

Rabbit Projects

Objectives

4-H'ers will learn to:

- develop positive attitudes and skills relating to working with adults.
- demonstrate the ability to judge and select quality animals.
- adopt the best management practices for animal care.
- adopt safe and ethical management practices for animal welfare.

Project Manuals & Other Resources

Rabbits (Ages 8-18)

This series offers you the opportunity to learn rabbit management skills, rabbit production, health care, rabbit selection, showmanship, record keeping, rabbit judging, rabbit genetics, how to design a rabbitry and so much more.



Rabbit 1

- RA 1 A What's Hopping?
- RA 1 B Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits
- RA 1 R Record Book

Rabbit 2

- RA 2 A Making Tracks
- RA 2 B Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits
- RA 2 R Record Book

Rabbit 3

- RA 3 A All Ears
- RA 3 B Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits
- RA 2 R Record Book

Rabbit Helpers

- RA HA-CCS Helper's Guide
- RA H FL Rabbits Leader Guide

Supporting Events & Activities

Competitive Contests:

County, District, State or National Levels

Demonstration and Illustrated Talks

This project falls into one of two categories, depending on your focus: *Companion Animals* or *Animal Industry*. The "Companion Animals" division includes all presentations related to dogs, cats, rabbits (not related to meat production), rodent pets, and other pets, including pet facilitated therapy in nursing homes.

The "Animal Industry" division includes all presentations related to beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, layer, broilers, turkeys, rabbits, meat goats, dairy goats, quail, duck, geese and ratite.

Public Speaking

Designed to give members of 4-H experience in the preparation and delivery of a 4-H related speech, this contest requires 4-H'ers to recognize, organize, and present information on a given topic. For further information and requirements, visit <http://florida4h.org/events>.

Photo Exhibit

The General Photo Exhibit Contest provides a showcase for 4-H member's photographic accomplishments with the intent of increasing public awareness and understanding of the 4-H program. For more information and requirements, please visit <http://florida4h.org/events>.

Poster Art Program

The Poster Art Program gives 4-H members an opportunity to use the visual medium of poster art to promote public understanding and support of the 4-H program. For more information/requirements, please visit <http://florida4h.org/events>.

Award & Recognition Opportunities

Ribbons and Awards for Competitive Events

Blue, Red, and White ribbons are awarded based on quality of performance during a competitive event using a standard scoring system. In addition to ribbons, youth may receive additional recognition for excellence, such as trophies, at the district, state and national levels.

4-H Project Reports

Certificates, pins and other county determined awards are available to youth who complete their project records annually at the county level. The project report forms are available for each age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). For copies of these materials, please visit our website <http://florida4h.org>.

4-H Portfolios

Senior 4-H'ers (ages 14 and up) are eligible to complete and submit a 4-H Portfolio of their 4-H experiences and activities. Youth in these project areas may compete in one of the following categories:

- **Animal Sciences** - (predominantly focused on experiences in animal science category)
- **Citizenship** - (if activities have been significantly focused on community and helping others)
- **Achievement** - (if 4-H activities include a broad spectrum of 4-H projects)
- **Leadership** - (if 4-H experiences have centered on leadership provided to other youth or teaching and leading project activities)

The award for 4-H Portfolio is a partially expense paid trip to National 4-H Congress.

College Scholarships

Graduating Seniors in 4-H are eligible to compete for a variety of educational scholarships.

Contact your local 4-H office for these and other supporting project events, activities and award opportunities.