

4-H Rabbit Committee

Sunday January 11, 2026 7:15 PM

Peter Goers, Angela McKay (Liam), Elena and Marci Boss, Ellen and Micki Andrews, and Heather and Joclyn Watson.

Workshop on February 21st at Browntown meeting room. Allowed to bring 1 or 2 rabbits into the meeting room and must clean up. Cold weather location and will meet outdoors when weather is milder. Meeting time will start at 10:00 AM. Access to building at 9:30 AM

Itinerary for Workshop:

Brief get to know you: Breed interest and what they want to learn

Brief Itinerary

Breed Rabbit slide show

Introduce rabbits show and tell

Contest (Game): Similar to Premier Exhibitor Contest

Introduce equipment used for rabbits either actual equipment or pictures of equipment

Breed Knowledge? Match the rabbit breed to the picture.

2 different age groups for the contest

Q and A session

Who is bringing rabbits to the workshop: Large breed: Peter and his flemish giant. (Asking) Remi and his Netherland dwarf. Elena and her mini rex.

Tools for contest: Send out a survey of who has what supplies

(Ellen) If exhibitors are looking for a meat rabbit to purchase, this meeting would be great to share information on meat rabbits: when to get (timeline), where to get (swap meets vs. breeders), deadlines for fair. Show variety: meat breeds and show breeds, large and small. Attendees possibly will be new to showing rabbits. We discussed Swap meet pros and cons and how to share that information at the workshop. Have an adult information session led by Elena to share the information on purchasing a rabbit and equipment needed to raise a rabbit and include copies of the Rabbit department Fairbook pages.

Prizes: Candy, gift cards (minimal money available) or prizes from the extension office. Item ideas costing money: nail clippers, crocs for cages.

4-H exploration day: Saturday March 28. Discussed last year's rabbit workshop led by Elena and Joclyn. Should we focus on showmanship or recycle the breed workshop? (Micki) nail clipping focus for a session, showmanship, handling a rabbit, and include. Each session is a 50

minute session. Joclyn will bring the lilac juniors for rabbit handling, ask Remi if he will bring rabbits as well. There is a high school track meet that day. Discussed who will run the stations: Elena, Joclyn, Remi, Grace, Clara.

Committee officers voting? Can the committee vote be live vote or email vote? Chair, Vice, Treasurer, or Secretary. Self nominate or form? Ellen will send out an email for nominations for chairs.

Youth committee position: An adult pairs with a youth. Parent and child or Adult and youth for each position.

Next meeting: Sunday February 8th at 7:15 PM ZOOM