2020 Animal Policies Letter

Date: June 10, 2020
To: Wabaunsee Co. 4-H members with Animal projects
From: Stephanie Melhus & Bernadette Trieb, Extension Agents
Re: County Fair guidelines

County Fair is just around the corner 4-Hers! Remember, it is YOUR responsibility to read this packet and follow all written rules and procedures. These will be adhered to for showing during the 2020 County Fair. Contact the Extension Office immediately if you have any questions regarding this information.

All 4-H livestock and animal species must be pre-entered for the County Fair. This includes beef, sheep, goats, swine, horse, hand pets, rabbits, and poultry. Fill out one pre-entry form per 4-H member. Multiple species may be included on one form. Entries not pre-entered will exhibit in Open Class. The Pre-entry Form can be found (HERE).

ALL pre-entries are due to the Extension Office by July 14th at 4:30pm.

Best wishes on learning about, caring for, working with, and showing your 4-H animals this summer!

**DOG/PETS/POULTRY/RABBIT**

**DOG**
- This year the Dog Show will be Monday, July 20th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Trinity Ministries Building patio.
- The State 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record must be completed for each dog entered and presented to the Superintendent at health check on show-day. All vaccinations must be current. No dog in season will be allowed to show.
- The Dog Immunization Record can be found (HERE).

**PETS**
- You must provide proof of current Rabies vaccination on Animal Pre-Entry Form AND at check-in during the fair.
- Check in Tuesday, July 28th, at 8:30 a.m.
- Animals will be released following judging.

**POULTRY**
- Check-in Saturday, July 25th, from 8:30-10:00 a.m.
- *Mandatory Pre-Fair testing for chickens, pheasants, turkeys and quail on July 19th, 4-6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Cancelled due to testing antigen shortage*

**RABBITS**
- Check-in Saturday, July 25th, from 8:30-10:00 a.m.
- IMPORTANT: Please watch for updates sent by the Extension Office via email regarding Rabbit exhibition at the County and State levels. Due to the increasing concerns surrounding Rabbit Hemorrhagic Fever in Kansas current policies are subject to change.

**POSTERS**
- See Fair Book for species specific requirements and deadlines.

**HORSE**

**ID INFORMATION:** Horse ID Certificates were due to the Extension Office by May 1st. Any horses with ID Certificates on file by May 1st are eligible to show in the 4-H Horse show and compete at the Kansas State Fair. Any horses that did not have ID papers on file with the Extension Office by May 1st may show in Open Class. Anyone wishing to show in the 4-H Horse show at State Fair should contact the Extension Office immediately.
LIVESTOCK

TAGGING: Livestock will be tagged at two countywide tagging dates at the locations posted below. Livestock tagged and ID’d prior to these dates for SF/KJLS nomination do not need to come to these tagging dates. Any animals having lost their eID tag should be brought to one of these dates to be re-tagged. Weigh-in on July 10th is optional. There will be no County Fair Rate of Gain contest this year for any species. To help us prepare for the livestock tagging, please complete the (Tagging Sign Up), so we know how many animals we will be tagging each night.

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<td>Wed, June 24</td>
<td>6:30-8:00 pm</td>
<td>Eskridge park (line up from southwest facing downtown)</td>
<td>Beef, Bucket Calf, Goat, Sheep, Swine</td>
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<td>Fri, July 10</td>
<td>6:00-7:30 pm</td>
<td>Alma Fair grounds</td>
<td>Beef, Bucket Calf, Goat, Sheep, Swine</td>
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During June tagging animals must remain on the trailer for tagging. While we are normally firm believers in 4-H members doing the work, it is not necessary for youth to be present at tagging. The important thing is that we get those tags in your animals!

Wabaunsee County 4-H livestock project members may tag an unlimited number of animals as a household (family). If possible, we encourage you to tag more animals than you intend to show. This will ensure each 4-Her has an animal to exhibit at the County Fair. Our policies follow the state’s household tagging policy. All eligible siblings or youth who legally reside in the same household, share the same legal address, and materially participate in the care of the project the majority of the time can be listed under the family/household name. This allows all eligible youth within the family/household to exhibit animals nominated under the family/household name. The youth entering the animal must have materially participated in the care of the project for the majority of the time. Youth will determine which specific market or commercial animal they will exhibit at county fair on the county fair pre-entry form. Each animal may only appear on one pre-entry form. Youth may pre-enter all tagged animals, but must select which animals to show at County Fair check-in.

TAG PRICING: Other than for 4-H bucket calves, all animals will receive eID tags. Tags issued for SF/KJLS nominations will be invoiced. Tags issued at tagging dates are purchased at time of tagging. We set multiple tagging times and two locations in the county for your convenience. We are not making additional individual tagging times or tagging at the Extension Office.

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If you are showing at Kansas State Fair (KSF) or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), additional forms and deadlines are required. See (www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu) for more information

*If your animal loses its 4-H tag, contact Stephanie Melhus immediately!

LIVESTOCK SALE: The following information is provided by Wabaunsee County Fair Association. There will not be a floor buyer option at this year’s County Fair Livestock Sale for Beef or Swine. Sheep and Goats will still have a floor option available as in the past. The Fair Association has secured enough locker appointments to accommodate all animals being harvested from the fair. Any animal entering the sale ring must be sold and the project terminated, however, 4-Hers are welcome to return home with their animals. The Fair Association will continue to arrange transportation to the lockers.
Families are advised to begin seeking buyers for their animals as soon as possible. Many lockers are booking into next year already, and with, in-store meat prices being currently high, animals should be relatively easy to place. Money exchange will occur directly between the buyer of the carcass and the 4-H Family and will not be collected by the Fair Association. The Fair Association will continue to collect premium sale money. Live cash prices for stock continues to remain volatile. Home | Agricultural Marketing Service is a good resource for checking current markets, but many 4-Hers have been successful in years past in marketing their carcasses well above market value. Buyers want to support the program and are wanting quality meat. Locker appointments are hard to come by right now, with many being booked well into 2021. Part of what the 4-Her is marketing is the locker appointment.

Hogs must divide between the three locker options available, see locker options below for the number of spots available. Steers, sheep, and goats may be sent to any of the options available. DO NOT CALL THE LOCKER TO ARRANGE YOUR PREFERENCE. As Alta Vista and Farview slots fill in, the option to send hogs to them will be removed. If you have no preference – Clay Center needs to be the default preference as they are able to take anything sent to them.

Locker options with delivery arranged by the Fair Association include:
- Clay Center Locker Plant (Clay Center, KS)
  - Hogs: 30+ head
- Farview Farms (Topeks, KS)
  - Hogs: 25 head
- Alta Vista Meat Locker (Alta Vista, KS)
  - Hogs: 10 head

Complete the google form (4-H Livestock Destination 2020 Fair) to designate destination of market stock (or breeding stock being harvested). A form must be completed for each animal being sold.
- **Beef & Swine** – complete by July 24th
- **Sheep & Goats** - it is preferred that sheep and goats fill out the form as well, but they may wait until after the show as is standard at the county fair.

**LIVESTOCK DEADLINES**
- July 24 4-H Livestock Destination 2020 Fair google form
- July 27 Livestock Sale & final locker appointment designations (by 9:30pm)

_The Livestock Sale is organized and managed by the Wabaunsee County Fair Association. Please contact a member of the Fair Association if you have questions about locker appointments or sale options._

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