



**Entry Fees and Deadlines:
Due June 12, 2026**

For Questions, please contact: Email: smallanimals@alamedacountyfair.com

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DEPARTMENT 1

Youth Small Animal Contests

Club Project Book

SPECIAL RULES

1. A club project book should contain club activities, field trips/community service, picture pages & educational aspects.
 - a. These books should educate the public on what a 4-H club project is like.
 - b. It should look like a mix between a scrap book and record book.
2. This is a record/scrap book for a club's project. This is NOT an individual exhibitor's record book.
 - a. Every member should have a hand in creating and assembling their club project book.
3. One book per club's project. Example: Del Arroyo 4-H can enter one Rabbit book and one Cavy book etc.
 - a. Multiple books from one club's project will NOT be accepted.
4. Book/Binder should not exceed 20, loose-leaf 8½ x 11 inch pages.
5. Book/Binder covers may be decorated with the fair theme, "Celebrate Summer" Or "Celebrating 250 years of America".
6. Entries will be judged based on club activities that promote 4-H/small animal projects, educational aspects, originality and organization of materials in book/binder.
7. These will be on display for the public for the duration of the fair, so be mindful of content and durability.

Awards

Danish System of Judging

**Special cash awards for the Club Project Book Classes.
For these awards, all six divisions will be judged together.**

AWARDS		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$50	\$40	\$20

DIVISION

- A. Rabbit Project
- B. Cavy Project
- C. Dog Project
- D. Poultry Project
- E. Cat Project
- F. Turkey Project

CLASS

1. Group Club Project

Group Educational Board

SPECIAL RULES

Group Board Exhibit

- a. A framed coroplast board with dimensions of 3' wide x 5' tall will be offered by small animal department to each group for educational decorating. One coroplast board is allowed per group.
 - b. Educational boards will be placed by small animal staff throughout the small animal department. **Educational material must be completely covering the board.** Boards are limited and will be allocated by fair management on a first come first served basis.
2. Fair management reserves the right to jury entries received in order to secure balance, variety, and quality in the show.
 3. Board displays from previous fairs will NOT be allowed.
 4. Projects will be showcased in the small animals' department throughout the duration of the fair. Exhibitors must dismantle their educational board display on Monday, July 13, 2026 from 9 – 11 a.m.
 5. Group educational boards shall be entered ONCE, not by each member of the group. Choose a designated participant to enter the entire group's educational display board with the group.

Awards

Danish System of Judging

Special cash awards for the ground educational board.
For these awards, all five divisions will be judged together.

AWARDS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$50	\$40	\$20

DIVISION

- G. **Rabbit Exhibits: 2026 Theme:** Nutrition Do's & Don'ts
- H. **Poultry Exhibits: 2026 Theme:** Nutrition Do's & Don'ts
- I. **Cavy Exhibits: 2026 Theme:** Nutrition Do's & Don'ts
- J. **Turkey Exhibits: 2026 Theme:** Nutrition Do's & Don'ts
- K. **Pet Exhibits (Dogs, Cats, Etc.): 2026 Theme:** Nutrition Do's & Don'ts

CLASS

1. Group Educational Poster Exhibit (Exhibitors must be 9 years or older)

Individual Educational Poster Contest

RULES

1. Posters are one-sided.
2. Dimensions may NOT exceed 28" x 36".
3. Exhibitor Name and ENTRY DIVISION and CLASS must be CLEARLY PRINTED on the back of each poster.
4. 4-H and FFA are judged together.
5. Posters MUST be delivered on Monday, June 15 and MUST be picked up Monday, July 13.

AWARDS – per class		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$3	\$2	\$1.50

DIVISION

- L. **Rabbit Exhibits: 2026 Theme:** Nutrition Do's & Don'ts
- M. **Poultry Exhibits: 2026 Theme:** *Nutrition Do's & Don'ts*
- N. **Cavy Exhibits: 2026 Theme:** Nutrition Do's & Don'ts
- O. **Turkey Exhibits: 2026 Theme:** Nutrition Do's & Don'ts
- P. **Pet Exhibits (Dogs, Cats, Etc.): 2026 Theme:** Nutrition Do's & Don'ts

CLASS

1. Educational Poster Exhibit (Exhibitors must be 9 years or older).

Champion Exhibitor Contest

SPECIAL RULES

1. Individuals compete in a special contest that includes a written test of knowledge, encompassing all 6 species represented in the small animal departments (cat, dog, rabbit, cavy, poultry and turkey) including show requirements, health, and breed ID.
2. American judging system will take place.

AWARDS – per class		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$50	\$40	\$20

DIVISION

- Q. Champion Exhibitor Contest – 9-13 Years**
R. Champion Exhibitor Contest – 14 Years & Older

CLASS

1. Entry

Dress Up

SPECIAL RULES

1. Ribbons only. No Premiums. Judged for Most Original, Funniest, Fanciest, Prettiest, Judge's Favorite, and 2026 Theme (Celebrate Summer) Exhibitor must wear uniform or costume.

DIVISION

- S. RABBIT**
T. CAVY
U. POULTRY

CLASS

1. Entry

Small Animals Quiz Bowl

SPECIAL RULES

1. Each team must have three (3) 4-H or FFA small animals project members from the same class and club/chapter (junior or advanced). Teams with less than three (3) or more than three (3) members will be ineligible to compete.
2. A team shall be entered only ONCE and not by each member of the team. Choose a designated exhibitor from the team to enter the entire team with his/her entries.
3. Advanced Teams: Members must be 13 or older as of January 1, 2026. Junior Teams: Members must be 12 or under as of January 1, 2026. Each member may compete on only 1 team per specie.
4. Members must be in show attire or team uniform.
5. Ribbon Awards Only.
6. Questions will be made up of all 6 species represented in Round Robin.

DIVISION

- V. Junior Small Animal Bowl
- W. Advanced Small Animal Bowl

CLASS

1. Entry

Outstanding Small Animal Exhibitor

Pre-entry is not required

SPECIAL RULES

1. All Rabbit, Poultry, Cavy, Dog and Cat Exhibitors compete together. Market animal divisions and classes do not qualify. Winners are based on points earned per animal entry (see points breakdown below). Pre-entry is not required.

AWARDS		
1st	2nd	3rd
\$15	\$10	\$5

Based on points earned per entry		
1st	2nd	3rd
5 pts.	3 pts.	1 pt.

