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2012 Michigan State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo

Saturday, June 9, 2011

MSU Anthony Hall

Tentative Schedule

7:15 – 7:45 a.m. Registration

7:45 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting, Quiz Bowl Drawing and Rules Review ***All Quiz Bowl Participants Must Attend***

8:15 a.m. Contest entries must be in the judging rooms

- - Patch Design Contest
- Educational Poster Contest

8:30 a.m. Contests Begin

- Written Quiz Contest (both Juniors and Seniors)
- Virtual Cavy Breed Judging
- Virtual Rabbit Breed Judging
- Rabbit Showmanship
- Rabbit and Cavy Skill-a-thon
- Educational Poster (Sign up for an interview time)

9:30 a.m. Breed ID Contest Begins (both Juniors and Seniors)

12 p.m. All Contests Close

Lunch on your own

12:30 p.m. Quiz Bowl Contest Begins

12:30 p.m. Rabbit and Cavy Bingo Begins (non-competitive event)

Awards Program will be held at the conclusion of all contest scoring

General Rules & Regulations

Purpose of Event

1. To encourage 4-H members to become more knowledgeable about raising and using domestic rabbits and cavy.
2. To develop desirable personality traits such as alertness, self-confidence, courtesy, cooperation, and how to be a good participant in a competitive contest.

Age and Eligibility

3. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2011, to participate in the show.
4. Any 4-H member may participate in the State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo.
5. Exhibitors are not required to be ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) members to participate.

Entry Procedures and Fees

6. All entries must be submitted on official Michigan State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo Entry Form. Other forms will not be accepted. The official entry form is available on page 19.
7. All entry forms and entry fees are due to your county MSU Extension Office by **May 6, 2011**. The county office will submit all registrations.
8. All entry forms must be accompanied by a completed Media/Medical Form. If there is no medical form submitted with the entry, the participant will not be allowed to compete in the Rabbit and Cavy Expo. The media/medical form is available on page 20.
9. There is a \$5.00 per person participant fee for all State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo participants.
10. There is a \$3.00 per contest fee.
11. Participants may enter up to a maximum of 6 team contests and 6 individual contests.
 - A. If a participant registers for the 6 team contests, then those 6 contests will also serve as their 6 individual contests. Therefore, they may not enter into any individual contests.
 - B. In order to compete on a contest team, all the participants on that team must be registered as individual competitors in that contest.
12. There will be two divisions:
 - A. Junior Division – ages 9-13
 - B. Senior Division – ages 14-19
13. There will be no refunds given.
14. Contests will not be allowed to change contest entries on the day of the expo. Contests will be allowed to drop contests only.
15. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to attend. Please notify your county extension office of any special needs at least by **May 13, 2011**, so accommodations can be made.
16. All participants will receive a participation patch.

Team Registration

17. Counties may enter 1 or more teams per contest.
18. Counties must submit their Official Rabbit and Cavy Expo Team Registration Form(s) with a county staff signature by the current year's registration deadline.

19. All teams must be designated by an Official Rabbit and Cavy Expo Team Registration Form outlining all the contests that team will be entering.
20. Definition of a team: Four members plus alternates, designated by the Official Rabbit and Cavy Expo Team Registration Form with a county staff signature.
21. Team may also participate with a minimum of three members designated by the Official Rabbit and Cavy Expo Team Registration Form with a county staff signature.
22. County teams may be made up of members of different ages, but each team will be registered in the division of the oldest team member.
23. Juniors on a senior team must go through all contests as a senior and cannot return to junior status for any specific contest.
24. A county's teams may change members for specific events but all team rosters must be submitted by the current year's registration deadline, on the Official Rabbit and Cavy Expo Team Registration Form with a county staff signature.
 - A. Example: Skill-a-thon Team – Bob, Jill, Cindy, and Mark; Quiz Bowl Team – Jane, Mary, Bob, and Bill.
25. It is the responsibility of counties who have individual participants to contact other counties for opportunities to be a part of a team experience. No team will be formed on the day of the event.
26. Team scores will be determined by the 4 highest individual scores, including alternates.

Sportsmanship, Fair Play and Humane Treatment of Animals (Adaptation from the 4-H Youth Code of Conduct)

27. Exhibitors shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.
28. Exhibitors will under no circumstances, commit or threaten violence toward any individual, group or the program.
29. Exhibitors will under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances at an MSU Extension youth activity or event.
30. Exhibitors will under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension youth activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
31. Exhibitors will abstain from harassment or bullying of another participant, volunteer or staff member, particularly when the behavior is disrespectful as regards a person's gender, race, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability or appearance.
32. Exhibitors will not cheat or falsely represent their efforts related to their 4-H project activities.
33. Exhibitors will show respect for and cooperate with, fellow members, volunteers and staff.
34. Exhibitors will follow all 4-H policies and procedures when participating in any 4-H sponsored event.
35. Exhibitors are required to present and care for animals in a humane and ethical manner.
36. Rabbits and cavies showing signs of illness or ailments such as wet noses (including nasal mucus or discharge) must be removed from the expo and expo facility.
37. Exhibitors must have carrying cages with leak-proof bottoms for all animals.
38. Any misuse of MSU property will result in the eviction of the exhibitor and his or her exhibits from the showroom and the forfeit of all awards the person has won.
39. There is no video taping or audio recording devices allowed in any event.

CONTEST A: QUIZ BOWL

Quiz Bowl is a team event.

Reference Materials

Questions for quiz bowl will be from a computerized pool of questions drawn from the following resource materials. The following references will be utilized for all rounds of this contest:

1. ***ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide*** Order from The American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., P.O. Box 426, Bloomington, IL 61701.
<http://www.fortune3.com/ARBA2007/Products-Publications.html>
2. ***ARBA Official Guide Book Raising Better Rabbits & Cavies*** Order from The American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., P.O. Box 426, Bloomington, IL 61701.
<http://www.fortune3.com/ARBA2007/Products-Publications.html>
3. ***ARBA Registrar's Guide for Cavies*** Order from The American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., P.O. Box 426, Bloomington, IL 61701.
<http://www.fortune3.com/ARBA2007/Products-Publications.html>
4. ***ARBA Registrar's Guide for Rabbits*** Order from The American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., P.O. Box 426, Bloomington, IL 61701.
<http://www.fortune3.com/ARBA2007/Products-Publications.html>
5. ***ARBA Standard of Perfection (2011-2015 ed.)***. Order from The American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., P.O. Box 426, Bloomington, IL 61701.
<http://www.fortune3.com/ARBA2007/Products-Publications.html>
6. ***Cavy Fitting and Showmanship Member's Guide*** (4-H 1345)
http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_rabbitcavy_expo
7. ***Rabbit Fitting and Showmanship Member's Guide*** (4-H 1268)
http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_rabbitcavy_expo

The following resources are available as PDF's on the Michigan 4-H website, courtesy of the Domesticated Rabbit publication from the American Rabbit Breeders Association.

8. ***Rabbit RX*** Dodging Deadly Diarrhea: What to do With a Runny Bunny
http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_rabbitcavy_expo
9. ***Rabbit RX*** Domestic Rabbit Detention with Dr. Jay Hreiz
http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_rabbitcavy_expo
10. ***Rabbit RX*** First Aid in the Domestic Rabbit
http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_rabbitcavy_expo

11. ***Rabbit RX***The Health Certificate with Dr. Jay Hreiz
http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_rabbitcavy_expo
12. ***Rabbit RX***Health Related DQ's with Dr. Jay Hreiz
http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_rabbitcavy_expo
13. ***Rabbit RX***Intestinal Parasites in Domestic Rabbits
http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_rabbitcavy_expo
14. ***Rabbit RX***The More You Know: Michigan Rabbit Calicivirus
http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_rabbitcavy_expo
15. ***Rabbit RX***Questions and Answers with Dr. Wendy Feaga
http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_rabbitcavy_expo

Supervisory Personnel:

1. Moderator (or Referee): Supervises contest, reads questions, and acknowledges contestants for answers.
2. Judges (2 recommended): Rule on questionable answers and protests.
3. Score Keeper (1 recommended): Records the score for each team.
4. Time Keeper (1 recommended): Times the contestants, answers and acknowledges contestants for answers.

Procedures

1. All contestants including alternates must be registered with the scorekeeper before entering the contest.
2. Procedures for use of alternates:
 - A. The use of an alternate is optional, but is strongly recommended. The alternate must be registered with the team.
 - B. During any bout, only 1 alternate substitution will be allowed per team.
 - C. An alternate will not be seated in a bout, nor may he/she participate in the contest unless:
 - 1) The team captain/coach requests a time-out and asks the alternate to replace a regular team member.
 - 2) The contest referee or team coach deems it impossible for 1 of the regular members of the team to continue in the bout.
 - D. An alternate may be seated at the beginning of a bout and be replaced by the regular team member at the discretion of the team captain/coach.
 - E. All alternate members must register with the scorekeepers before entering a bout.
 - F. The team member removed from a bout becomes ineligible to return to that particular bout. The team member removed, and the replacement member, are both eligible to participate in further bouts in the contest.
 - G. Any contestant (regular/alternate member) replaced because of disciplinary

action (not registered, age violation, or unacceptable behavior, etc.) may not return to any bouts in the contest.

- H. The alternate, if not used as a competing member of the contest, will be considered eligible to compete in future competitions.
- 3. All contestants are assembled and seated at their respective chairs and given the opportunity to check his/her equipment.
- 4. Team captains will sit in Chair #1. Team members will **not** be allowed to change their seat position after the first bout is played. They must keep their seat position throughout the entire contest.
- 5. Twenty questions will be asked of the 2 competing teams (at least 10% of the questions will be on cavies). These will consist of 8 "one-to-one" questions followed by 12 questions (including 2 toss-up questions) open to all seated contestants.

Question #1 would go to the 2 #1 chairs, #2 would go to the 2 #2 chairs, and so on, until the completion of the one-to-one questions. Beginning with question #9, all the remaining questions will be open to all of the seated contestants (with the exception of the bonus questions that must be earned by a correct answer to a toss-up question).

For teams of 3 members, they will sit in chairs 1, 2, and 3. For the one-on-one questions the 3 man team will automatically forfeit the opportunity to score on each of the one-on-one questions designated for chair #4. Thus, their opponent's chair #4 would be the only one allowed to answer for those one-on-one questions.

The moderator will read the first question (as with all succeeding questions), continuing to read until such time as a contestant activates his/her buzzer, or the question is completed.

- A. When the buzzer is activated, the timekeeper will start the timer after the contestant has been acknowledged. The contestant then has 5 seconds to begin his/her answer. The first answer given will be accepted as the official answer and will be evaluated by the judges for correctness.
- B. It will be the responsibility of the timekeeper to determine if an answer was started within the 5 seconds allowed. It should be noted that repeating the question does not constitute the initiation of an answer.
- C. A contestant answering a question without being acknowledged will lose 1 point from the team score.
- D. If the question has been completely read and the contestant's answer is technically "in the ball park," the judges may ask the contestant to repeat or spell their answer, ask for another term, be more specific or general, expand or explain their answer.
- E. If the answer given is correct, according to the way the question was read, the point value will be awarded to the team.
- F. There will be no penalty points if neither team pushes the buzzer to answer the question. If a team pushes the buzzer and does not answer the question, the other team will be allowed to answer the question (except the bonus questions).

If the question was not finished being read when the first team rang the buzzer, it will be read completely for the other team to answer.

- G. When a True/False question is read and the team that pushed the buzzer either before the question is finished being read and answers incorrectly or answers incorrectly after the entire question has been read, then the question will not be passed on to the other team.
6. If a contestant activates a buzzer during the reading of any question, the moderator will immediately cease reading the question.
 - A. After being acknowledged, the contestant has 5 seconds to begin his/her answer, based on the portion of the question already read (except for bonus questions, see Section 11).
 - B. If the answer is correct, according to the way the question was read, the point value will be awarded to the team.
 - C. When an answer is based only on the portion of the question read, and is correct for that portion only but incorrect according to the way the question was read, it will not be an acceptable answer and will result in penalty for an incorrect answer to the team.
 7. If the question was not completed by the moderator, the judges may not ask the contestant for another term, to be more specific, expand their answer, or in any way explain their answer. The judges may, however, ask the contestant to spell the answer given or to repeat their answer, if it wasn't heard or spoken clearly.
 8. When a question is completed by the moderator, the timekeeper will start the timer. If 10 seconds elapses without a contestant activating a buzzer, there shall be no loss of points, nor awarding of points.
 9. If a member of a team activates a buzzer and does not start their answer after being acknowledged within the 5 second allowable time, there will be a 2 point penalty imposed against the team.
 10. When asking toss-up questions, the moderator will identify the question by saying, "This is a toss-up question," before it is read.
 - A. If the toss-up is answered correctly, the answering team will receive the allowable points plus the bonus question.
 - B. If the toss-up has multiple answers, all required answers must be correct.
 - C. When the answer to the toss-up question is answered incorrectly, the next regular question becomes the toss-up until one receives a correct answer. The bonus question is automatically transferred to this question.
 11. When a bonus question is asked to the team winning the toss-up, the team captain may consult with his or her team for 30 seconds.
 - A. At the end of 30 seconds, the timekeeper will call time, the team captain will activate the buzzer, be acknowledged, and will then have seconds to start his/her answer.

- B. Teammates may feed the answers to the captain during the answering process; however, the answers must come from the captain.
 - C. Bonus questions may require multiple answers. If all of the required answers are correct, the bonus value will be worth 2 points. If 50% or more of the required answers are correct, 1 point will be awarded.
 - D. Wrong answers will not be penalized.
 - E. Bonus questions are not passed to the other team in the contest of an incomplete or incorrect answer.
12. When all 4 seated members of a team have answered a question (one-to-one open or toss-up) correctly, that team will be awarded 2 points. If an alternate is used, the alternate must answer a question correctly for a team bonus to be awarded, even though the replaced team member had answered a question correctly before being replaced.
- A. Teams with 3 members are not eligible to receive a bonus question.
13. In the event of a tie score at the end of a bout, 6 additional questions (4 one-to-one and 2 open) will be used to break the tie.
14. Spectators that enter a Quiz Bowl room must stay in that contest room until that round is completed.
15. All Quiz Bowl contestants are to remain in the holding room while waiting for their bouts. An adult from the county is responsible to get their participants to their contest room in time for their bout.

Protests of Questions or Answers

1. Protests of questions or answers to questions may be made by an officially designated coach or any contestant at the time the protested question is read or answer given, by calling time out before the next question is read.
2. Once a protest is made, the judges will consider the protest. The judges actions and decisions will be final.
3. Courtesy will be expected of any person making a protest. Every effort will be made to insure that the contest is as fair as is reasonably possible.
4. Badgering of the judges will not be tolerated and will result in:
 - A. Dismissal of the team.
 - B. Dismissal or replacement of any team member.
 - C. Dismissal of the entire team with forfeiture of any points or standings.
5. There is **NO** handwriting questions, videotaping, cell phones, or audio recording devices allowed. The use of any of these could result in team disqualification.

Show Order

1. Pairing of teams will be by random drawing. In event of an odd number of teams, a bye will be assigned.

2. The contest will be run in a single elimination format. Thus, each round will be made up of bouts. The winners of that round's bouts will advance to the next round.

Point Value of Questions

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| 1. One-to-one question - correct answer | 2 points |
| 2. One-to-one question - incorrect answer | -1 point |
| 3. One-to-one question - no attempt/no answer | -2 points |
| 4. Open question - correct answer | 2 points |
| 5. Open question - incorrect answer | -1 point |
| 6. Open question - no attempt/no answer | -2 points |
| 7. Toss-up question - correct answer | 2 points |
| 8. Toss-up question - incorrect answer | -1 point |
| 9. Toss-up question - no attempt/no answer | -2 points |
| 10. Bonus question - 100% correct | 2 points |
| 11. Bonus question - 50% correct | 1 point |
| 12. Acknowledgment penalty - answering without acknowledgment | -1 point |
| 13. Tie breaker questions – correct answer | 1 point |
| 14. When all 4 team members answered a question correctly | 2 point |

Awards

Medallions will be awarded to each member of the 1st place team in each division. Placing ribbons will be awarded to each member of the 2nd through 10th place teams.

CONTEST B: VIRTUAL RABBIT BREED JUDGING

Virtual rabbit breed judging is an individual and team contest.

Procedure

1. Participants will judge 2 classes of 4 rabbits. Different breeds will be used for each class judged. The rabbits will be shown using a slide show presentation.
2. Judging will be based on conformation, fur, disqualification, and breed standard.

3. Participants will be required to give placings for both classes by filling out one judging card per class. For sample judging cards please look under Livestock Resources for 4-H 1293-96 Michigan 4-H Judging Cards at:
<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Livestock>.
4. Arrangements can be made to accommodate participants needing assistance with reading and/or writing. The request must be made prior to the start of the contest.
5. Participants will have 7 minutes to judge each class and take notes for their oral reasons.
6. Only the Standard of Perfection is allowed to be used during the contest.
7. No talking between contestants once the contest has started will be allowed.
8. Participants will judge classes individually.
9. Each participant will give oral reasons for 1 of their class placings.

Awards

Medallions will be awarded to the 1st place individual winner in each division. Placing ribbon will be awarded to 2nd through 10th place individuals in each division. Medallions will be awarded to each member of the 1st place team in each division. Placing ribbons will be awarded to each member of the 2nd through 5th place teams.

CONTEST C: VIRTUAL CAVY BREED JUDGING

Virtual cavy breed judging is an individual and team contest.

Procedure

1. Participants will judge 2 classes of 4 cavies. Different breeds will be used for each class judged. The cavies will be shown using a slide show presentation.
2. Judging will be based on conformation, fur, disqualification, and breed standard.
3. Participants will be required to give placings for both classes by filling out one judging card per class. For sample judging cards please look under Livestock Resources for 4-H 1293-96 Michigan 4-H Judging Cards at:
<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Livestock>.
4. Arrangements can be made to accommodate participants needing assistance with reading and/or writing. The request must be made prior to the start of the contest.
5. Participants will have 7 minutes to judge each class and take notes for their oral reasons.
6. Only the Standard of Perfection is allowed to be used during the contest.
7. No talking between contestants once the contest has started will be allowed.
8. Participants will judge classes individually.
9. Each participant will give oral reasons for 1 of their class placings.

Awards

Medallions will be awarded to the 1st place individual winner in each division. Placing ribbon will be awarded to 2nd through 10th place individuals in each division. Medallions will be awarded to each member of the 1st place team in each division. Placing ribbons will be awarded to each member of the 2nd through 5th place teams.

CONTEST D: RABBIT AND CAVY SKILL-A-THON

Rabbit and cavy skill-a-thon is an individual and team contest.

Procedure

1. Participants will go through 5 to 10 stations where they will attempt to perform a task, judge a class, identify some rabbit breeds or equipment, or evaluate or compare articles.
2. Participants will have 3-5 minutes per station depending on the number of stations.
3. Arrangements can be made to accommodate participants needing assistance with reading and/or writing. The request must be made prior to the start of the contest.
4. No talking between contestants once the contest has started will be allowed.
5. There are no spectators allowed in the judging room.

Awards

Medallions will be awarded to the 1st place individual winner in each division. Placing ribbon will be awarded to 2nd through 10th place individuals in each division. Medallions will be awarded to each member of the 1st place team in each division. Placing ribbons will be awarded to each member of the 2nd through 5th place teams.

CONTEST E: RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Rabbit showmanship is an individual and team contest.

Procedure

1. Participants will complete the steps of rabbit fitting and showing as outlined in the *Rabbit Fitting and Showmanship Member's Guide* (4-H 1268).
2. Participants will compete in front of a judge individually.
3. The judge will ask the participant 1 or more oral questions.
4. The judge will also take the participants preparation, attitude, and behavior into consideration when scoring.
5. Participants are limited to bring 1 rabbit for this contest.
6. A rabbit may only be shown once.
7. Participants must be the owner of the rabbit they bring for this contest.
8. There are no spectators allowed in the judging room.

Awards

Medallions will be awarded to the 1st place individual winner in each division. Placing ribbon will be awarded to 2nd through 10th place individuals in each division. Medallions will be awarded to each member of the 1st place team in each division. Placing ribbons will be awarded to each member of the 2nd through 5th place teams.

CONTEST F: CAVY SHOWMANSHIP

Cavy showmanship is an individual and team contest.

Procedure

1. Participants will complete the steps of cavy fitting and showing as outlined in the *Cavy Fitting and Showmanship Member's Guide* (4-H 1345).
2. Participants will compete in front of a judge individually.
3. The judge will ask the participant 1 or more oral questions.
4. The judge will also take the participants preparation, attitude, and behavior into consideration when scoring.
5. Participants are limited to bring 1 cavy for this contest.
6. A cavy may only be shown once.
7. Participants must be the owner of the cavy they bring for this contest.
8. There are no spectators allowed in the judging room.

Awards

Medallions will be awarded to the 1st place individual winner in each division. Placing ribbon will be awarded to 2nd through 10th place individuals in each division. Medallions will be awarded to each member of the 1st place team in each division. Placing ribbons will be awarded to each member of the 2nd through 5th place teams.

CONTEST G: VIRTUAL BREED IDENTIFICATION

Virtual breed identification is an individual and team contest.

Procedure

1. Participants will identify and record the name of the breed and the showroom classification. (Showroom classification is how the rabbit/cavy is entered in a show as it appears in the current ARBA Standard of Perfection. Example: French Lops are shown in Solid Pattern or Broken Pattern.)
2. Participants will view senior age rabbits and cavies. The rabbits will be shown using a slide show presentation.
3. Participants will have 3 minutes to make each identification.
4. Up to 90% of the contest will consist of rabbits. A minimum of 10% of the contest will consist of cavies.
5. There are no spectators allowed in the judging room.
6. In the event of a tie, 3 of the animals breed and showroom classification will be used to break the tie. These animals will be determined prior to start of the contest.

Awards

Medallions will be awarded to the 1st place individual winner in each division. Placing ribbon will be awarded to 2nd through 10th place individuals in each division. Medallions will be awarded to each

member of the 1st place team in each division. Placing ribbons will be awarded to each member of the 2nd through 5th place teams.

CONTEST H: WRITTEN QUIZ

Written quiz is an individual and team contest.

Procedure

1. Participants will have 50 to 100 questions on rabbits and cavies to answer.
2. Up to 90% of the contest will consist of rabbits. A minimum of 10% of the contest will consist of cavies.
3. There are no spectators allowed in the judging room.
4. In the event of a tie, the answers to 5 fill-in-the-blank questions will be used to break the tie. These questions will be determined prior to start of the contest.

Awards

Medallions will be awarded to the 1st place individual winner in each division. Placing ribbon will be awarded to 2nd through 10th place individuals in each division. Medallions will be awarded to each member of the 1st place team in each division. Placing ribbons will be awarded to each member of the 2nd through 5th place teams.

CONTEST I: PATCH DESIGN

Patch design is an individual contest.

Procedure

1. Only 1 patch design per participant.
2. Art must be the work of the youth participant and created within the last 12 months and should not have been submitted to the Rabbit and Cavy Expo in the past.
3. Art will be divided into two categories: Rabbit and Cavy Show and Rabbit and Cavy Expo. The best design overall in both categories as determined by the judges may be used in designing the official participant patch for the corresponding event.
4. Design must be simple, not busy or intricate.
5. Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy and Charlie Brown of the “Peanuts” comic strip, etc.) may not be used.
6. Specifications:
 - a. **Size**
 - i. 8.5 inches by 11 inches.
 - b. **Orientation**
 - i. Horizontal or vertical
 - c. **Patch Shapes**
 - i. Circle
 - ii. Square

- iii. Diamond
 - iv. Make your shape fill the size of the paper
- d. **Colors**
- i. Black ink only (copy-ready) on mat or illustration board
 - ii. Tracing paper or tissue paper overlay indicating color placement (up to three thread colors and one background fabric color)
 - iii. Indicate a color for the background fabric and edge stitching
- e. **Content**
- i. Name of the event
 - ii. Year (2012)
 - iii. 4-H Clover
7. Designs may be hand drawn and submitted as above or computed generated following the details below
- a. Please submit a diskette/CD of the digital file with your color printed copy.
 - b. “Generic” graphic file formats that are acceptable are:
 - i. TIFF (300 ppi – pixels per inch – resolution or greater)
 - ii. JPG (300 ppi resolution or greater)
 - iii. EPS (Encapsulated Postscript; Illustrator EPS)
 - iv. PDF files created in Adobe Acrobat Professional are acceptable if they are created at “print” resolution, not “web” resolution.
 - c. Many graphics software programs have a “proprietary” file format (a format that is unique to that software) that may require having an exact version of the software program in order to open them.
 - i. Instead of sending these formats, export your file in one of the “generic” formats (TIF, JPG, EPS). Please do not send MS Word (doc), Pagemaker (pm5, pm6, etc.), or other word processing or page layout files with graphics “inserted” into them.
 - ii. Examples of proprietary file types include:
 - 1. PSD (Photoshop)
 - 2. CDR (CorelDraw)
 - 3. PUB (Publisher)
 - 4. AI (Illustrator)
 - 5. PPT (Powerpoint).
 - d. **Colors**
 - i. When creating the art, specify no more than 4 colors and one fabric color.
 - ii. Keep the design free from shading, gradients or other “special effects” that might require additional thread colors.
 - iii. Keep in mind that the designs will be reproduced using embroidery machines stitching on a base fabric color so solid areas of color should be clearly indicated and details not too small or fine to reproduce in thread.
 - e. **Lettering**
 - i. Fonts need to be kept simple.
 - ii. Block lettering such as Arial, Helvetica, Futura, Franklin Gothic reproduces clearly.

- iii. If you are sending EPS files, all fonts must be “converted to curves” or “converted to outlines” so the exact font is not required on our computer in order to have the file display properly.
8. The back of each art work must include the following: name, county, age division, and event.
9. Tables will be provided for displaying the patch design.
10. All patch design must be in the contest room by 8:15 a.m.
11. There are no spectators allowed in the judging room.
12. Sample score sheets are available at:
<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Rabbits>

Awards

Medallions will be awarded to the 1st place individual winner in each division. Placing ribbon will be awarded to 2nd through 10th place individuals in each division.

CONTEST J: EDUCATIONAL POSTER

Educational poster is an individual contest.

Procedure

1. Only 1 poster entry per participant.
2. Educational poster must be the work of the youth participant and created within the last 12 months and should not have been submitted to the Rabbit and Cavy Expo in the past.
3. Poster subject/theme should directly relate to rabbits or cavies, which educates the viewer about a rabbit or cavy related activity.
4. Posters will be judged on how well they present information, their general appearance, and their importance to the modern day rabbit and cavy industry.
5. Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy and Charlie Brown of the “Peanuts” comic strip, etc.) may not be used.
6. Size specifications:
 - a. Area dimension not exceeding 616 in²
 - b. Ideal poster size is 22” by 28” but other widths and lengths will be accepted as long as the total surface area does not exceed 616 in²
7. Posters can be made using any of the following:
 - a. Poster-board
 - b. Tag board
 - c. Other light bases
8. 3-dimensional posters will not be allowed.
9. The back of posters must include the following information:
 - a. Name
 - b. County
 - c. Age Division
 - d. Resources
10. Tables will be provided for displaying the posters.
11. All posters must be in the contest room by 8:15 a.m.

12. Participants will have brief interview with the judge.
13. Participants must sign up for an interview time. If you miss your interview time, you will need to resign up for a time.
14. There are no spectators allowed in the judging room.
15. Sample score sheets are available at:
<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Rabbits>

Awards

Medallions will be awarded to the 1st place individual winner in each division. Placing ribbon will be awarded to 2nd through 10th place individuals in each division.

**2012 4-H RABBIT AND CAVY EXPO
INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM
(Fees are not refundable)**

**Send this form and entry fees to your MSU Extension Office
by registration deadline of May 4, 2012**

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Ph: (____) _____ Birth Date: _____

Please check division (age as of January 1, 2012)

_____ Junior Division (9-13 years of age) _____ Senior Division (14-19 years of age)

Please check each event you are entering (maximum of 6)

_____ Contest A: Quiz Bowl (team event only: must be a pre-designated county team member)

_____ Contest B: Virtual Rabbit Breed Judging

_____ Contest C: Virtual Cavy Breed Judging

_____ Contest D: Rabbit and Cavy Skill-a-thon

_____ Contest E: Rabbit Showmanship

_____ Contest F: Cavy Showmanship

_____ Contest G: Virtual Breed Identification

_____ Contest H: Written Quiz

_____ Contest I: Patch Design Contest

_____ Contest J: Education Poster

Entry fees are \$3.00 per event per youth entered.

TOTAL EVENTS ENTERED: _____ X \$3.00 = \$ _____

PARTICIPANT FEE: _____ + \$5.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

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I have read and agree to abide by all Rabbit and Cavy Expo General Rules & Regulations (pages 3-4) and each of the individual contest rules while participating at the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Participant's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

# MEDIA RELEASE/MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION

Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 1 – RELEASE FOR AUDIO, VIDEO, FILM AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Participants in events sponsored by MSU 4-H are sometimes photographed and videotaped for use in MSU 4-H promotional and educational materials.

I authorize Michigan State University to record the image and voice of the subject named below and give MSU and all persons or entities acting pursuant to MSU's permission or authority, all rights to use of these recorded images and voice. I understand that said images and/or voice will be used for educational, advertising and promotional purposes in all conventional and electronic media, including but not limited to the Internet, and any future media. I also authorize the use of any printed material in connection therewith.

I understand and agree that these images and recordings may be duplicated, distributed, with or without charge, and/or altered in any form or manner without future or further compensation or liability, in perpetuity.

Print subject's name (adult or youth) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or guardian must sign here if subject is under age 18.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2 – MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION

This section must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian for all youth participants before they can participate in this program. If this form is not completed, youth participants will not be allowed to participate. Completing this section is optional but encouraged for adult participants.

Please complete this form to give a medical facility permission to treat the participant for minor injuries or medical problems. In the event of serious injury or illness, the parent or person designated will be contacted. Treatment will proceed before contacting the parent or person designated **only if the situation is urgent and does not permit delay.**

Participant's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Primary care physician's name \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's address \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION:

Policy holder's name and relationship to participant \_\_\_\_\_

Policy holder's address \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a photocopy of both sides of your insurance card (preferred) OR complete the information requested here:

Insurance company name and address \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance company phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

All policy numbers (please identify) \_\_\_\_\_

If you have HMO insurance, please list emergency treatment authorization phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's name and address \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION NEEDED ABOUT PARTICIPANT:

Please check yes or no. If yes, explain below or on another sheet if you need more room.

Yes No

Does the participant have any chronic health problem or illness? \_\_\_\_\_

Does he or she have any acute illness now? \_\_\_\_\_

Has the person been treated recently for some medical problem? \_\_\_\_\_

List any medications he or she is now taking for treatment of any medical problem. \_\_\_\_\_

Does the participant have any allergies to medication or local anesthetics? \_\_\_\_\_

Does he or she have any allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of his or her last tetanus shot: \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICIAL AUTHORIZATION FOLLOWS:

I (parent or legal guardian), \_\_\_\_\_ recognize that while attending this program, medical treatment on an emergency basis may be necessary for my child, and I further recognize that MSU 4-H staff may be unable to contact me for my consent for emergency medical care. I do hereby consent in advance to such emergency care, including hospital care, as may be deemed necessary under the circumstances and to assume the expenses of such care. I also authorize the medical facility to release any and all information required to complete insurance claims and also authorize insurance payment directly to the medical facility.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or guardian must sign here if participant is under age 18.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Evening phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

[http://web2.canr.msu.edu/4h/kreg/regform\\_english.pdf](http://web2.canr.msu.edu/4h/kreg/regform_english.pdf)

**2012 4-H RABBIT/CAVY COUNTY PAYMENT FORM**

**\*\*\*To be completed by County Extension Staff Only\*\*\***

**DUE: May 11, 2012**

**TO:** Katie VanderKolk

Michigan State 4-H Youth Development  
160 Agriculture Hall/MSU  
East Lansing, MI 48824

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Please itemize all of your county entries below and submit a check, payable to **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**, for the total amount of all county contest entries. This form and one county check must accompany all county registration forms.

**FEES:** \$5.00 per individual and \$3.00 per event. Fees must accompany entry form. **NOTE: All exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by January 1, 2012.**

| Name of participant | Fee    | Quiz Bowl<br>\$3.00 | Rabbit Breed Judg-ing<br>\$3.00 | Skill-a-thon<br>\$3.00 | Rabbit Fitting/ Showing<br>\$3.00 | Cavy Fitting/ Showing<br>\$3.00 | Breed ID<br>\$3.00 | Quiz Contest<br>\$3.00 | Cavy Breed Judg-ing<br>\$3.00 | Patch Design<br>\$3.00 | Ed. Poster<br>\$3.00 | TOTAL |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------|
|                     | \$5.00 |                     |                                 |                        |                                   |                                 |                    |                        |                               |                        |                      |       |
|                     | \$5.00 |                     |                                 |                        |                                   |                                 |                    |                        |                               |                        |                      |       |
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|                     | \$5.00 |                     |                                 |                        |                                   |                                 |                    |                        |                               |                        |                      |       |

**SIGNATURE OF COUNTY PERSONAL:**

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**4-H RABBIT AND CAVY EXPO 2011 TEAM CONTEST FORM**

**\*\*\*To be completed by County Extension Staff Only\*\*\***

State 4-H Office Due Date: May 11, 2012

**TO:** Katie VanderKolk  
Michigan State 4-H Youth Development  
160 Agriculture Hall/MSU  
East Lansing, MI 48824

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Counties must submit this form, even if their county team has not been selected at the time entries are due. Names of all youth planning to enter the contest should be submitted even if team assignments have not been made. Additional sheets may be attached. Substitutions may be made later if necessary. For each team entry given below, please indicate Junior or Senior division and check contest categories.

I. A. Junior Division \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Division \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all contests that will be entered by this team.

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quiz Bowl              | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Rabbit Breed Judging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skill-a-thon           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cavy Fitting/Showing         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Breed ID       | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Cavy Breed Judging   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit Fitting/Showing | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiz Contest                 |

| No.           | Names Only | Age as of Jan. 1, 2011 |
|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| 1             |            |                        |
| 2             |            |                        |
| 3             |            |                        |
| 4             |            |                        |
| Alternates    |            |                        |
| <b>Coach:</b> |            | <b>Phone: (    )</b>   |

I. A. Junior Division \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Division \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all contests that will be entered by this team.

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quiz Bowl              | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Rabbit Breed Judging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skill-a-thon           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cavy Fitting/Showing         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Breed ID       | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Cavy Breed Judging   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit Fitting/Showing | <input type="checkbox"/> Written Quiz                 |

| No.           | Names Only | Age as of Jan. 1, 2011 |
|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| 1             |            |                        |
| 2             |            |                        |
| 3             |            |                        |
| 4             |            |                        |
| Alternates    |            |                        |
| <b>Coach:</b> |            | <b>Phone: (    )</b>   |

**Signature of Extension staff person submitting form:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Form must be signed by 4-H Youth staff member or appropriate Extension staff person for entry to be accepted).