

July, 2009

Dear Iowa State Fair 4-H Rabbit Exhibitors,

Fair time is just around the corner. Here are some reminders as you prepare for the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

**BE SURE TO READ YOUR 2009 STATE FAIR 4-H PREMIUM BOOK ONLINE at:**  
**<http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/4h.php>**  
**ESPECIALLY THE REQUIRED SECTIONS**

### **Check-in/Show Schedule**

Rabbit check-in is scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. You may also check-in rabbits on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> between 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. All rabbits and posters must be checked-in by 8:30 a.m. that morning. The show is set to begin at 9:30 a.m.

During the check-in process, you will receive an exhibitor T-shirt and exhibitor number. Exhibitors are required to wear their exhibitor t-shirt and are encouraged to wear long pants while showing your rabbit. Please see the "Appropriate Dress" in the General 4-H Section of the Iowa State Fair 4-H Premium Book for more details.

Be sure your rabbits are properly tattooed before your arrival at the State Fair.

**The Rabbit Show Awards will follow the rabbit show.**

### **Parking**

You may purchase parking tags during check-in. Lot T can be exchanged for a Lot Q parking lot.

### **Lot Q Parking Changes**

Lot Q is now located east of Gate 4 (which is the Campground gate east of the Rabbit/Poultry Barn). To access Lot Q you have to enter the Fairgrounds at the Dean Avenue Campground Gate and travel through the Campgrounds to park. It is explained with a map on the back of the mirror hanger tag for Lot Q.

- Rabbit Project Presentations will be judged on Wednesday, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- There will be volunteers available to assist youth with poster questions and showmanship skills in the Rabbit and Poultry Building on Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. You are encouraged to attend this round table style workshop for important tips on how to show your rabbit and what the judge will be looking for. Bring your own carpet square to practice with your rabbit.
- Once again this year, a Carrier Construction Workshop will be offered on Wednesday evening for those interested. The cost at this workshop for a carrier is: singles from \$16 to \$24, double is \$26.00, triples from \$26 to \$30, and \$15.00 for a hanging grooming table. This may be paid on Wednesday evening, prior to the workshop. If interested in this workshop please respond to the workshop instructors, Bobbi and Randy Coats by calling 515-231-4783 or 515-450-9067 after 4:00 p.m. or e-mail [coatfrm@cominc.com](mailto:coatfrm@cominc.com), by August 7<sup>th</sup> so that materials can be ordered.

- Veterinarian Beth Wilkinson will be instructing two, 1 hour sessions for the Rabbit 1st Aid Kit Workshop, on Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for Session 1 and from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for Session 2. For the \$20.00 kit, bring a 8" wide x 12" long x 5" tall, shelf inside style tool or tackle box. The \$25.00 kit will include the box. This may be paid on Wednesday evening, before the session begins. Order the kit you will be putting together at this workshop, by e-mailing, Beth at: [wilkinsondvm@gmail.com](mailto:wilkinsondvm@gmail.com) or Carol at: [carolstunes@yahoo.com](mailto:carolstunes@yahoo.com) by August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Enclosed in this letter are three forms: the 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Score Sheet, 4-H Rabbit Educational Presentation form, and 4-H Rabbit Poster form. These forms are enclosed to give you a better idea of how these areas will be evaluated, if you choose to participate in them. For more information about showmanship, rabbit education presentations and the educational posters, consult the 4-H Premium Book. Pre-entry in these classes is not required.

**Again in 2009:** Test your rabbit knowledge! A rabbit skillathon will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Thursday.

We look forward to working with you at this year's state fair.

Sincerely,



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4-H Rabbit Superintendent

Mike Anderson  
4-H Livestock Superintendent

Encl: Map  
Showmanship Score Card  
Educational Presentation Form  
Poster Evaluation Form

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