhibitor who does not jump to enter two dressage classes.

Restructuring dressage classes as suggested (above) would allow exhibitors to compete for the state championship by riding the highest test in their level and would also allow them a second opportunity to compete by riding either the same test or a different test which might be more suited to the horse's current level of dressage mastery. "Test of Choice" classes are commonly found in dressage shows outside 4-H. Having the Test of Choice classes be non-premium/ribbons only classes would provide the additional class for the exhibitors who would like a third opportunity while ensuring that the Test 4 at each level is truly the state championship class.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to the State 4-H Fair Board: Both intermediates and seniors will ride Test 3 at their appropriate level at the 2011 State Fair.

2. Dressage-King. Adopt state-wide standards for dressage Danish placings. Suggested standards:

58.000% and above	Blue Danish
50.000% through 57.999%	Red Danish
49.000% and below	White Danish

Supporting Statement: Presently there are no statewide standards for dressage Danish placings in Washington State 4-H. The above standards are used in Oregon. Adopting a state-wide Danish standard should bring more consistency to dressage judging in 4-H.

Every movement in a dressage test is given a score from 1-10, so a rider who received marks of 5 (adequate/sufficient)

for every movement would score 50%. For the last several years at the Washington State 4-H Fair, the standards used by Snohomish County have been used to determine Danish placings (59% and above=Blue, 55-58.99%=Red, 54.99% and below=Blue). However, the Snohomish dressage Danish standards have a fairly narrow range for Red Danish, and many exhibitors at the State Fair who rode reasonably well executed tests received White Danish placings.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to the WA State 4-H Equine Committee: Accepted with Modification - Standard scores recommended for State Fair only (not expected to be implemented at county level AND that there be different score cut-offs for Intermediates and Seniors - both score cut-offs will be developed shortly.

- 3. Horse Contest Guide—King.** Eliminate language in PNW574, Horse Contest Guide, which discourages the practice of allowing jumping warm-up to occur in the competition arena.
Supporting Statement: The language on pg. 16 of PNW574 is as follows: "A **supervised** warm-up jump must be available prior to the class. This warm-up should be limited to 1 jump, preferably not on the course or inside the arena or pattern area." The language in the Contest Guide discourages the practice of allowing jumping warm-up to occur in the competition arena. However, ticketed warm-up rounds over competition courses are standard practice at almost all levels of hunter-jumper competition outside 4-H. While it is understood that 4-H exhibitors should be well prepared when they enter a 4-H over fences class, many 4-H exhibitors lack access to the variety of jumps found in the competition arena or have limited opportunities to jump full courses. Particularly at the State 4-H Fair, arena and warm-up conditions are such that allowing late night or early morning warm-up in the competition arena would provide a much better exhibition for the public to enjoy. Allowing an un-judged warm-up round or 3-5 minutes in the ring for each exhibitor in over fences classes would set the stage for more successful and more importantly SAFER participation in the Over Fences discipline.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to the WA State 4-H Equine Committee: Accepted.

Moved to accept the recommendation of eliminating language in PNW574, pg. 16, that discourages allowing for jumping warm-up to occur in the competition arena.

- 4. Horse Contest Guide—Snohomish.** Require either side check or over check rein for Driving - PNW (p. 19) Contest Guide.

Supporting Statement: For the experience level of the majority of 4-H youth drivers, it is safer to require an

over check rein to prevent a horse from lowering its head and possibly getting reins tangles in legs or on shafts.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to the WA State 4-H Equine Committee: Accepted.

5. Horse Contest Guide—Snohomish. Make a whip optional in Driving instead of required – PNW Contest Guide p. 20.

Supporting Statement: Some young drivers have difficulty holding both a rein and whip in one hand and some horses are fearful of a whip and are safer to drive without a whip.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to the WA State 4-H Equine Committee: Accepted with Modification – modified to state that the whip can be held in either hand.

6. Equitation—Snohomish. Repeal the 3' Equitation over Fences class at State Fair.

Supporting Statement: In 2010, it was decided to 'reinstate' the 3' highest jump height. There are not enough qualified and competent riders involved in Hunter Over Fences in the Washington State 4-H program. This class is unnecessary and there are no checks in balances in place which opens up a potential safety risk to riders. In our experience in Snohomish County, the majority of 4-H members who participate in jumping classes are either learning to jump themselves or teaching their horse to jump. Out of the 45 or so members we have participating in over fences classes in our county, only a handful regularly compete outside 4-H in classes where jump heights are 3' or greater.

Over Fences competition within 4-H should be structured to match the capabilities of the majority of our exhibitors, and the majority are best suited by the two classes (2'3" and 2'6") previously offered in 2009 at State Fair. In fact, there were very few riders who were even competent to compete in those divisions and probably 3 across Intermediates and Seniors that could have successfully completed a 3' course. With so many unable to meet the standard for a Blue or even a Red, our focus should perhaps be on more stringent standards for qualifying to jump the height classes we already have at State Fair rather than raising the fences for the very few who are capable over higher. We should work to improve the programs across the State at the lower levels before taking on additional height divisions to serve the very few.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to the WA State 4-H Equine Committee: Rejected. The 3' class is important to the development of the jumping

program with in the WA State 4-H program; the 3' Equitation Over Fences will still stay at State Fair.

7. Bareback—Clallam. Drop bareback classes from 4-H. We are about the only organization still doing it.

Supporting Statement: Safety is our concern. If we drop it from state fair we would have more time for other classes and our kids would not be riding at 11pm or later. This would also help with safety.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to the WA State 4-H Equine Committee

2011 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN

A. GENERAL 4-H/GENERAL 4-H FAIR

1. **Member Eligibility**—Skagit. Set age ranges in addition to grades to determine Junior, Intermediate, and Senior levels in 4-H. Current policy states members must be in 3rd Grade and have reached 8 years of age by January 1 of the current 4-H year. We need to further define an Intermediate as being in 6th Grade and age 11 by January 1, and a Senior as being in 9th Grade and age 14 by January 1.

Supporting Statement: Home-schooled children are sometimes doing school work at a higher level than their age would indicate. Some parents are insisting that their child should be eligible to complete at a higher level because of this and demand to be shown in writing why this is not acceptable.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Staff: Accepted. Implemented in EM0758E, March, 2012.

<http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/EM0758E/EM0758E.pdf>

2. **Recommendation Form (C0985E)**—Thurston. Edit this WA State Council Recommendation Form to include "Section of Notification to County."

Supporting Statement: Adding this section helps the sponsoring county be directly informed of updates on the status/progress of their recommendation. Provides an opportunity for the supporting county to be directly informed about what critical content in their recommendation affected its status at each level and its final outcome.

Council Action: Rejected

Reason: There is already a vehicle for notification, i.e., the 4-H website, <http://4h.wsu.edu>

3. **Photography Label (C0890)**—Whatcom. Change the wording of the C0890 photography label. In the section where the student is asked to mark "SLR," "P&S," or "Digital," the wording should be changed to "DSLR," "Digital P&S," and "Digital" should be changed to "Film."

Supporting Statement: Most photography done by 4-H'ers is performed with digital cameras. The terms SLR and P&S technically refer specifically to film cameras. Professional photographers use the terms "DSLR" and "Digital P&S" to describe cameras using digital technology. These changes would help to clarify to the judges to understand better the type of technology and camera that was used. It will also help students to recognize the differences in the terminology and technology.

Council Action: Accepted with Modification - add a space on

the label for the exhibitor's county.

Referred to State Staff: C0890 was thoroughly revised to reflect newer technology/equipment, incorporating some of the suggestions from the original recommendation. See:

<http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/C0890E/C0890E.pdf>

4. Performing Arts—Lewis. 4-H members enrolled in Performing Arts should receive placings at the State 4-H Fair.

Supporting Statement: Members enrolled in Performing Arts spend as much time practicing in their project area as any other project. Members have to prequalify at the county level to attend State 4-H Fair. It would be equitable for these members to earn placings at the state level.

Council Action: Rejected

Reason: Budget restraints for judges and the added pressure on the performers for placings.

5. State Fair Presentations—Skagit. Have equipment available at State Fair so 4-H'ers can do PowerPoint presentations. This would include a computer and projector with the wall behind the presentation stage serving as a screen. The 4-H'er would bring a flash drive. Evaluation would include the presenter's ability to use the equipment.

Supporting Statement: Our youth are very tech oriented. Having begun using computers in Kindergarten, by the time they are teenagers, they are quite adept at using PowerPoint to enhance their presentations. 4-H should be encouraging this, as it is a skill that will be useful throughout their lives.

Council Action: Rejected

Reason: It was thought that there are too many possible complications with providing equipment, including incompatibility of hardware, software, and equipment security issues at the presentation site.

B. FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

1. Table Setting Activity—Grays Harbor. Table Setting Activity be developed and included in the Foods Activity Project Guideline.

Supporting Statement: We are currently holding this activity, however, guidelines are no longer printed and/or available from WSU.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Foods/Nutrition Team: Accepted;
EM4773E, *4-H Food Activity Guidelines*, revision is in process.

2. \$10 Challenge—Grays Harbor. Add a class to the State 4-H Fair in the Consumer Sciences project, titled '\$10

Challenge.' Guidelines are attached.

Supporting Statement: This activity has been held for 2 years in Grays Harbor and Pacific counties. It is a variation of the Creative Consumer Activity, but the focus is on recycling and expanding shopping choices. The \$10 limit adds a creative element to the activity.

Council Action: **Accepted with Modification** - Add "\$10 Challenge" as a lot within "Creative Consumer," replacing "Class" with "Activity," and opening this activity to all 4-H members.

Referred to State 4-H Clothing/Textiles Team: **Accepted with modification** - Add \$10 Challenge as a Lot under Class 36, Creative Consumers of Fashion, open to qualifying intermediate and senior 4-H exhibitors. Complete and submit C1079E, *Creative Consumers of Fashion Data Sheet*, and attach a receipt for garment(s). \$10 limit does not include sales tax, and does not apply to shoes and accessories.

Referred to the State 4-H Fair Board: **Accepted**

C. LIVESTOCK

1. **Primaries/Miniature Goats**—Grays Harbor. We would like to change the state 4-H rules to say that Primary-aged 4-H members can show miniature goats.

Supporting Statement: This would make it so that families would have more options in showing goats. Also, pygmy goats have a lot of pulling power and not all pygmies can be handled by Primaries. There are many breeds of miniature goats.

Council Action: **Rejected**

Reason: The committee chose to accept alternative recommendation C.2., which will add height requirements

2. **Primaries/Miniature goats**—Thurston. Primary-aged 4-H members may show any goat meeting the Miniature Goat Association breed and size criteria. (See: www.NMGA.net).
- Supporting Statement:** Broadening the breed of goat Primary-aged 4-H members can show will create more opportunities & flexibility for this age group & their families, while still assuring safety concerns are addressed.

Council Action: **Accepted**

Referred to State 4-H Staff: **Accepted.** Implemented in EM0758E, July, 2012.

<http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/EM0758E/EM0758E.pdf>

D. EQUINE

1. **4-H Contest Guide**—Thurston. Revise the 4-H Contest Guide section on "Replacement" to include language that allows for

replacement of the project animal to be based on an assessment of safety for either the 4-H member or for the other exhibitors in the show arena.

Supporting Statement: Safety is a top priority for all 4-H members. Unsafe habits or characteristics may not exhibit until well into the project year. Sometimes even with months of riding coaching, a horse may not "cool down" for the 4-H member. It is unrealistic that replacement cannot be supported for unsafe behavior traits especially when riding coaches and club leaders have determined that unsafe conditions exist and have tried to work through these situations.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Equine Committee: Accepted

2. **Equitation Over Fences**—King. That the three heights offered in Equitation Over Fences classes at the State 4-H Fair be combined for judging and placing so that a single Champion at each age level is recognized.

Supporting Statement: Offering multiple fence heights at both Intermediate and Senior age levels for Equitation Over Fences at the State 4-H Fair recognizes the fact that the height a rider/horse pair are capable of jumping competently varies with a number of factors: horse's size, length of stride, horse's age and level of training as well as skill of the rider. We strongly believe that multiple heights should continue to be offered and that riders should be allowed to choose the height to jump based on ability and the height at which they qualified in their home county.

However, due to the relatively small number of Equitation Over Fences participants at the State Fair (typically 7-10 per height division per age level), we recommend that all three height divisions be combined into one class for judging so that a single Champion at each age level is recognized. Having 3 Champions for 20-3- over Fences entries seems excessive when compared to Performance and Gaming classes that have over 100 entries and one Champion.

Combining multiple fence heights into a single class is fairly common in equitation and hunter classes outside 4-H.

With respect to the State Fair classes, instead of three separate classes, there could be one class subdivided into the three separate heights (e.g., instead of classes 971, 972, and 973, the class might be 970A, 970B, or 970C).

Council Action: Rejected

Reason: The committee disagreed that the height divisions are comparable enough to be combined into a single class and award

decisions should not be based on the number of participants in a class. There are other classes that are similar in size.

2012 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN

A. General 4-H Fair

1. **Foods Activity** – Benton-Franklin. Please add Exploring Foods Around the World Activity to the State Foods Activity Contest.

Supporting Statement: First of all, it is in the 4-H Foods Activity Guidelines. But mostly it would open up the 4-H'ers exposure to foods from other countries.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Food & Nutrition Committee: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Fair Board: Accepted

B. Equine

1. **Horse Judging Contest** – Snohomish. Reinstate written reasons for State Horse Judging Contest and require only one set of oral reasons for Seniors.

Supporting Statement: Designing the state contest with a view toward the nationals is a disservice to the majority of youth who are just learning about oral reasons. One set is intimidating enough! It takes additional time, which can interfere with Groom Squad. Written reasons are a valuable tool to teach youth to formulate their reasons in written form, which is a valid life skill.

Council Action: Rejected

Reason: Having seniors do 2 sets of oral reasons better prepares them for the national contest.

2. **PNW Contest Guide Revision** – Snohomish. Revise the "possession statement" in the PNW Contest Guide (currently page 5) that would allow someone to continue to use their horse but still allow a 4-H member to have use as a 4-H project and the opportunity to exhibit at county and state events.

Supporting Statement: Especially in this tight economic environment, isn't it more important to focus on having youth involved with the animal they love than to be so concerned with giving someone an "advantage" of having a project horse ridden by an adult? We are all seeing our number grow smaller and that is very much a concern.

Council Action: Rejected

Reason: Snohomish County needs to further define and provide criteria around training and use.

3. **Hippology** – Pierce. Continue to allow the first place county Hippology team to represent WA State at Eastern national 4-H Roundup.

Supporting Statement: County teams study and practice together. They form lasting friendships and team bonds. The team problem solving phase makes Hippology a team competition (unlike judging). Counties who don't have enough

members to make up a team should be encouraged to combine with another county. The first place team, whether from one county or a combined county team, should be the team to go to nationals.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Equine Committee: Accepted

4. **Hippology** – Snohomish. Continue to have the winning team represent the State at the 4-H Nationals.

Supporting Statement: The youth work diligently as a team to prepare for the state contest and very much desire the opportunity to work toward a national trip as a team rather than individuals – fostering the 4-H essential element of belonging.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Equine Committee: Accepted

2013 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN

A. General 4-H Fair

1. **Zone Assignment** - Wahkiakum. Wahkiakum County should be moved to Zone C for State Fair premiums.

Supporting Statement: With the use of mileage calculation through internet sources and based on mileage from the county seat to the State 4-H Fair, Wahkiakum County is in line with those in Zone C. These are mileage results: Zone B – Cowlitz-97.9, Grays Harbor-71, Jefferson-88.4, Lewis-56.3, Pacific-100.7, Skagit-95.3, Snohomish-61.8, Wahkiakum-123.6; Zone C – Clallam-114, Clark-136.2, Island-90.3, Kittitas-119.1, Skamania-178.4, Whatcom-123.2, Yakima-154.1.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Fair Board: Accepted

2. **State Fair Exhibitor Guide Changes** - King. In an effort to ensure that blue ribbon entries at county level State Fair qualification events will also meet State Fair entry requirements, and to facilitate timely inclusion in county level State Fair qualification event documents, any revision to the State Fair Exhibitor Guide shall be provided to County Extension offices no later than April 15 of the year the revision is approved by the State Fair Board.

Supporting Statement: Per the State Fair Trustees Guidelines, the meeting at which "premium book entries are dealt with" is to be held in February or March. In many counties, State Fair qualifying event(s) exhibitor entry information must be disseminated after March but long before the State Fair Exhibitor Guide is available. Currently, a 4-H member could receive a blue ribbon at county level only to find that state level entry requirements were revised and their entry no longer qualifies for State Fair.

Council Action: Accepted with Modifications – to read “revisions shall be provided **electronically** to County Extension offices no later than **May 1**”

Referred to State 4-H Fair Board: Accepted as amended; add “electronically, **when possible**.”

B. Food/Nutrition

1. **Publication Update** - Update *4-H Food Activity Guidelines* (EM4733E).

Supporting Statement: Table setting has a new *Table Setting Activity Guideline* (C1075E) and *4-H Table Setting Activity Scorecard* (C1076E). *My Pyramid* is now *MyPlate*.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Food & Nutrition Committee: Accepted

C. Equine

- 1. Equitation Over Fences – Kitsap.** Reinstatement of Equitation Over Fences classes at State Fair, with the following required.

Supporting Statement: All counties in Washington State will ensure that 4-H members participating in the Equitation Over Fences classes pass the initial Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences Skills Checklist (**developed by Equine Advisory Committee**). The purpose of the Skills Checklist is to prove that the member has learned the skills required to participate in Equitation Over Fences.

Council Action: Accepted with Modifications.

Referred to State Equine Advisory Committee: Accepted with Modifications - **highlighted in yellow, above**

- 2. Driving/Dressage - Snohomish.** Recombine the Driving and Dressage sections at the State 4-H Fair Equine Division.

Supporting Statement: Recent changes to scheduling have left the driving and dressage sections to be at State Fair at different times and stabling in different areas. The combination of these two sections would relieve herdsman pressures (the representatives from each county tend to be small in quantity) and result in a larger, more dynamic exhibit for state fair goers.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State Equine Advisory Committee: Accepted

- 3. Driving/Dressage - Snohomish.** Add Driving Dressage to PNW Contest Guide and State 4-H Fair.

Supporting Statement: Driving Dressage fits very well in the 4-H Horse Program following the example of ridden Dressage. It would give drivers an additional opportunity for a class and could be combined in a section with Dressage.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State Equine Advisory Committee: Accepted; **Modified by EAC to eliminate "State Fair" but develop curriculum, offer at County level and determine county interest**

- 4. Horse Possession Policy - Snohomish.** Request the Equine

Advisory committee to revise the project horse possession policy to more clearly reflect the use of a project horse by an individual other than the 4-H member be allowed.

Supporting Statement: In an effort to allow more youth to participate, many adults share their horses with 4-H members; however, this courtesy would not be extended if they were restricted from using their horse for their own enjoyment. This limitation erects a barrier to participation by those youth unable to finally afford their own horse. As a youth development organization, our focus should be to enable youth to participate in these experiences.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State Equine Committee: Still under advisement.

5. **Polo Wraps/Boots** - Wahkiakum. Allow performance horses to wear polo wraps, boots of all types when being shown in 4-H.

Supporting Statement: Boots, wraps, etc., are allowed in gaming. Performance is being judged on the child's equitation skills, not what the horse is or is not wearing.

Council Action: Rejected

Reason: Current policy allows exceptions. The recommendation is too far from industry standards.

State Equine Advisory Committee: Rejected because already addressed in PNW Horse Contest Guide, page 5, under "Clothing and Equipment."

6. **Tapaderos/Covered Stirrups** - Wahkiakum. Allow tapaderos and/or covered stirrups in county 4-H events.

Supporting Statement: Some parents feel safer with their child riding with these. For small feet it will prevent the foot slipping through a large stirrup. This is an added safety feature not a replacement for proper footwear. They are good for riding through brush and then would not have to be changed out for regular stirrups for 4-H.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State Equine Advisory Committee: Rejected - Considered unsafe due to fact that they do not prevent a foot from slipping through a stirrup and are not in line with industry standards - there are no industry standards for Tapaderos, and they were designed by protection from brush rather than safety.

2014 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN

A. General 4-H

1. **Primary Age Group Judging** – Chelan. That primary aged group be judged the same as other age groups.

Supporting Statement: School age children are expected to learn more at a younger age these days than previous years. With this in mind, 4-H should allow primaries to be competitive with each other. There are primaries that know the difference and are mature enough to be competitive. Participation ribbons seem to be fine for the first year, the nonce primaries learn more, are moving to open classes so that they can be competitive. We need to keep our primaries at 4-H at Fairs and competitive events. Some primaries have chosen to show open versus 4-H, which means we are losing primaries during Fair. We have several primaries who would like to address the Council on this issue. In Chelan County, we would prefer to move primaries to compete against each other. If the Council still has reservations, perhaps you would consider a Primary-Novice as well as a competitive version for primaries. Or at the very least. Let the animals shown by primaries be judged and placed according to the Judge's decision.

Council Action: Rejected

Reason: Inappropriate age of social/emotional intelligence and development for five to seven-year-old youth to be in competitive situations.

B. General 4-H Fair

1. **Senior Cats at State Fair** – King. Seniors be allowed to bring 2 cats to State Fair (as dogs already allow).

Supporting Statement: Due to dropping numbers, this would help to better fill the barns, giving the public a better show.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Fair Board – Modified by the board to read, “Allow Senior and Intermediate exhibitors to bring a second qualified cat, within the county allocation, to the State 4-H Fair.”

C. Family Living

1. **Add Class at State Fair** – Klickitat. Add class at State 4-H Fair in clothing under textile arts – class name: Cultural Attire/Regalia.

Supporting Statement: This will open up more specific opportunities for showcasing garments that are cultural or ethnic in nature.

Council Action: Rejected

Reason: Does not create a new opportunity, since these garments can be entered in current classes available.

2015 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN

A. General Fair/4-H

1. **Add Day to Harness Driving Section** – Pierce. Add one day to the Harness Driving Section at State Fair.

Supporting Statement: Driving currently goes in one day and out the next. Since this happened, we have never finished in time to leave as per the schedule. Exhibitors feel rushed and unappreciated.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Fair Board – Rejected

Reason: This subject was already addressed when putting the 2016 fair schedule together; harness horses have one additional day.

2. **Add Small Equine In-Hand (SEIH)** – Pierce. Add Small Equine In-Hand as an exhibition only division at the State Fair beginning in 2016. Use Pierce County Small Equine in-Hand guidelines and county fair class list for rules.

Supporting Statement: The fair is expanding, and this is the perfect time to recognize the work done by the SEIH exhibitors. Starting as exhibition only will hold the spot while rules are modified.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Fair Board – Rejected

Reason: This new event does not fit into the 2016 schedule. In addition, WSU-Approved curriculum is necessary before inclusion into the State 4-H Fair.

B. Livestock

1. **Harness (Cart) Goat Safety** – Lewis. Require brakes on the carts and easy release harnesses for the goats as a safety measure, and require that the driver wear approved riding helmets.

Supporting Statement: To improve overall safety of goats and drivers during harness goat driving.

Council Action: Accepted Committee Recommendation to Reject

Reason: Project (Goat Harness) recommendation to be suspended until proper curriculum can be developed and/or adopted by WSU as a base for judging and enforcement.

2. **Nose Tongs** – Stevens. 4-H youth cannot use a nose tong on Market Steer for 4-H Fitting and Showing at fairs.

Supporting Statement: Youth should have worked with their animals to be able to show without a nose tong. It is a tripping risk for youth to hold two leads and a show stick.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State Animal Science Transition Team – Recommended that, for safety reasons, if nose tongs need to be used on a Market Steer or Breeding project, that animal should not be at the show or fair. Market cattle and breeding should be able to be safely handled with rope halters, show halters or other similar halters. If they require the use of nose tongs, then they should not be at the fair, show or exhibit. If cattle are a safety risk to exhibitors or the public, the owner of the animal should be asked to remove the animal. It is acknowledged that handling two lead lines and a show stick could pose a tripping or other risk to an exhibitor however, if an animal needs nose tongs for control, then it should not be at the fair.

C. Family and Consumer Science

1. **Jams and Jellies** – Wahkiakum. Delete the statement “Jams and jellies need not be USDA recipe” from State 4-H Fair Book Class 130. Recommend stating “Processing methods, times, and recipes must follow current WSU and USDA recommendations.”

Supporting Statement: (Current language) is confusing and may lead to using untested recipes.

Council Action: Accepted with Modification - The modification states: Delete the statement, “James and jellies need not be USDA recipe” from State 4-H Fair book Class 130. Recommend stating: “Processing, methods, times must follow current WSU and USDA recommendations. Recipes with source are required.”

Referred to State 4-H Fair Board

Outcome: Source of Recipe to be included on Entry Form.

D. General 4-H

1. **Education Display Scorecard C0679** – Lewis. Consolidate text to reduce depth space (top to bottom) to single or double spacing – this will allow more space at the bottom of form for comments section for adjudicator to let poster creator know what is right and what was wrong - improvements/praises.

Supporting Statement: Text has unnecessary wording taking up space that could be used positively and productively in comments so creator will know why they got the ribbon that was awarded.

Council Action: Accepted

Referred to State 4-H Office to revise the Scorecard as needed.

Outcome: Scorecard updated in WSU Publications, May 2016.

**2016 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL
“Action Taken” on Recommendations**

There were no recommendations submitted for consideration at the 2016 4-H Council meeting, to be held on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at the TRAC Center in Pasco, Washington.

Recommendations prepared for consideration at the 2017 WA State 4-H Council Meeting MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.

Recommendation Forms are available

at <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/c0985E/c0985E.pdf>

2017 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL
“Action Taken” on Recommendations

A. Equine

- 1. Revise in PNW Contest Guide Show Protocol #9** – Snohomish. Exhibitors should not pat their horse while being judged in the ring, except in a colt or ground training class “or Western Games events.”

Supporting Statement: There is inconsistency between PNW Judges that needs to be addressed. Most judges do NOT disqualify riders for touching/petting their horse after the event (see attached).

Council Action: Accepted

- 2. Add Western Dressage** – Snohomish. Add Western Dressage to the State 4-H Fair Equine Exhibit.

Supporting Statement: This discipline is growing rapidly in the horse industry, uses the same arena setup as traditional Dressage, and many Dressage Judges judge western Dressage.

Council Action: Accepted

- 3. Revise the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide (Pg. 20)** – Snohomish. Revise the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide (Pg. 20) to reflect the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rules for Western Dressage, rather than the North American Western Dressage rules.

Supporting Statement: This is consistent with 4-H English Dressage, which follows USEF rules, and the 4-H Horse Program always looks to USEF for our core rules.

Council Action: Accepted

- 4. Include Hunter Over Fences Classes** – Snohomish. Include Hunter Over Fences Classes at State 4-H Fair.

Supporting Statement: It is not equitable that all other disciplines in the Washington State 4-H Horse Program have the opportunity to exhibit at the State 4-H Fair. Safety concerns are solvable!

Council Action: Accepted

- 5. Eliminate the Run Out Box in Western Games** – Snohomish. Eliminate the Run Out Box in Western Games Events.

Supporting Statement: Acknowledging the judge at the end of the run should be sufficient to show control. It often causes near crashes as horses/riders

generally are not used to such limited space.

Council Action: Accepted with Modification. The recommendation came out of Equine Committee with recommendation to modify to add language “at State Fair” to the end of the recommendation.

- 6. Allow Early Haul-Out for Youth with Another Project Horse in Next Section** – Snohomish. Allow early haul-out for youth in the State 4-H Horse Exhibit who are entered with another project horse in the next section (if they are back-to-back).

Supporting Statement: It is difficult to impossible for a youth to haul out and return with their second project horse in the time allotted unless they live in close vicinity to the fairgrounds.

Council Action: Accepted with Modification. The recommendation came out of Equine Committee with recommendation to modify to add “4-H Horse Program Superintendent would have discretion on a case by case basis to” to the beginning of the recommendation.

B. Animal

- 1. Cloverbuds Showing Goats** – Lewis. Current policy is that Cloverbuds can only show Pygmy or Nigerian goat kids or adults. Recommendation is to change the policy to include that Cloverbuds can show a kid of any goat breed born in the current calendar year.

Supporting Statement: A full-grown Pygmy goat can weigh from 50-75 pounds; that is too much weight for a small child, even if the animal is tame. It is the same with a Nigerian goat. I spent much of my time this spring calling many Nigerian breeders, trying to find one that would sell me a kid so we could bottle-feed it so it was bonded with my children and they did not have to tame a wild one down. Breeders do not want to pull kids off dams because they do not want to hand-milk. I could not find one after calling nine breeders.

I would much rather see Cloverbuds showing young kids born in the current calendar year, as they are much easier to manipulate and handle than a full-grown Pygmy or a full-grown Nigerian.

I would like the policy to say that Cloverbuds my show kids born of the current calendar year, as well as the current miniature breeds.

Council Action: Accepted with Modification. The recommendation came out of Livestock Committee with recommendation to modify to read “Any Cloverbud may also show a Pygmy goat, miniature goat, or any goat breed under six months of age prior to the show.”

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“Action Taken” on Recommendations

A. Equine

- 1. Allow Hardship Exception for Loss of Horse – Snohomish.** Allow hardship exceptions for 4-H Horse members who have lost a horse to exhibit at State Fair and County Fairs.

Supporting Statement: Youth whose horse dies are left dealing with a tragedy and also feeling out of place in the program.

Council Action: Accepted Committee Recommendation to Reject

Reason: Rejected because there was a lack of clarity for a time line and a concern for safety. The committee also felt that learning to deal with adversity is a life skill.

- 2. Separate Dressage from Performance at State Fair – Snohomish.** Separate Dressage from Performance at State Fair.

Supporting Statement: Section too long for missing school, fewer youth may participate, Dressage riders are there five days and only show one day, Seniors who do perform have 1½ days with Judging and Dressage with no activity.

Council Action: Approved

- 3. Revision to the PNW 4-H Horse Manual – Snohomish.** Revise the PNW and Horse Project Manual to allow youth to leave horse whiskers and eye hairs unclipped.

Supporting Statement: Whiskers and eye hairs serve a serious purpose for a horse. Science is learning more about their purpose and several European countries have made clipping them illegal.

Council Action: Accepted Committee Recommendation to Accept with Modification. The modification from Committee stated that the words “Contest Guide” should be added after PNW in the recommendation.