

2026 Trumbull County 4-H Animal Skill-a-thon & Project Completion Guidelines

How do I complete Animal Project Judging/Skill-a-thon this year?

- 4-H members wishing to complete their animal project in 2026 will be completing in-person skill-a-thon on **Tuesday, June 2nd** at the **Trumbull County Fairgrounds** from ***5:30-8:00 pm**. Please ask your advisors for any start time updates.
- Members who are enrolled in more than one species will need to complete the skill-a-thon for each respective species.
- Members are to bring their project & record book with them on June 2nd to be evaluated and any additional records their species may require.
- **Each species will meet at the specified location below (locations are subject to change):**
 - **Beef-** Annex Building
 - **Cats & Cavies-** Flower Barn, Far End
 - **Dairy/Dairy Feeder-** Flower Barn, Near End
 - **Goat-** Sale Barn, Far End
 - **Horse-** TCTC Building
 - **Poultry-** 4-H Block Building
 - **Rabbit-** Sr. Fair Meeting Room
 - **Sheep-** Sheep Barn
 - **Swine-** Sale Barn, Near End/Sheep Barn Side

***Dogs, Pocket Pets, Reptiles (and any other Self-Determined categorized animal project)-**

Members enrolled in these projects will complete General Project Judging on Tuesday, June 30th at Champion Christian Church from 6:00-8:00 pm.

How do I receive project completion?

- **Horses-** members will complete half of 4-Station Judging at Animal Project Judging on June 2nd. The hands-on portion will be completed at the fair on Sunday or Monday with their horse during designated times. Both must be completed.
- **Pet Rabbits-** completion of Skill-A-Thon/ Animal Project Judging.
- **Cats-** project books will be reviewed during Animal Project Judging. Knowledge of cat resources will be tested during the fair.
- **Cavies-** project books will be reviewed during Animal Project Judging. Cavies have a partial Skill-A-Thon as well.
- **Beef, Dairy, Dairy Feeders, Goats, Lambs, Poultry, Market/Breeding Rabbits, and Swine-** Completion of Skill-A-Thon/Animal Project Judging and a **Quality Assurance Program**. Quality Assurance must be completed 45 days prior to the start of fair, July 13, 2026.
- **For Dogs, Pocket Pets and other Small Animals that are considered "Self-Determined Project: Idea Starters" (Reptiles, Hedgehogs, Ferrets, Chinchillas, Pigeons, etc.):** members will attend General Project Judging on June 30th, at Champion Christian Church. Members are to bring completed project book and display/poster.

Is there a make-up option for Animal Project Judging this year?

We strongly encourage our members to attend the in-person animal project judging on Tuesday, June 2nd, however in the case of an emergency or previously scheduled family event- families may contact the 4-H Educator to discuss the make-up option for their respective species prior to the June 2nd date via phone or email.