

## NEW!!! 4-H ANIMAL MANAGEMENT CONTEST

**Due: Monday, November 16, 2020**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize 4-H members for their dedication to excellent animal care and management, even during challenging times. This award seeks to learn 4-H member animal management styles and how the 4-H member makes decisions to keep project animals healthy. This is an opportunity to be recognized for techniques in the areas of housing and equipment, feeding and animal care, disease control, record keeping, training, and breeding as it relates to 4-H animal projects. ***Share with us your love for animals and how you have worked hard!***

***Two Ways to Participate!*** Please submit your answers to the below questions to be considered for this award. To help evaluate responses there are several questions to answer. Not every question will apply to the member's project or projects. We recognize younger 4-H members will likely need assistance. You have two ways to submit your answers. 1) You may write or type your answers. If you type, please use a 12-point font that is easy to read. **You may include photographs to help illustrate your answers.** Answers should be in the member's own words and adults may assist with writing/typing for clarity and to guide members in complete answers. 2) You may also submit your answers in video form. Someone (such as an adult or teen) may ask the 4-H member the questions below, like an interview, record the member answering the questions, and submit the video in place of a written document. It is okay for the interviewer to ask clarifying questions and to ask the member to elaborate or share more for clarity. Consider you can film the video where the project animal(s) are housed or with the animal(s) in the video. You may submit as one video or a few videos if you change location while answering the questions. Have fun!

4-H Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Animal Project or Projects (*Please list projects and include years in project or projects*): \_\_\_\_\_

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My project(s) focused on (*check all that apply*):  breeding  animal training  
 market animal/food production  caring for young animals  
 pet/companion animal project  show/performance project

Age division during the 19-20 4-H Year:  Junior  Intermediate  Senior

*Remember you can include photographs to help with your answers or submit a video answering the questions. Members may have adult assistance as appropriate. Answers should be in member's own words.*

1. When did you join 4-H and how many years have you belonged?
2. How long have you been caring for a pet and/or a farm animal(s)?
3. Do you belong to any animal clubs or breed organizations outside of 4-H? If so, please explain.
4. What type or types of animal do you care for and raise as part of your 4-H project(s)? How many animals do you have? Why did you select this animal project or multiple projects?  
*[For example: I care for two pack goats. My pack goats are crossbred dairy goats. I raise crossbred dairy goats for packing because they are strong and can carry my pack when hiking.]*
5. Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house, etc.? Include if you have animals stabled or stalled at a location other than your residence.
6. How do you protect your animals from heat, cold, or drafts?
7. Describe your housing/stalls/cages/coops/fencing. *Hint: This may be a good place to include photographs or take us on a walk of your animal area/farm if making a video.*
8. Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals.
9. What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals? How do you decide what to feed? Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so, why?
10. How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
11. Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
12. What training goals did you set this year? Did you reach your goals? What challenges or problems did you encounter? Did your training plan change due to Covid-19 and social distancing?
13. Did you have any litters or babies born during the 2019-2020 4-H year? If yes, please explain.
14. Describe what you consider and do when breeding your animals. For example, do you think about ages, time of year, system for keeping track of bred animals, and provisions for kindling/birth process? Did your breeding plans change due to Covid-19 and social distancing?
15. Describe what you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
16. Do you track the quality of your offspring when breeding animals? Please explain.
17. What do you do with animals born as part of your 4-H project? What do you do with your surplus animals?
18. Did you raise animals for market or food production this year? Please explain.
19. How many replacement animals have you added since January 1, 2019? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
20. Describe any diseases or health issues that have affected your animal project(s) and explain what you did to address the problem.
21. Describe what you do for biosecurity and to prevent disease and health issues? For example, what do you do to control internal and external parasites? What do you do to protect your animals from pests such as rats/mice and wildlife?
22. Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal.
23. Do you have a mentor or mentors that you can go to for help and that assist you with animal training/care? Explain how people help you and what you do when you need help.
24. Did your 4-H animal project(s) show a profit or loss last year? Please explain.
25. Is there anything we forgot to ask that you would like to share?

Please submit your written answers or video by **Friday, November 16**, to the 4-H Office.