

2026 TRUMBULL JUNIOR FAIR

CAVY RULES

Exhibitor age groups based on 4H age (January 1st): Novice (first year), Junior (9-12), Intermediate (13-15), Senior (16-18)

- 1) All cavies to be exhibited must be registered with the OSU office by April 1st.
- 2) Exhibitor limits: (regardless of age)
 - a) First year cavy project -- 2 cavies
 - b) Second/Third year cavy project – 3 cavies
 - c) Fourth year cavy project and over -- 4 cavies
- 3) An exhibitor may register one alternate for the Fair. Casualty Class: An Exhibitor who registered one cavy and cavy dies or is diseased, has until the first day of Fair to notify the Chair that they will be entering an alternate. The alternate cavy must be in good health and can only be used for grade ribbon and Showmanship.
- 4) Exhibitors must participate in Showmanship and must use their own cavy.
- 5) All ARBA breeds will be accepted. Mixed breeds are accepted, they will be placed in a “utility” class.
- 6) ARBA standard show rules will be followed. However, animals will not be eliminated, but will be placed lower.
- 7) Grand and Reserve will go to the best animals, regardless of sex.
- 8) All Junior Fair Participants are responsible for showing their own cavy. If they are showing a project in another area they must make arrangements for another 4-H member, preferably from your club or Trumbull County 4Her, to show their cavy. Please let the chair know if you have showtime overlap with another species.

9) All cavies must be ear-tagged prior to fair for proper identification. All cavies will go through a health check prior to being put in a cage. A health check station will be set up in the Small Animal barn area. The Cavy chair or assistant will perform the health check. Must be in place by 4pm on Sunday or Monday. Nails should be trimmed, fur clean and tag in place. Any animal that shows any sign of illness will be sent home. Cage will be assigned after the health check is complete. Please call 330-718-2747 if needed.

10) Senior Fair will provide cages modified to cavy standards. Exhibitors must furnish bedding, crocks, feed & water. Cages must be tended to by 9am each day of the fair. No Cedar or Pine bedding permitted. Paper, aspen or fleece bedding are the only acceptable types. Cavies must have a "hidey" if breed standards permit.

11) Cages must be cleaned DAILY by the 4H member and your cavy checked on by 9am everyday. If a 4H member cannot, they shall designate another 4H member to do so.

12) All animals, including sold animals, cannot be released before the designated time of small animal release on the last day of Fair (as determined by the Sr. Fair Board). If an animal displays any signs of illness, the Chair and/or advisors have the authority to request the vet do an examination and recommendation of health. If said animal is determined to be ill, the Sr. Fair Board will be notified and it will be decided if the animal should be discharged home. It shall be a collaborative decision of the Chair, Vet on Duty and Sr. Fair Board representative. Decision of which will be final.