



Entry Fees and Deadlines:
No Entry Fee Due June 12, 2026

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

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DEPARTMENT 2

Small Animal Showmanship

YOUTH - SPECIAL RULES

1. Pre-entry Required. No entry fee for showmanship.
2. Rabbits and Cavy used by the exhibitor for showmanship classes must be owned by exhibitor and entered as an individual rabbit, cavy, or bird in a show class.
3. Any animal disqualified for disease cannot be used for showmanship.
4. Rabbit and cavy showmanship exhibitors will be judged by the showmanship form standardized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association for judging of rabbit and cavy showmanship. A blank copy of this form can be found on the ARBA website at <http://www.arba.net/forms/SHOWMANSHIP.pdf>

OPEN YOUTH - SPECIAL RULES

1. Open to Out of County 4-H or Independent Youth.
2. Out of county participants are not eligible to compete in Small Animal Round Robin.
3. Ribbon awards only.

FFA & 4-H Advanced Cash Awards

AWARDS - Per Class							
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.50	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00

DIVISION

- A. Rabbit**
- B. Open Youth Rabbit**
- C. Poultry**
- D. Open Youth Poultry**
- E. Cavy**
- F. Open Youth Cavy**
- H. Cat**

CLASS

1. **Primary 4-H Members (Ribbons Only)**
5 to 8 years old as of January 1, 2026. Birth date must be on entry form or noted with the online entry.
2. **FFA/4-H First Year Project Members (Ribbons Only)**
Open only to beginning project members who have never entered Showmanship at this Fair and to Primary members moving up from the Primary 4-H Division. 1st Place winner in this class may compete in FFA Advanced/4-H Junior. Birth date must be on entry form or noted with the online entry.
3. **4-H Junior (Ribbons Only)**
Open to project members 9 years old – 12 years old as of January 1, 2026, who have done Showmanship previously at this Fair. 1st Place winner in this class may compete in Advanced this year and must move up to Advanced next year. Birth date must be on entry form or noted with the online entry. Winner is eligible to enter Junior Small Animal Round Robin.
4. **FFA & 4-H Advanced (Ribbons & Cash Awards)**
Open to project members 13 years old and over as of January 1, 2026, and to 4-H members who have placed 1st in Junior Showmanship. Birth date must be on entry form or noted with the online entry. Winner is eligible to enter Advanced Small Animal Round Robin.
5. **Open Youth - All Ages.**

Small Animal Round Robin

SPECIAL RULES

1. Pre-Entry is not required. Participants are decided after their respective showmanship classes.
2. Contestant shall be a winner of the Advanced Rabbit, Cavy, Cat, Poultry or Turkey showmanship classes or the Best Junior Dog Handler class to compete in the Advanced Round Robin competition. If the winner of the Best Junior Dog Handler class is 12 or under as of January 1, 2025, the judge has the discretion to award Advanced Small Animal Dog Participation to the exhibitor of his/her choice so long as that exhibitor was not 12 or under as of January 1, 2026.
3. Contestant shall be a winner of the junior Rabbit, Cavy, Cat, Poultry or Turkey showmanship classes or the Best Junior Dog Handler class to compete in the junior Round Robin competition. If the winner of the Best Junior Dog Handler class is 13 or older as of January 1, 2026, the judge has the discretion to award Junior Small Animal Dog Participation to the exhibitor of his/her choice so long as that exhibitor was not 13 or over as of January 1, 2026.
4. If the 1st place winner is ineligible or declines to enter the Round Robin contest, only the 2nd place winner of that species becomes eligible. Only the 2nd place winner may enter Round Robin in the specie the 1st place winner declines to represent.
5. Out of County Participants are ineligible to compete.
6. Winner represents Alameda County Fair in the Best of Shows Master Showmanship Competition at the California State Fair.
7. Contestants may not have won Small Animal Round Robin more than twice in the past in each division.
8. In the event that less than three species are represented in each division, Round Robin will be canceled for that division.

DIVISION

- I. **4-H Small Animals Round Robin Contest - Advanced**
 - J. **4-H Small Animal Round Robin Contest - Junior**
 - K. **FFA Small Animals Round Robin Contest**
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