

ANIMAL EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES

Superintendent: TBD

ANIMAL EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES RULES

- a) This section includes any handmade item used for the care, grooming, tack, or caging of livestock or pets (exception: sewn items are included in the Textiles and Clothing section).
- b) Included with each entry a 3" x 5" card stating (1) where the item is to be used, (2) what the item will be used for, and (3) the resource(s) you used to make/construct the item (name of the 4-H project book, for example).
- c) Exhibits must be completed by the 4-H exhibitor, not purchased.
- d) All exhibits must be made during the current club year and since the last Erie County Fair.
- e) Exhibits must be clean and in good condition to be accepted as a fair entry.
- f) Exhibits will be evaluated on their suitability for intended purpose.
- g) All exhibits must remain in the 4-H Youth Development Building for the duration of the Fair.
- h) There is no maximum number of entries per class in this section. However, if there is more than one entry, each must be distinctly different variety or technique/materials.

AWARDS:

Blue \$2.50 Red \$1.50 White \$1.00

Classes 1 - 14

Class

1. **Cages or Carriers** – all wire, (1) craftsmanship of the item and (2) suitability for its stated purpose will be used in evaluating the exhibit.
2. **Hutch or Hutches**- Part wood, (1) craftsmanship of the item and (2) suitability for its stated purpose will be used in evaluating the exhibit.
3. **Grooming Kit** – Grooming equipment must be included.
4. **Nest Boxes, Ringing Shelf, Incubators or Hatchers, Wooden Feed Boxes**
5. **Leashes, Halters, Collars, Lead Rope, Lunge Lines** – Choice of material will be considered in evaluating the exhibit.
6. **Waterer**
7. **Pet Food Treats** – such as homemade dog biscuits. Include recipe and nutritional information.
8. **Pet Toy or Training Device**
9. **Tack Box**
10. **Feeder**
11. **Working equipment** - such as goat cart
12. **Sewn or Non-Sewn Item not listed above.**
**Sewn pet accessories such as blankets, saddle bags and backpacks may be entered in this class or in the Textiles and Clothing section.
13. **Refurbished and/ or restored animal equipment.**
14. **Miscellaneous** – reserved for those entries that do not fall into any of the above classes. Permission from the 4-H Educator must be requested prior to June 28th.

NOTE: Special Requirement for 4-H exhibitor who will not be talking with the Fair Evaluator

For any 4-H member who is unable to bring his/her exhibits/entries to the 4-H Youth Development Building on Saturday, August 2, 2025, to speak personally with the evaluator, the following Exhibitor Information Statement is required to be completed for each exhibit/entry. The evaluator will be requiring this in order to accept the exhibit/entry. (Cloverbuds should complete this information to the best of their abilities; regular 4-H'ers (ages 8-18 as of January 1st) should complete these statements fully in their own handwriting if possible. Age and experience will be taken into consideration.)

1. What is the Kind _____ and Variety _____ of your exhibit (relates to vegetables, flowers, etc.)
2. Describe what you did to complete this project. Provide a list of materials, products and/or equipment used and why they were selected. Briefly explain your methods of construction process and your source of ideas. (3-5 sentences is sufficient)
3. In approximately 3 – 5 sentences, describe your feelings about this project: what you learned, what challenged you, and /or how you would improve your exhibit in the future.
4. Additional information requested in the Section for this class (Be sure to read complete guidelines in the section)
5. Additional information or special needs to be noted by the evaluator.