



# 4-H Alberta Small Animal Standards

*All 4-H Alberta members registered in small animal projects must follow the project requirements as set out by 4-H Alberta in consultation with the 4-H Alberta.*

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## Projects that fall under the Small animal Standards:

Cats	Fish/Aquaculture	Nestboxes
Pheasants	Poultry	Rabbit
Pocket Pet		

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## 4-H Beef Project Member Minimum Requirements:

- ❖ Regardless of the 4-H level of the show, a registered 4-H project animal(s) must be shown only by a registered 4-H member in good standing. Refer to 4-H Alberta Youth Member Standards

## Small Animal Project Requirements

- ❖ In addition to the general project requirements, projects falling under the Small Animal heading, shall meet the additional requirements of this section.

## 4-H Member Requirements:

- ❖ Ownership of the Small Animal Project
  - The 4-H member does not need to own the animal registered as a small animal project.
  - The 4-H member must train, groom and care for the small animal being entered for show for the full project year. This rule may be waived up to the day prior to the show at the discretion of the project leader, elected committee and club members in the event of illness, injury, or death of a small animal.

## Project Identification

- ❖ All small animal projects must be identified in their project record book by either colour picture, copy of registration, electronic identification or tattoo number.
  - Project animals do not need to be purebred to complete at the 4-H level.

## Project Health and Safety

- ❖ It is recommended that animal health and safety protocols are discussed at a club level and all rules are followed.
- ❖ The use of tranquilizing products on 4-H animals, immediately preceding or at any 4-H project event is prohibited.

### **4-H Event Safety:**

- ❖ Safety is, and will continue to be, a priority at any level of achievement.
- ❖ It is strongly recommended that members wear appropriate safety gear. For example, leather boots when working with and showing project animals.
- ❖ Club, district, regional achievement show & sale committees have the authority to remove dangerous, unsafe or unsound project animals from 4-H classes or events.
- ❖ Members, parents and leaders are required to abide by 4-H Alberta Code of Conduct.
- ❖ All members attending 4-H achievement events or other project events must have a designated responsible adult present at the event.

### **Achievement Day Event:**

- ❖ Each project in a 4-H club shall hold an achievement day suited to the project and the 4-H club goals.

### **Club or Interclub 4-H Project Regulations:**

- ❖ In addition to the 4-H Alberta minimum requirements, there may be additional regulations from the club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee. Club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee will provide any additional local requirements and clarification. It is the member's responsibility to know these rules and regulations.

*If, due to unforeseen circumstances, a member is unable to finish a 4-H project in the traditionally accepted manner, the "club, district, regional committee, and or club leadership along with the 4-H member" need to consider and explore alternate methods that support a successful completion of the member's project. 4-H Alberta provides a safe, fun and inclusive environment for our members that is supported by caring adults who recognize that, in trying times, 4-H can also be flexible and accommodating to best serve our positive youth development focus.*

**Anyone violating any of the above requirements will not be able to advance with that project to any 4-H project event, during the remainder of the project year at the club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee discretion.**