



Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale 2026 Handbook



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Ozaukee County 4-H Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale Handbook 2026

Dear 4-H Families,

Welcome to the 26th year of the Ozaukee County 4-H Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale! Our mission is to give 4-H exhibitors the chance to showcase and sell top-quality rabbits, poultry, and goats at the Ozaukee County Fair.

The Small Animal Sale is run by an elected Board of Directors, with help from youth representatives, UW–Extension staff, and suggestions from 4-H members. Beyond organizing the sale, we also support educational programs across the various small animal projects to help our youth grow and learn.

This handbook is here to give you all the information you need about the Small Animal Sale Committee, its goals, and the rules for the 4-H Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to a Board member or your project leader—we're here to help!

The success of this program depends on families like yours who are willing to volunteer their time. Get involved, have fun, and enjoy every moment of your 4-H small animal projects. We're excited to see all the hard work and dedication this year!

Sincerely,

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

2026 Officers and Board Members

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Youth Representatives-

Poultry: Silas Strand- Lindenwood 4-H & Addison Heusdens- Knellsville 4-H
Goat Project: Mia Gahan -Lakeview 4-H
Rabbits: Ava Hollnagel – Knellsville 4-H & Dakota Weber- Lindenwood 4-H

Members At Large: pending

Goat Leaders - Bob Schmidt, Monica Gahan

Poultry Leaders –Bob Schmidt, Dennis Heusdens, Erin Stewart, Jaime Jacobson, Nolan Weber.

Rabbit Leaders – Dennis Heusdens, Angie Hollnagel

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

1. The officers shall serve 2-year terms, except Youth Representatives, who 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 30th of each year.

Ozaukee County 4-H Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale

Objectives

- Provide 4-H small animal exhibitors the opportunity to sell top-quality rabbits, poultry, and goats at the Ozaukee County Fair.
 - Encourage stronger small animal projects by providing incentives.
- Recognize 4-H members who demonstrate quality work in breeding, selecting, feeding, and showing their animals.
 - Help members 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 2026 4-H year, they will not be allowed to sell in the 2027 4-H Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale.
 - C. **NEW – Must attend a mandatory Blue-Ribbon meeting to be held during 2026. 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 before the sale, except for the Cornish Rock Chicken breed.
 - G. Exhibitor must show their current project records completed to their project leader on the barn setup time or on the day of their animals' check-in. Records must include all information up to 1 week before the sale.
 - H. ***Exhibitors must be ready to display their animal the day of the sale at 10:00 am and display buyer names on cages in the barns immediately after the sale.***
 - I. **The 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 the 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 before 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 12/31/2026. Any checks not cashed will be voided and deposited in the Blue-Ribbon account.**

The Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale committee, at its 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.
- 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 will be able to be released after the sale. Sold animals will be kept at their appropriate barn until released to the new owner, but no later than 7 PM.
- The seller is responsible for transporting sold animals from the fair for butchering per buyer's instructions, and shall deliver the 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.
- Of the sale amount, 8% 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.
- 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 (2026)

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – 7:00 PM County Administration Building, Room 118

- Planning meeting for the 2026 sale
- Review buyer list

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 – 7:00 PM County Administration Building, Room 118

- Review goals
- Plan mandatory exhibitor meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM County Administration Building, Room 118

- Work assignments and updates
- Blue-Ribbon Exhibitors Meeting

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 – 7:00 PM County Administration Building, Room 118

- Mail invitation letters
- Socialize after the meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – 7:00–8:00 PM County Administration Building, Room 118

- Check distribution
- Election of officers
- Review educational plan and meeting dates for 2027
- Socialize after the meeting

Fair Schedule & Requirements – 2026

Poultry Project Fair Schedule

Set Up Saturday, July 25, 2026 | 9:00 AM – Leaders | 10:00 AM – Youth

Entry Day Thursday, July 30, 2026 | 12:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Judging Day Friday, July 31, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Sale Day Sunday, August 2, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Release Day Sunday, August 2, 2026 | 7:30 PM

Project Requirements

- Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Poultry Project and complete all project requirements.
 - All birds must be marked with a numbered leg band, and the band number must be listed on the Fair entry form.
 - All chickens over 4 months of age must be blood tested before arrival at the fairgrounds.
 - All turkeys over 6 months of age must have a State blood test completed before the fair.
 - A barn duty sign-up will be emailed to exhibitors before the fair.
 - Poultry release time is 7:30 PM on the Sunday of the Fair. Animals sold in the sale may be released after the sale concludes, but must be picked up before 7:00 PM.
 - Project members are required to assist with barn clean-up beginning at 6:00 PM.
 - All animals must be removed from the barn by 9:00 PM.
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Rabbit Project Fair Schedule

Set Up Saturday, July 25, 2026 | 9:00 AM – Leaders | 10:00 AM – Youth

Entry Day Thursday, July 30, 2026 | 12:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Judging Day Saturday, August 1, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Sale Day Sunday, August 2, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Release Day Sunday, August 2, 2026 | 7:30 PM

Project Requirements

- Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Rabbit Project and complete all project requirements.
 - A barn duty sign-up will be emailed to exhibitors before the fair.
 - Rabbit release time is 7:30 PM on the Sunday of the Fair. Animals sold in the sale may be released after the sale concludes, but must be picked up before 7:00 PM.
 - Project members are required to assist with barn clean-up beginning at 6:00 PM.
 - All rabbits must be removed from the barn by 9:00 PM.
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Goat Project Fair Schedule

Set Up Friday, July 24, 2026 | 6:30 PM

Entry Day Wednesday, July 29, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Judging Day Thursday, July 30, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Sale Day Sunday, August 2, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Release Day Sunday, August 2, 2026 | 6:30 PM

Project Requirements

- Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Dairy Goat or Pygmy Goat Project and complete all project requirements.
- Exhibitors may sign up for barn duty during barn set-up.
- Goat release time is 6:30 PM on Sunday of the Fair.
- Goat Project members are required to assist with barn clean-up after animals are released.

Fair Premium List for the Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale 2026

4-H Goats - Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale

- 4051601 Blue-Ribbon Goat 1
- 4051602 Blue-Ribbon Goat 2

4-H Poultry- Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale

- 4072201 American, pullet or hen
- 4072202 American, cockerel or cock
- 4072203 Mediterranean, pullet or hen
- 4072204 Mediterranean, cockerel or cock
- 4072205 Continental, pullet or hen
- 4072206 Continental, cockerel or cock
- 4072207 Asiatic, pullet or hen
- 4072208 Asiatic, cockerel or cock
- 4072209 English, pullet or hen
- 4072210 English, cockerel or cock
- 4072211 Any Other Standard Varieties, pullet or hen
- 4072212 Any Other Standard Varieties, cockerel or cock
- 4072213 Crossbred, pullet or hen
- 4072214 Crossbred, cockerel or cock
- 4072215 Bantam hen or pullet
- 4072216 Bantam cock or cockerel
- 4072217 Roaster (2 birds, either sex, each 5 lbs. or over)
- 4072218 Broiler (2 young birds, under 5 lbs. each)
- 4072219 Market Chicken (1 bird, either sex, weighing 5 lbs. or over)
- 4072220 Duck, pullet or hen
- 4072221 Duck, cockerel or cock

- 4072222 Goose, pullet or hen
- 4072223 Goose, cockerel or cock
- 4072224 Pigeon
- 4072225 Turkey, Broad White pullet or hen
- 4072226 Turkey, Broad White cockerel or cock
- 4072227 Turkey, Bronze pullet or hen
- 4072228 Turkey, Bronze cockerel or cock
- 4072229 Turkey, Any Other Fancy Breed pullet or hen
- 4072230 Turkey, Any Other Fancy Breed cockerel or cock
- 4072231 Guinea, pullet or hen
- 4072232 Guinea, cockerel or cock

4-H Rabbit- Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale

- 4082001 Wool Breed (Angora, Jersey Wooly, Fuzzy Lop)
- 4082002 Dutch (All varieties)
- 4082003 Holland Lop (solids and broken)
- 4082004 Havana
- 4082005 Mini Rex
- 4082006 Polish
- 4082007 Satin
- 4082008 Any Other Commercial Breed
- 4082009 Any Other Fancy Breed
- 4082010 Meat Pen (consists of 3 rabbits)
- 4082011 Single Fryer
- 4082012 Any Other Crossbred



Ozaukee County 4-H 26th Annual Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale



Dear Friends of 4-H,

You're invited to the 26th Annual Ozaukee County 4-H Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale at the Ozaukee County Fair! Our 4-H members have spent months raising and caring for their rabbits, poultry, and goats, and now it's time to show off their animals, and give buyers like you the chance to take one home.

The sale will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 11:00 AM in the Poultry/Rabbit Building. Registration for buyers begins at 10:00 AM, and you are welcome to view the animals before the sale starts.

By purchasing an animal, you are directly supporting the dedication and effort of our 4-H youth. As a thank you, each registered buyer will receive a voucher for a shake from the 4-H Clover Café.

We hope to see you at the sale, come find your next great animal and celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-H members!

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) – The amount and number of scholarships will be determined each year by the Small Animal Sale Committee. Applications can be picked up from:

- A project leader in the goat, poultry, or rabbit projects
- The UW Extension Office
- The Ozaukee County 4-H website

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be currently enrolled in the 4-H goat, poultry, or rabbit projects and have participated in the 4-H Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale for at least two years.
- Applicant must be a high school senior, or in their first year of post-high school education.
- Applicant must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Requirements:

- Obtain a letter of recommendation from an adult project leader who is unrelated to you.
- Submit the application and letter of recommendation postmarked by April 15 to:
 - Ozaukee County 4-H Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale
c/o UW Extension Office
PO Box 994
Port Washington, WI 53074
- All applicants will be interviewed.
- Scholarship(s) will be paid after the recipient completes their first semester and submits a copy of their transcripts.

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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: _____

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
26th Annual Ozaukee County 4-H Blue-Ribbon Small Animal Sale!

We look forward to seeing you at the Fair and celebrating the hard work of all our 4-H
exhibitors.

Good luck with all of your 4-H projects!

Sincerely,

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