



# **Blue Ribbon**

## **Small Animal Sale**

### **2025**

### **Handbook**



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# **Ozaukee County 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale Handbook 2025**

Dear 4-H Families,

I would like to welcome you to the 25th year of our group's existence. Our goal is to provide 4-H small animal exhibitors with an opportunity to sell top quality rabbits, poultry, and goats at the Ozaukee County Fair.

The Small Animal Sale is governed by an elected Board of Directors with aid from youth representatives as well as the UW-Extension staff and suggestions from 4-H members. We plan on providing support for educational programs in the various small animal projects as well as govern the Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale at the Ozaukee County Fair.

This handbook has been developed to provide you with information about the Small Animal Sale Committee, its objectives, and rules of the 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Board of Directors or your Project Leader.

The success of this organization will depend on everyone's willingness to volunteer their time. Please get involved and have fun while you are doing it. I wish you the best in your small animal 4-H projects.

Sincerely,

Bob Schmidt  
President  
Ozaukee County 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale Committee

# **2025 Officers and Board Members**

## **President -**

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## **Youth Representatives–**

**Addison Heusdens - Poultry Project  
Knellsville 4-H**

**Natalie Ernst – Goat Project  
Lindenwood 4-H**

**Rabbits: Clara Steinert – Knellsville 4-H**

## **Member At Large: Angela Hollnagel**

## **Goat Leaders - Bob & Mari Schmidt**

## **Poultry Leaders –Bob and Mari Schmidt, Dennis Heusdens, Erin Stewart, Jaimie Jacobson**

## **Rabbit Leaders –**

**The committee shall elect a Board of Directors consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and Youth Representatives in the month of August. President and Treasurer are elected on even years; and Vice-President and Secretary on odd years.**

- 1. The officers shall serve 2-year terms, except Youth Representatives, which will serve 1 year.**
- 2. Committee meetings shall be held as needed.**
- 3. Annual financial reports and educational plan shall be presented to the 4-H Leaders Association in November of each year. The financial year ends June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.**

# **Ozaukee County 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale**

## **Objectives**

- ❖ **To provide 4-H small animal exhibitors an opportunity to sell top quality rabbits, poultry and goats at the Ozaukee County Fair.**
- ❖ **To provide incentive and encourage stronger small animal projects.**
- ❖ **To recognize 4-H members who do quality work in breeding, selecting, feeding, and showing of their animals.**
- ❖ **To learn and apply principles of marketing.**

# Rules and Regulations

1. To be eligible to sell their small animal in the sale, the 4-H member shall meet the following requirements:
  - A. Enrolled in the appropriate 4-H small animal project during the current year.
  - B. Meet achievement requirements of their local 4-H clubs and small animal projects; and must enter a breed class in their respective 4-H project. If an exhibitor does not achieve at the club level for the 2025 4-H year, they will not be allowed to sell in the 2026 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale.
  - C. **NEW – Must attend a mandatory Blue Ribbon meeting to be held during 2025. If unable to attend, you must contact Bob Schmidt.**
  - D. Exhibit their small animal at the Junior Fair in the Blue Ribbon Small Animal Auction Class, **except 4-H Grand Champion animals in the breed classes.**
  - E. Must verify their entry is drug free. Both exhibitor and parent will be asked to sign a statement indicating the small animal is drug free.
  - F. Exhibitor must own their project animal or its parent at least 90 days prior to the sale with the exception of the Cornish Rock Chicken breed.
  - G. Exhibitor must show their current project records completed to their project leader on the barn setup time or check in day of their animals.  
Records must include all information up to 1 week prior to the sale.
  - H. *Exhibitors must be ready to display their animal the day of the sale at 10:00am and display buyer names on cages in the barns immediately after the sale.*
  - I. **Exhibitor must write a “Thank You” note to the buyer within 2 weeks after the fair. A copy of the “Thank You” letter must also be sent to the treasurer of the Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale committee.**
2. A maximum of 2 Blue Ribbon eligible animals can be sold per exhibitor. The sale shall be capped at 45 animals. **This includes 4-H Grand champion animals in their respective breed classes. Grand Champion animals must meet all other requirements to be in the sale.**
3. All animals consigned to the sale must be presented and handled by the exhibitor unless otherwise authorized by the 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale committee. Additions to the sale are at the discretion of the Blue Ribbon Sale Committee.
4. All the sale animals must be kept clean and in a healthy environment from the beginning of Fair until release time. No abscesses, infectious diseases, or animals with an appearance that would make for a poor display, will be allowed unless the veterinarian in charge determines that the lesions or abscesses are inactive and incapable of transmitting a disease. The sale animals must be cleaned and prepped for the sale prior to the presentation to the buyers.
5. **All 4-H Blue Ribbon Sale animals must be checked in and in place at the designated time as outlined in the Ozaukee Co. Fair Premium Book.**
6. **If all of the above requirements are not fulfilled, the Blue Ribbon Sale Committee may implement fines of \$10.00 for each violation. After 30 days, one notification will be attempted. After 90 days, the check will be voided & the funds will be**

**deposited in the Scholarship fund. All other checks must be cashed by 12/31/2025.**  
**Any checks not cashed will be voided and deposited in the Blue Ribbon account.**

The Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale committee, at their discretion, reserves the right to refuse an eligible 4-H member the opportunity to sell their qualified animal at the sale if the member does not follow the rules and regulations.

## **Sale Provisions**

- 1. The sale is to be held on Sunday at 11:00 AM of Ozaukee County Fair in the Poultry/Rabbit Building.**

Potential buyers will register at the registration table in the Poultry/Rabbit Building.

- 2. All accounts are to be settled with the clerk immediately after the sale. Checks should be made payable to:**

### **Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale Committee**

The buyer will assume ownership of the animal immediately after the account is settled and the animal is able to be released after sale. Sold animals will be kept at their appropriate barn until released to the new owner but no later than 7pm.

- 3. The seller is responsible for transporting sold animals from fair for butchering per buyer's instructions, and shall deliver processed animal to the buyer within 7 days after processing unless other arrangements were made with the buyer and approved by the Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale Committee.** The Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale Committee will provide information on butchering services for buyers, if desired.

- 4. Of the sale amount, 10% will be retained by the Small Animal Sale Committee to cover costs of the sale, purchase and maintenance of needed equipment for the sale, to fund educational programs during the year and any other needed areas of expense authorized at the discretion of the committee.**

- 5. Buyers will be allowed to donate each animal for resale. Each animal can only be resold one time.** If at that time the buyer still does not want to keep the animal it can be given back to the 4-H member.

All proceeds from the resale will be donated to the Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale Committee.

## **Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale Meeting Dates**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at** 7 PM at County Adm. Building, Room 118.

- Planning meeting for 2025; Review Buyers list.

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025** at 7:00pm – at County Administration Building Room 118. Review goals & Plan mandatory meeting.

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025** at 7:00pm Administration Building, Room 118

- Work assignments and update. Mandatory Meeting for Blue Ribbon Exhibitors – 7 PM.

**Tuesday, July 8, 2025** at 7:00 PM, Administration Building, Room 118

- Mail Invitation Letters. Socialize after meeting.

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 7:00 pm to** 8:00pm at Administration Building, Room 118

- Check Distribution, Election of Officers, Review Educational plan & meeting dates for 2025. Socialize after meeting.

# Project Fair Dates and Times

## Poultry Project

<b>Set up</b>	-	<b>Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 9AM for leaders; 10AM for youth.</b>
<b>Entry Day</b>	-	Thursday, July 31, 2025, 12 PM -6:30pm
<b>Judging Day</b>	-	Friday, August 1, 2025, at 11 AM
<b>Sale Day</b>	-	Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 11:00 AM
<b>Release Day</b>	-	Sunday, August 3, 2025

Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Poultry Project and completed the project requirements. All birds need to be marked with a numbered leg band and the number should appear on the Fair entry blank. All Chickens greater than 4 months of age need to be blood tested before arriving at the Fair grounds. All Turkeys need to be State blood tested if they are greater than 6 mo. old.

Exhibitors can sign up for barn duty the night of barn set-up. Release time for poultry is 8pm on Sunday of Fair. The sale animals that have been purchased can be released after the sale, but must be picked up before 7pm. Poultry project members are required to help with barn clean up after animals are released. All animals must be removed from the barn by 9pm.

## Rabbit Project

<b>Set up</b>	-	<b>Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 9AM for leaders; 10 AM for youth.</b>
<b>Entry Day</b>	-	Thursday, July 31, 2025, 12:00 PM – 6:30pm
<b>Judging Day</b>	-	Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 10:00 am
<b>Sale Day</b>	-	Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 11:00 AM
<b>Release Day</b>	-	Sunday, August 3, 2025

Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Rabbit Project and completed the project requirements. Exhibitors can sign up for barn duty the night of barn set-up. Release time for rabbits is 8pm on Sunday of Fair. The sale animals that have been purchased can be released after the sale, but must be picked up before 7pm. Rabbit project members are required to help with barn clean up after animals are released. All animals must be removed from the barn by 9pm.

## Goat Project

<b>Set up</b>	-	<b>Friday, July 25, 2025, at 6:30pm</b>
<b>Entry Day</b>	-	Thursday, July 31, 2025 from 4-9pm
<b>Judging Day</b>	-	Friday, August 1, 2025 at 8am
<b>Sale Day</b>	-	Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 11:00 AM
<b>Release Day</b>	-	Sunday, August 3, 2025

Exhibitors must be carrying the Dairy Goat or Pygmy Goat project and completing the project requirements. Exhibitors can sign up for barn duty the night of the barn set up. Release time for the goats is 7pm on Sunday. Goat project members are required to help with barn clean up after animals are released.



# **Sample Fair Premium List for the Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale 2025**

## **4-H Dairy Goats - Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale**

- Entry 1. French Alpine**
- Entry 2. American Lamancha**
- Entry 3. Oberhasli**
- Entry 4. Nubian**
- Entry 5. Toggenburg**
- Entry 6. Grades**
- Entry 7. Any Other Breed**

## **4-H Poultry Exhibit - Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale**

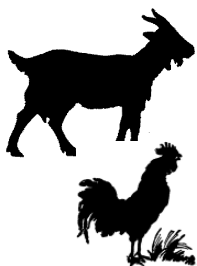
- Entry 1. American**
- Entry 2. Mediterranean**
- Entry 3. Continental**
- Entry 4. Asiatic**
- Entry 5. English**
- Entry 6. Any other Standard Varieties**
- Entry 7. Crossbred**
- Entry 8. Bantam Hen or Pullet**
- Entry 9. Bantam Cock or Cockerel**
- Entry 10. Roaster (2 birds, either sex, each 5 lbs. or over)**
- Entry 11. Broiler (2 young birds, 2 ½ -4 ½ lbs. each)**
- Entry 12. Market Chicken (1 bird, either sex, over 5 lbs.)**
- Entry 13. Duck, Pullet**
- Entry 14. Duck, Cockerel**
- Entry 15. Goose, Pullet**
- Entry 16. Goose, Cockerel**
- Entry 17. Pigeon**
- Entry 18. Turkey, Broad White Pullet**
- Entry 19. Turkey, Broad White Cockerel**
- Entry 20. Turkey, Bronze Pullet**
- Entry 21. Turkey, Bronze Cockerel**
- Entry 22. Turkey, any other Fancy breed – Pullet**
- Entry 23. Turkey, any other Fancy breed - cockerel**
- Entry 24. Market Turkey, any breed ( over 15 weeks of age)- Pullet**
- Entry 25. Market Turkey, any breed ( over 15 weeks of age - cockerel**

## **4-H Rabbit Exhibit - Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale**

- Entry 1. Wool breed (Angora, Jersey Wooly, Fuzzy Lop)**
- Entry 2. Dutch (all varieties)**
- Entry 3. Holland Lops (solid and broken)**
- Entry 4. Havana**
- Entry 5. Mini Rex**
- Entry 6. Polish**
- Entry 7. Satin**
- Entry 8. Any Other Commercial Breed**
- Entry 9. Any Other Fancy Breed**
- Entry 10. Meat Pen (Consists of 3 rabbits)**
- Entry 11. Single Fryer**
- Entry 12. Any other crossbred**

## **Exotic Animals - Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale**

- Entry 1. Pygmy Goat**
- Entry 2. Angora Goat**
- Entry 3. Meat Goat**



# OZAUKEE COUNTY 4-H

## 25th Annual 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale



Dear Friends of 4-H,

We would like to invite you to participate in our 24th Annual 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale at the 2025 Ozaukee County Fair. This sale features outstanding examples of all types of poultry, rabbits, and goats that are presented by our 4-H members from throughout Ozaukee County.

The 25th Annual Blue Ribbon Sale will take place on **Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 11:00 AM**. Please feel free to register & view the sale animals at 10:00 AM, in the Poultry/Rabbit Building where the sale will take place.

Each registered buyer will be given a voucher for a delicious shake from the 4-H refreshment stand. We hope you register and participate in our sale. Enjoy your shake as a thank you for your support of each of our 4-H youth that have worked so hard to present their animal projects at the County Fair and in our Blue Ribbon Sale. The vouchers are presented by the Ozaukee County 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale committee. We look forward to seeing you and your friends at our sale.

If you have any further questions, you can contact Bob Schmidt at 262-242-5788.

Sincerely,

Ozaukee County 4-H Blue Ribbon  
Small Animal Sale Committee  
Erin Stewart, Secretary

# **OZAUKEE COUNTY 4-H BLUE RIBBON SMALL ANIMAL SALE SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF DELORES BORES**

**Description:** Scholarship(s) – Amount and number to be determined yearly by the Small Animal Sale Committee. Applications may be picked up at the following: a project leader in the goat, poultry or rabbit projects; UW Extension office; or Ozaukee County 4-H website.

## **Eligibility:**

1. Applicant must be currently enrolled in the 4-H goat, poultry, or rabbit projects and have been a participant in the 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale for 2 years or more.
2. Must be a senior in high school or a home school graduate.
3. Applicant needs to have an overall grade point average of 2.0.
4. **An applicant who is currently enrolled in their first year of advanced education following high school graduation is eligible for consideration.**

## **Requirements:**

1. Obtain a letter of recommendation from an adult project leader. Choose someone unrelated to you.
2. Application and letter of recommendation must be postmarked by April 15<sup>th</sup>, of the year applying and sent to:

Ozaukee County 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale,  
c/o UW Extension Office  
PO Box 994  
Port Washington, WI. 53074

3. All applicants will be interviewed.
4. The scholarship(s) will be paid after the recipient has successfully completed the first semester and has submitted a copy of their transcripts.

## OZAUKEE COUNTY 4-H BLUE RIBBON SMALL ANIMAL SALE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School presently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College or Technical School you plan to attend in the Fall or are currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What field do you plan to study?: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H club to which you belong: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Small Animal Sale projects: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Activities/volunteer service participation: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Essay**

Please type, if possible, and attach a separate page. Limit 200 words

1. Describe your Small Animal Sale project. (size, growth, leadership)
2. Describe what you have learned through your small animal project & how this will benefit you in the future.

## Conclusion

Thank you for your interest in participating in the  
25th Annual  
Ozaukee County 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal Sale.

We look forward to seeing you at Fair.

Good Luck with all your 4-H Exhibits!!

**The Ozaukee County 4-H Blue Ribbon Small Animal  
Sale Committee**