

ANIMAL EDUCATION

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be **BOLDED and **ITALICIZED**! Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS** because they have changed from last year.**

You can learn about livestock and companion animals through a variety of experiences. Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dog, Goats, Horse & Pony, Llama/Alpaca, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine exhibits fall under this category.

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Animal Education			
Division/Level	Grades (suggested)	Completion Activities Needed	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	1 Beef Entry 3 Cat Entries (one per level) 1 Dairy Cattle Entry 3 Dog Entries (one per level) 1 Goat Entry 1 Horse Entry 3 Llama Entries (one per level) 3 Poultry Entries (one per level) 3 Rabbit Entries (one per level) 1 Sheep Entry 1 Swine Entry All other specie entries are county only
Level 2	Grades 6-8	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	
Level 3	Grades 9-12	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	

Remember: All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use if needed. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIALS (available for purchase in Extension Office or shop4-h.org)

- Level 1, 2 and 3: Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dog, Goats, Horse & Pony, Llama/Alpaca, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine (Each specie has their own set of books).

NOTES:

- Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this exhibit is to be the 4-H member's original work.**
- Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date.
2025 designated FairEntry Deadline is Tuesday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m.
- Complete the Record Sheet (if not exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair).
- Each species will be awarded a Champion and Reserve Champion. Those winners will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.
- Members should also be enrolled in corresponding animal/livestock project they wish to exhibit for record keeping purposes. For example, if a youth would like to exhibit a Cat poster, they should enroll in the Cat Project as well as Animal Education.
- Only posters/displays related to cat, dog, llama, poultry, and rabbit will be considered for State Fair. All other species' posters/displays will not be eligible for State Fair. This does NOT include Little Critters.

Level 1: Grades 3-5 (suggested)

- Create an educational poster, notebook, or display about any manual activity or on any specie related topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate. Owning or possessing an animal is not required.

Level 2: Grade 6-8 (suggested)

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Level 3: Grades 9-12 (suggested)

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