



ADAMS COUNTY

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

Project Tips - *Cavy*

Important Dates

February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment deadline

April 1:

4-H Enrollment Deadline

(New Members)

June 1:

Animal ID due on 4hOnline

Animal Care (Primary Care) Form Due

Mid June:

Animal Record Book Interviews

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

Early August:

Adams County Fair

September:

Animal Record Books Due

(Friday before Labor Day)

Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

\$

1. Do you have a Guinea Pig?
2. Is this your first animal project?
3. Can you care for a small animal year-round?

Project Timeline



About the Project

	Project Skills	Life Skills
Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for, handle, and socialize your cavy to exhibit Select a cavy based on breed, disposition etc. Track animal health, feed costs, training etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal Setting Decision Making Keeping Records
Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe your cavy's breed standards and faults when exhibiting to a judge. Help another member groom their animal for show Vote on 4-H club decisions using parliamentary procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Sharing Cooperation
Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate proper and safe showmanship Recognize and serve community needs Teach the public about animals and citizenship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible citizenship Community service volunteering Leadership
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice showing my cavy regularly Feed and care for my cavy daily Learn from mistakes or failures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-discipline Self-responsibility Character

Project Requirements

Cavy Project members who intend to exhibit their animal(s) at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:

1. Enroll in the Cavy Project by the enrollment deadline.
2. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form on 4HOnline by deadline.
3. ID all animals in 4hOnline by June 1 deadline (project cavy must be owned by ID deadline)
4. Attend Animal Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
5. Enter fair classes online by deadline.
6. Complete and turn in the Companion Animal E-Record by the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4-H Online

1. 4-H members are required to enter their animals in the 4-H Online enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All cavy project animals must be entered in the 4-H Online system no later than June 1st of the current project year.
3. Cavy Project Members will enter their animals under the 'Small Pet' tab, select 'Other' under 'animal type'.
4. It is highly recommended any and all animals with the potential of attending Fair have ID in 4hOnline. If an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.

Log in to 4hOnline

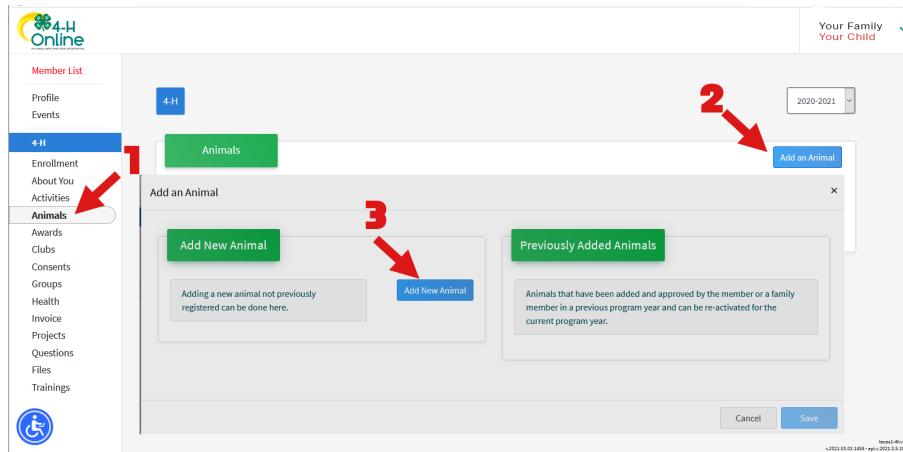
Select the 4-H member

1 - Click Animals

2 - Click Add an Animal

3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window

animals will not carry over from the old version of 4hOnline



Required Information for Cavy Project Animals:

Breed - 'Other' (Enter Cavy, on the next line)

Animal Name

Select Purchased or Leased

Date Acquired

Photo

Optional Information for Cavy Project Animals:

Birthdate

Vet Record

Color + Markings



Steps for Success:

1. Sign up for 4-H Fourcast Newsletters
2. Attend club meetings & meet your club's cavy leader & other cavy members
3. Order the cavy project manual through your Club Leader to help you learn
4. Download the Companion Animal E-Recordbook and the breeding supplement
5. Review Fair premium book to understand show rules and classes
6. Attend required and optional club and county workshops to learn
7. Work on Companion Animal E-Recordbooks regularly.
8. When in doubt, contact the 4-H office with questions

Resources

- *Cavy Resource Handbook* - [OSU - Cavy Resource Handbook](#)
- *Adams County Fair Premium Book* - www.adamscountyextension.org
- *ARBA Standard of Perfection*: <https://arba.net/product/standard-of-perfection/>
- *4-H Project Leader or Superintendent*
- *Adams County Extension Staff*

Stay up to date!

News/Events/Social Media Posts
adams.colostate.edu/4h/news.htm

Record Book

Cavy Project Members complete the Companion Animal E-Record and Breeding Supplement (mark N/A if did not breeding). Available at:
<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>

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