

Washington County Rabbit Exhibitors,

We're looking forward to seeing you and your rabbits very soon!

Please review this letter closely for procedure, fair tips, and important information regarding the rabbit department to ensure that fair runs smoothly.

Without a doubt and like all departments, you need to read the fair book regarding the rabbit department, general livestock rules, and herdsmanship. ALL of those areas apply to you as a rabbit exhibitor. Everyone should have a copy from your June club meetings or it's available online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/county-fair> with all other fair information.

Fair tickets will be collected at all gates Sunday afternoon – Friday. Please make sure exhibitors wear their wrist bands. All other fair goers should have a season pass, daily ticket, or wristband. Those without tickets will be asked to pay gate admission.

Please don't hesitate to call with any questions. We want you to have a good fair week and most importantly **HAVE FUN!**

CHECK-IN

- Watch for the rabbit superintendent and department committee in red shirts in the barn.
- Sunday, July 16, 3 pm-7 pm
- Monday, July 17, 7 am-9 am. All rabbits must be checked in by 9 a.m. Monday.
- Vehicles can be pulled up temporarily near the rabbit barn to unload. Please be sure NOT to block the traffic flow pattern of other vehicles or large trailers for other species. See the map included on traffic patterns.
- Any rabbits showing signs of disease at check-in or otherwise will be disqualified from competition and the exhibitor will be asked to remove the animal from the barn immediately.

CAGES

- Cages are provided and assigned by the department upon arrival.
- Cages adjoin one another and do not lock. Cage dividers and locks (cable ties) will not be provided, but instead will be the responsibility of the exhibitor (if desired).

FOOD, WATER, RABBIT GROOMING, AND HERDSMANSHIP SUPPLIES

- Please bring food for your rabbits from home.
- There will be a source of water near the rabbit barn. You may want to bring a jug and funnel to make filling water bottles easier.
- A tack box of reasonable size containing supplies needed to groom your rabbit is encouraged. Brooms and dust pans for keeping aisles between cages clean can be brought from home. Be mindful that the rabbit barn is a shared space with other exhibitors.
- Consult with the Rabbit Superintendent or another Rabbit Committee Member in regards to where to store all equipment.

CARE OF RABBITS DURING HOT WEATHER

- The weather during the fair is inevitably very hot. We know rabbits don't do well in the heat, so please be prepared to care for your animals so that they remain comfortable and make it home healthy and happy.
- Rabbit Committee staff will ensure high-powered fans run during the day as well as into the night (if needed) to maintain airflow throughout the barn. Exhibitors are welcome to bring small

battery-operated fans from home to help with cooling as well; however, additional fans that require an electrical outlet and have the potential to be placed within reach of fairgoers will NOT be permitted. Typically, small battery-operated fans have been allowed and can help on extremely hot days. These fans are very small and are not powerful enough to cause injury to even the smallest of fingers. Fans that require an electrical outlet and are within reach of fairgoers are not permitted.

- Frozen ice bottles such as used 2-liter bottles can be brought from home and placed in cages to allow cooling.
- Check rabbits often during the day. If you are showing another species, have someone you trust check your rabbit cages while you're away.
- Please keep a close eye on your animals for signs of heat stress. The Rabbit Committee will make every effort to help animals in need. Please do your part to make sure that your rabbits have a good fair as well!

HERDSMANSHIP

- Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning their pens and aisle each day. This is called Herdsmanship. Bring the appropriate tools to do that such as rakes, shovels, brooms, dust pans. Talk with your club members who also have rabbits to share this equipment.
- Remember to keep the area in front of your assigned rabbit cages clean. Herdsmanship judges will be assessing how well exhibitors are performing these duties throughout the course of the fair.
- Read the herdsmanship rules in the fair book to better understand how to care for your barn space and be rewarded for it! We have an amazing herdsmanship board to record results twice every day by community judges after they evaluate the barn space. They also award points for friendly and helpful exhibitors in the barns.
- Take pride in your space, care for your animals, and create a welcoming and clean space for all fairgoers visiting your livestock.

OTHER RULES

- Breeding of rabbits will not be permitted on the show table or anywhere else in the rabbit barn.
- Do not handle other exhibitor's rabbits without permission.
- Discourage the general public from handling rabbits without permission as well. We have an excellent opportunity to educate fairgoers about rabbits and safe handling/care/treatment/etc.
- Inform an adult if you observe anyone mistreating a rabbit.

SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP

- Monday, July 17, 4 pm at the rabbit barn.
- Topics covered will be showmanship tips and pointers and skills to successfully showing your rabbit.
- A mock showmanship competition will be held to help you as well.

RABBIT EDUCATIONAL POSTER CLASS

- Completed poster projects are to be turned in during rabbit check-in, no later than Monday, July 17 at 9 am.
- Poster judging will take place at 6 pm on Monday, July 17 at the rabbit barn.
- 4-Hers who submit a poster should be prepared to provide a brief summary presentation (two-minute maximum) of their poster to a panel of judges.
- Winners will be announced during the 4-H Rabbit Show on Tuesday.

4-H & FFA RABBIT SHOW

- Tuesday, July 18, 9 am at the south end of the rabbit barn.
- Please be present, in the barn, dressed in show clothes, no later than 8:30 am in order to prepare for the upcoming show.
- An exhibitor's meeting will be held at 8:45 am in the barn.
- The show will start promptly at 9 am. 4-class rabbits will be called to the table first followed by the 6-class rabbits. This order may change due to hot weather, so please be aware of any last-minute adjustments. Showmanship will be held after rabbit judging is complete in this order: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship. Poster awards will be announced during the show.
- Exhibitors will have a show number at the Extension Office front counter to pick up. One number is prepared for each exhibitor for all species. Keep this safe if you are showing another species. The Extension Office is open 7am-8pm during the county fair.

LIVESTREAM: Livestream/recorded Livestock shows are sponsored and hosted by KCTC. What a unique and powerful local service! Share this link with family and friends who cannot join us on the fairgrounds for show days. They can still tune in and cheer you on. These live stream shows will also then be available as recorded videos as well. You can go back and watch yourself! Here is the link to view those: www.kctc.net/washcofair-livestream/ NOTE: Multiple shows cannot be livestreamed at once so some shows will be posted as a recorded video for viewing later.

AFTER THE SHOW

- Best of Breed and Champion signs will be placed on the cages of winning animals by the Rabbit Superintendent and/or Rabbit Committee Members both during and immediately following the show. Exhibitors and their families can observe them prominently displayed above the cages once the show is complete. These signs will be reused for future fairs, so winning exhibitors are encouraged to take photographs only. All signs will be removed for storage by the Rabbit Committee following check-out on Friday.
- A Champions Table/Small Animal Backdrop will be provided in the rabbit barn. It will be available for use both before and after the show, and can be used by exhibitors to capture photos of their rabbit project or memorable win. All exhibitors and their families are welcome and encouraged to use this amenity. Local newspaper staff will be present on Tuesday after the show to take photos of exhibitors and their winning rabbits. You can also take your own picture and email amygreen@iastate.edu with this information (youth name, parent name, club name, class name, award title).
- We are looking for 4-Hers to be Barn Hosts on Wednesday morning of Kids Day to share information with families going through the barns and with kids excited to learn more. Contact amygreen@iastate.edu if you would be willing to represent the bucket bottle department and be in the barns Wednesday morning for fair visitors. We will provide you with more information then.

CLOVER KID RABBIT MENTORING AND SHOW.

- Wednesday, July 19, Clover Kids Rabbit Mentoring, 4 pm at the rabbit barn
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- Rabbit mentors please arrive early (because your clover kids are SO EXCITED for this opportunity). We will have talking points provided to you to help guide your 'training' time but plan to teach them about your breed, safe handling, what the judge wants to see at the judging table, etc.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION

- Friday, July 21, 8:30 am.
- The exhibitor is responsible for enrolling the project in the livestock auction at their species check-in time or at the Extension Office by noon the day following their species' show. The Extension Office must be informed of all cancellations or changes by noon on Thursday.
- Maximum to be sold for rabbits is as follows: 5 entries of rabbits/youth (2 lots). Make sure to bring carriers to get rabbits from the barn to the main show ring for the auction.
- Exhibitors need to be present at the show barn no later than 8:10 am to line-up in preparation for the livestock auction. Rabbits sell 3rd this year so please be prompt. Exhibitors should wear their 4-H shirt.
- Rabbits listed in the auction order must have a completed 'Iowa 4-H Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statement' completed and turned into the Extension Office by noon on Wednesday. That form is attached with this letter.

CHECK-OUT

- Animals and tack may be loaded Friday between 6 am – 8 a.m. and then start again after the rabbits are done in the auction. No animals can leave the fairgrounds before Friday morning 6 a.m. That is a rule set by the Washington County Fair Association as the host of this fair. Anyone who does not abide by this rule will lose fair premium.
- Please double-check to ensure all animals and equipment are removed from the rabbit barn.
- All rabbits will be released at 6 am on Friday, July 21. All rabbits and equipment (feeders, waterers) must be removed from fair cages by 8 am Friday morning. Equipment used for grooming, herdsmanship, etc., should also be removed by 8 am so that the barn can be cleaned and picked up.
- Tear down of cages will begin promptly at 8 am, and again, we rely on a community effort to break down and clean the exhibit area. With enough hands, the process can be completed quickly and efficiently.

FAIR CLEAN UP

- It takes a village of volunteers donating time to organize a successful county fair and be a place we are proud to share with everyone. It is important that all families take care of this space together.
- It is expected that exhibitors assist with fair clean-up on Friday and/or Saturday, July 22, 8:30am-noon.
- Please help clean up. Your efforts will serve as a "thank you" as well as a sign of respect to our Fair Board. Much appreciated!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Extension Office: 319-653-4811
- Washington County 4-H Rabbit Superintendent (Chad Dolan): 319-653-1761
- Emergency Notifications from the fairboard can also come from a group text. Enter this number: 67283 Enter this text message: WashColAFair

We strongly recommended families practice strict and safe biosecurity measures as you come and go from the fairgrounds and barns at home. We encourage animals returning home are put in isolation/close watch until you know they are free from any sickness. Use hand washing stations frequently while on the fairgrounds when coming and going from food stands and also using personal coolers. We want all exhibitors and animals healthy!

Remember to get to know, encourage and help your rabbit neighbors to have a good fair week too. Enjoy getting to know each other.

HAVE FUN! You have worked hard and deserve to enjoy this week!



TRAILER TRAFFIC

ALL enter the grounds using the North West Livestock Entrance.

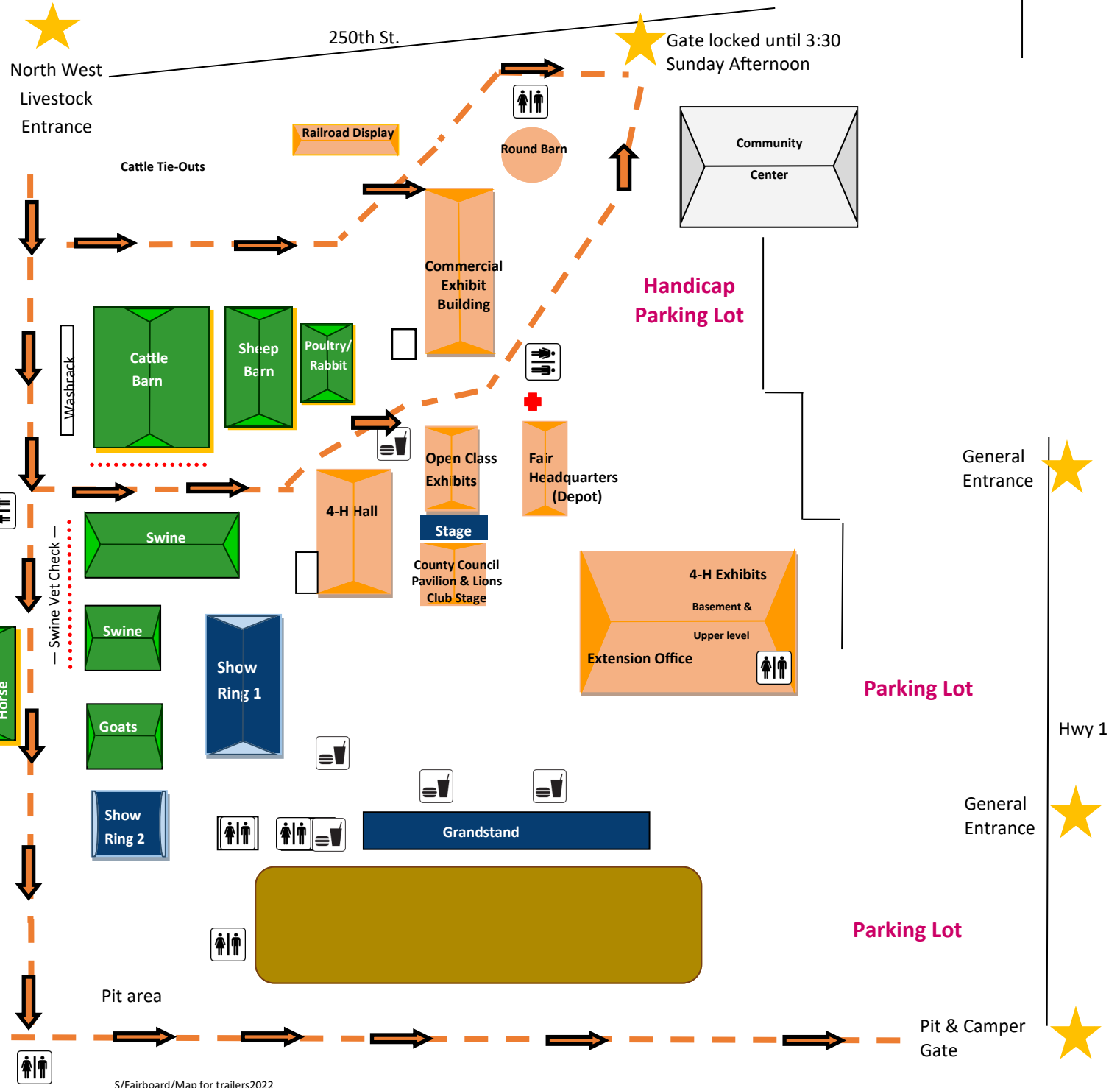
Community Center Gate is for exit only.

Horse/Swine/Goats EXIT with pit/camper gate

Unload Zones: Park closest to the barn, so trailers can continue to go around. Do not block the Orange arrow paths.

Long-term Trailer Parking: ***Trailers can stay on the grounds all week and park by the bean and hay field on the south side of the grounds next to the fence, past the grandstands and past the pits. These can not come and go during the week, but can be moved again Friday 6 a.m. for livestock release

Please remember: Please be patient as we all work together to get traffic in and out quickly and safely.



Gate locked until 3:30 Sunday Afternoon

Handicap Parking Lot

Parking Lot

Parking Lot



General Entrance

General Entrance

Pit & Camper Gate

Hwy 1

Campgrounds



Complete for rabbits selling in auction
(2 pages)

Rabbit



Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement

Please print

County _____

Premise ID# (optional) _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____

As a youth livestock producer, I understand that I have an obligation to be a responsible producer and that all market animals will enter the food chain and become edible food products for the consuming public. This subjects every exhibit animal to all state and federal regulations involving proper drug usage and all Food & Drug Administration, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Food Safety Inspection Service, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

- We, the undersigned, certify that we have read, understand and will abide by all rules and regulations of the local county 4-H & FFA fair, or the 4-H division of the Iowa State Fair. We agree to the condition that these exhibit animals (identified on this form) may be screened for violative residues and foreign substances. Also, as a condition of entry, exhibitor agrees to a background check for any past disqualification from other livestock shows.
- We have completed the Treatment Records information on the back of this form for any injectable, water, or feed medication, pesticide or other substance that has been administered to exhibit animals. Use of these products may require additional time to meet legal withdrawal limits before harvest.
- We certify that our exhibit animals have completed any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any legal drug, vaccine, or other substance, and are in compliance with applicable FDA and USDA regulations (and similar state regulations) concerning drug residues and withdrawal periods.
- We certify that these exhibit animals have not received drugs that are not in compliance with label indications or, if applicable, the regulations of the regulations codifying the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act amendment to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic act (under the direction of a valid Veterinary /Client/Patient relationship)
- If violations are detected, appropriate state and federal authorities will be notified, and regulatory action can be expected. Also exhibitors will be subjected to penalties as determined by show management.
- Effective 4/1/01 due to concerns of BSE. We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, none of the livestock described herein are adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (none of the cattle or sheep have been fed any feed containing protein derived from mammalian tissues, such as meat and bone meal from ruminants), not in compliance with 21 CFR 589.2000. We have purchase invoices and labeling for all feeds containing animal protein products. Copies of these records are to be made available to FDA upon request. See attached fact sheet for more information and website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/resources.htm>
- **Effective 9/30/08: COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) Compliance.** By signing below, I/we hereby certify that all animals listed were born and raised in the United States; we have followed all COOL compliance guidelines, and have maintained the appropriate records to provide as proof of country of origin.
- We have followed the regulations of the Iowa Scrapie Eradication program by using official scrapie program ear tags on all reproductively intact animals being exhibited.
- We further certify the information provided is correct and accurate, and that we have read and understand these regulations and may be relied upon by any person or entity accepting my (our) animal(s) for harvest.

Owner's/Exhibitor's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date _____

