4-H Alberta Small Livestock Standards

All 4-H Alberta members registered in small animal projects must follow the project requirements as set out by 4-H Alberta in consultation with 4-H Alberta.

Projects that fall under the Small Livestock Standards:

Swine Goat Poultry
Rabbit

4-H Project Member Minimum Requirements:

- Regardless of the 4-H level of the show, a registered 4-H project animal(s) must be shown only by a registered 4-H member in good standing. Refer to 4-H Alberta Reference Guide.

Small Livestock Project Requirements

- In addition to the general project requirements, projects falling under the Small Animal heading, shall meet the additional requirements of this section.

Project Animals:

- All project animals must be registered with the club by December 31 of the current year.
- All project animals must be identified with an Electronic ID tag.
- All project animals must be identified as the 4-H member's project by having
  - A registration paper, bill of sale, or lease agreement in the name of the 4-H member and
  - One or more of the following, as required by the club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee: a 4-H tag, breed registration tattoo, or electronic identification.
- Replacement of animal(s) can only be done with the permission of the club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee and must meet project criteria.

- All project animals with testicles are prohibited from showing/selling.

- Feed, care and management of project animals:
  - 4-H members must personally provide the major part of the feeding, care and management for their Market Project animal(s).
  - 4-H members must take an active role in the management, care and feeding of the Project animal(s).
    - In the event a 4-H member has two residences, the 4-H club will ensure that the "active role" is in realistic proportion to the time spent at that specific residence

4-H Sales:

4-H sales committees must register their sale with their Area Coordinator by March 15th.

- 4-H members can only sell a single LIVE project at their local achievement day sale, by public auction.
  - Any 4-H animal that is marketed using the 4-H brand is required to be a registered 4-H project with a completed record book.

- Additional project animals or projects will not be sold at the local achievement day sale. Members can sell additional projects through private means outside of the achievement day event/sale.

- Regardless of the number of clubs to which they belong, a member may only sell one project animal at a 4-H public auction per 4-H club year.

Tranquilizers:

- The use of tranquilizing products on 4-H animals, immediately preceding or at any 4-H project event is prohibited. Any animal that is tranquillized cannot be shown or sold at a 4-H event.

- Any participant or member of a participant's family can make a protest to a member of the club, district and regional show/sale achievement committee responsible for the show regarding suspected use of a tranquilizer. The club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee must deal with the protest immediately by contacting a veterinarian who will inspect/test the animal.
  - If the animal is deemed to be tranquilized, the member will be required to pay the veterinarian costs. The member will forfeit any awards and cannot sell the animal at the 4-H sale.
  - If the animal is deemed to be not tranquilized, the protester will pay the veterinarian costs.

4-H Event Safety:

- Safety is, and will continue to be, a priority at any level of achievement.
- It is strongly recommended that members wear appropriate safety gear. For example, leather boots when working with and showing project animals.
- Club, district, regional achievement show & sale committees have the authority to remove dangerous, unsafe or unsound project animals from 4-H classes or events.
- Members, parents and leaders are required to abide by 4-H Alberta Code of Conduct.
- All members attending 4-H achievement events or other project events must have a designated responsible adult present at the event.

Achievement Day Event:

- Each project in a 4-H club shall hold an achievement day suited to the project and the 4-H club goals.

Club or Interclub 4-H Project Regulations:

- In addition to the 4-H Alberta minimum requirements, there may be additional regulations from the club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee. Club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee will provide any additional local requirements and clarification. It is the member's responsibility to know these rules and regulations.

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, a member is unable to finish a 4-H project in the traditionally accepted manner, the "club, district, regional committee, and or club leadership along with the 4-H member" need to consider and explore alternate methods that support a successful completion of the member's project. 4-H Alberta provides a safe, fun and inclusive environment for our members that is supported by caring adults who recognize that, in trying times, 4-H can also be flexible and accommodating to best serve our positive youth development focus.

Anyone violating any of the above requirements will not be able to advance with that project to any 4-H project event, during the remainder of the project year at the club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee discretion.