

# 2024 Trumbull County 4-H Rabbit Project Guidelines

## Checklist for Rabbit Projects:

- Enroll in 4-H by **Monday, April 1, 2024** (online enrollment for existing families [<https://4honline.com>], paper enrollment for new families). This also includes parent/guardian expectations form. **\*\*Make sure the proper projects are enrolled for the new year.**
- Select a project book(s) to complete:
  - 228 Rabbit Project & Record Book (\$8)
  - 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook (supplement to above project books, updated in 2024, \$17.25)
- Read over and understand county rabbit rules & club rules. County rules can be found at [www.trumbull.osu.edu](http://www.trumbull.osu.edu) >> 4-H Youth Development >> Trumbull County Jr. Fair Forms: Rules & Registration.
- Obtain and care for your rabbit(s) by **Monday, April 1, 2024**. Animal registrations are due to the OSUE Office by this date. Forms must be filled out entirely\*. If you have a doe & litter or another project that may be born after this date, please fill out as much information as possible. Registration forms have been broken down into the following categories: 1. Pet 2. Breeding and 3. Market. Please make sure you are filling out and submitting the correct forms.
- Attend Quality Assurance (QA) on **April 13, 2024** from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds if you are exhibiting market rabbits. **Pet rabbit projects do not need to attend, but highly recommend.** If a youth member is younger than 16 years of age, a parent or guardian must attend the quality assurance program with them. Test out option- **Thursday, April 11 from 4:00-5:30 pm** at the OSUE Office. (Ages 12 and up). You must RSVP for test out option or face-to-face program. You may attend another county's QA or a state accredited program. Must provide proof of attendance. Quality Assurance must be complete 45 days prior to the start of fair (by Friday, May 24, 2024).
- If exhibiting Market Rabbits, project must be represented (yourself, via family member or club member) at Livestock Sale Committee meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Fairgrounds Sr. Fair Meeting room at 7:00 pm.
- Attend Animal Project Judging on **Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm** at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds. Make-up date for project judging will be held on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from beginning at 9:00 am.
- Rabbit Check-In Required. See Rabbit Rules, Registration Section #2**

### Project Information:

- Members must complete project judging/skillathon for their respective project in order to exhibit at the fair and receive credit/project completion for the year.
- Animal Project Judging/Rabbit Skillathon Guidelines were written using **new (2023) project books**. The new books will be required at project judging.
- DUNFs for market rabbits will be completed electronically via Qualtrics survey by Sunday prior to fair. The link to the survey will be shared by the OSUE Office.

### Fair Information:

- Rabbits must arrive at the Trumbull County Fair and be checked in by **11:59 pm on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**.
- Market rabbits report to rabbit barn for weigh-in at **10:00 am on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**.
- Rabbit Show: **Wednesday, July 10, 2024** at **12:00 pm** in rabbit barn.
- Rabbit Showmanship: **Tuesday, July 9, 2023** at **1:00 pm** in rabbit barn. \*Please view updated rules on Showmanship for this year\*
- Livestock Sale: **Saturday, July 13, 2024** beginning at **10:30 am** in sale barn.
- Junior Fair Small Animal Dress-Up Contest: **Sunday, July 14, 2024** at **1:00 pm**.
- **Rabbit Royalty**-see Rules & Application under Trumbull County Jr. Fair Forms on OSUE-Trumbull website. Crowning will be on Tuesday of Fair, following showmanship.
- Post-Fair Clean Up: Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

