

Eaton County 4-H Small Animal Association By-Laws

ARTICLE 1 - Name

This organization shall be known as the Eaton County 4-H Small Animal Association.

ARTICLE 2 - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to develop leadership opportunities and encourage development of new programs and educational displays for breeding and marketing of goats, rabbits, poultry, ornamental fowl, and covies, and to promote, regulate and manage the Small Animal Auction at the fair.

ARTICLE 3 - Voting Membership

Any registered 4-H/FFA member, in the goat, rabbit, or poultry areas shall be eligible to become a voting member of the Eaton County 4-H Small Animal Association.

ARTICLE 4 - Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of a 4-H/FFA member President, member Vice President, member Secretary, member Treasurer and member Assistant Treasurer as well as two (2) Specie Representatives from each of the small animal species (poultry, rabbits, goats), 4-H Volunteer as an advisor, 4-H Staff to provide guidance, and the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent from each species.

No member under the 4-H age of 15 can be nominated or elected to the office of assistant treasurer. In order to sign checks, when the member assumes the role of Treasurer they must have a driver license or other valid government-issued photo identification that is accepted by the bank.

The Executive Board shall be the regulatory body of the organization, will make recommendations to the general membership for approval, and will rule in cases in which a general membership meeting is not practical.

ARTICLE 5 - Election of Officers and Committees

The officers shall be nominated and elected at the first meeting after the fair by the members present. Any open positions will be voted on at the next meeting. Only the registered 4-H/FFA members will be allowed to vote in the election of officers. If an officer misses more than two (2) meetings (meetings which include association meetings and executive board meetings without contacting the president), they may be removed from the position and the Executive Board will appoint a replacement. Committees will be appointed at that time with each of the officers serving as chairperson of a committee. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer will co-chair the sale committee, and the remainder of the Executive Board will serve on the sale committee. The President, Vice President and Secretary will each serve as a chairperson of the remaining committees - Fund Raising, Publicity, Awards/Trophy, and any other committees. Committee meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis reporting to the Executive Board and the Small Animal Association.

ARTICLE 6 - Term of Office

Each officer and species representatives may continue on the executive board if they are nominated and elected at the first meeting after the fair by the members present. The Assistant Treasurer shall be elected for a two-(2) year term, assisting the Treasurer the first year and becoming Treasurer the second year.

ARTICLE 7 - Meetings

The Small Animal Association shall hold at least four (4) meetings annually. It is strongly recommended all 4-H/FFA members who plan to show or sell small animals attend the May Association Meeting.

ARTICLE 8 - Reports

The reading of the secretary and the treasurer's reports, and other special committee reports shall start each meeting.

ARTICLE 9 - Small Animal Auction Rules

- A. Five (5) of the small animal units exhibited by each member are allowed to be sold in the Small Animal Auction at the fair. A unit means one individual or one pen of three. Pens of three cannot be split and sold individually, with the exception of the Champion Market Rabbit and the Reserve Champion Market Rabbit, which will be removed from their pens if they are part of a pen, and sold before all meat pens in the sale.
- B. All 4H/FFA entries into Fryers and Roasters Market Pens and Market Rabbit Classes must be sold in the Small Animal Auction (this includes animals entered into the premarket *classes*). The Champion and Reserve Champion 4-H/FFA market goats must be sold in the sale.
- C. Pedigree papers on purebreds must be turned in at fair check-in time or the animal will not be sold as pedigreed. The Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendent will present pedigree papers to the buyer when he/she picks up the animal(s) purchased.
- D. A 10% commission on all stock sold will be deducted from the selling price and premiums to cover expenses. Only one (1) resale of any small animal unit will be allowed. In the event of a resale, 100% of the resale amount will go to the Small Animal Association. All resale's will be sold immediately following after the original sale. Only youth selling in the sale are allowed to receive premiums.
- E. The sale order will rotate each year from specie to specie all champions and reserve champions will be sold at the beginning of their species. The species are goats, poultry and rabbits. The poultry specie will include any poultry listed under department 12 in the fairbook. The rabbit specie will include cavies.
- F. Small animals not shown on show day cannot be sold in the sale. Any disqualified animals will not be sold at the auction. Goats, poultry and rabbits receiving a "C" award will not be allowed to sell.
- G. The judges have the option to prohibit animals from being sold in the Small Animal Association sale if they feel they are not worthy.
- H. No additions or deletions on sale bill after check-in at fair.
- I. In order to sell through the sale, the seller must be a member of a recognized Eaton County 4-H club or FFA chapter.
- J. All 4H/FFA members who plan to sell animals in the sale must be represented to work in one of the following and sign in: Small Animal Association Sale, Small Animal Association Buyer's Luncheon, Junior Livestock Association Sale, or Junior Livestock Buyer's Luncheon. Anyone who doesn't follow this rule will not be allowed to sell in the next year's sale.

ARTICLE 10 - By-Laws Revisions

Suggestions for changes in the by-laws must be submitted to the Executive Board at least 30 days prior to the first membership meeting after the fair. These will then be voted on at the first membership meeting after the fair. Bylaw changes will be in effect immediately after being voted on.