Barry County 4-H Cavy Project Area
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***In 2014, the fair board decided exhibitors are no longer required to do more than one (1) notebook per specie. For the Cavy Project Area, this means the following:

*1) If showing a Pet/Mixed Breed Cavy, you MUST do the Pet/Mixed Breed Notebook and are no longer required to do an additional educational notebook or poster.

*2) If showing a regular breed class Cavy, you must still do an educational notebook or poster.

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Cavy General Notebook Guidelines

1. It is the responsibility of the 4-H’er to obtain a copy of the notebook guidelines. All notebooks will be judged based on these guidelines.

2. Cavy educational notebooks can take up to two (2) years to complete. See individual notebook guidelines and samples. All requirements for one notebook level must be completed before going on to the next level.

3. Each notebook MUST include a copy of the guidelines for that notebook with the year completed filled out. (Not including the guideline information will result in a lower award.)

4. Each notebook MUST include a decorative cover.

5. Each notebook MUST include a title page. Title page should include Name, Age, Years In 4-H, Years In Project Area, Club Name, Leader Name, and Date.

6. Each notebook MUST include a table of contents.

7. All tables of contents from previous notebooks MUST be included in your notebook.

8. Each notebook MUST include your 4-H story.

9. Your notebook is to include information for the current year only.

10. You can add anything to the notebook that is related to the notebook content.

11. All notebooks must be bound in a 3 ring binder. All pages must be fastened within the covers. No loose notebooks will be accepted.

12. Enter your notebook in the proper age group, refer to the fair book.

13. Be sure to read the Pre-Registration And Rules Packet and the fair book. Some rules or requirements may change or be added. The Pre-Registration And Rules Packet information supersedes the information in the fair book.

14. Any questions regarding notebooks should be taken to your 4-H leader or the Barry County 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Developmental Committee.

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Cavy Educational Notebook #1

Items A, B, C, D are required for all notebooks.
   A. Decorative Cover
   B. Title Page
   C. Table of Contents and Notebook Guidelines
   D. Your 4-H Story – tell about your cavy project

Level One (1) Cavy notebook options:

Option #1
   - First year - complete 5 of the following items.
   - Second year - complete the remaining 5 items.

Option #2
   - First year - complete all of the following items 1 through 10.

* Remember, you must have completed all of the items 1 through 10 in this notebook before beginning notebook level two (2).

Year
Completed

1. Describe and tell the important characteristics of your cavy. Include origin and breed standard.
2. Parts of the cavy - using a diagram, locate and identify the parts of the cavy.
3. Define the term disqualification and give examples of temporary and permanent disqualifications.
4. Explain the following terms – registered, purebred and crossbred.
5. Explain why you tattoo or ear tag a cavy.
6. What vitamin or mineral must your cavy have every day? Why?
7. Describe and draw a diagram of your cavy cage and the equipment you use in the care of your cavies. You may use photographs with your own written explanations.
8. Describe your feeding and watering program.
9. Keep a record of your cavies and expenses incurred. Put this in your notebook.
10. Include pictures of your cavies and any awards you may have accomplished.

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Cavy Educational Notebook #2

Items A, B, C, D are required for all notebooks.
A. Decorative Cover
B. Title Page
C. Table of Contents and Notebook Guidelines
D. Your 4-H Story – tell about your cavy project

Level Two (2) Cavy notebook options:

Option #1  - First year - complete 6 of the following items.
            - Second year - complete the remaining 6 items.

Option #2  - First year - complete all of the following items 1 through 12.

* Remember, you must have completed all of notebook level one (1) before starting this notebook and all of the items 1 through 12 in this notebook before beginning notebook level three (3).

1. Describe and tell the important characteristics of two (2) additional breeds of cavies. Include origin and breed standard. Total of three (3) breeds.

2. Draw a picture of a cavy ear tag and pliers. Explain how to hold a cavy for tagging.

3. Describe the cause, symptoms, treatment and prevention of ringworm, colds and mange mites.

4. Describe the cause, symptoms, treatment and prevention of impacted rectum in boars.

5. Describe the cavy head, ears, crown and body plus three (3) types of coat.

6. Describe how you tattoo or ear tag a cavy.

7. Define the terms: Self, Solid, Marked and Agouti

8. Describe the gestation and birth of cavies. What are baby cavies called?

9. What is the extra toe/toes on a cavy called?

10. Describe a trip you took to a cavy show, commercial caviary or any other cavy event.

11. Keep a record of expenses incurred and include them in your notebook.

12. Include pictures of your cavies and any awards you may have accomplished.

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Cavy Educational Notebook #3

Items A, B, C, D are required for all notebooks.
A. Decorative Cover
B. Title Page
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D. Your 4-H Story – tell about your cavy project

Level Three (3) Cavy notebook options:

Option #1 - First year - complete 6 of the following items.
- Second year - complete the remaining 6 items.

Option #2 - First year - complete all of the following items 1 through 12.

* Remember, you must have completed all of notebook level two (2) before beginning this notebook and all of the items 1 through 12 in this notebook before beginning notebook level four (4).

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<td>1. Describe and tell the important characteristics of three (3) additional breeds of cavies. Include origin and breed standard. Total of six (6)breeds.</td>
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<td>2. What five (5) color groups are there in cavies. (Note – One (1) group is only for Americans)</td>
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<td>3. What is the ARBA? What is the ACBA? How do each of them help you as a cavy raiser?</td>
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<td>4. Describe the weight and age requirements for Junior, Intermediate and Senior cavy classes.</td>
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<td>5. Describe the cause, symptoms, treatment and prevention of pregnancy toxemia.</td>
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<td>6. What type of ear tags are approved for cavy use? Give reasons for and against tattooing a cavy.</td>
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<td>8. Discuss the importance of NOT giving cavies sweets.</td>
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<td>9. What age is ideal for breeding a sow for the first time? A boar? When is a sow too old to be bred for the first time? Why?</td>
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Cavy Educational Notebook #4

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   B. Title Page
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Level Four (4) Cavy notebook options:

Option #1  - First year - complete 6 of the following items.
   - Second year - complete the remaining 6 items.

Option #2  - First year - complete all of the following items 1 through 12.

* Remember, you must have completed all of notebook level three (3) before beginning this notebook and all the items 1 through 12 in this notebook before beginning notebook level five (5).

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1. Describe and tell the important characteristics of three (3) additional breeds of cavies. Include origin and breed standard. Total of nine (9) breeds.

2. Name the varieties of cavies included in the Solid and Self groups.

3. Name at least four (4) things you should include in a cavy medicine chest.

4. How often does a sow come into heat or estrus. How long does it last? How do you tell if a sow is ready for mating?

5. Describe the type and coat of the Coronet cavy.

6. Provide an example of a cavy pedigree. Give three (3) reasons why a pedigree is desirable. What is a leg and a Grand Champion Certificate?

7. Describe the components and scoring of cavy showmanship.

8. Describe three (3) benefits of learning cavy showmanship.

9. List the ingredients from a cavy pellet label and describe the need for at least three (3) of them.

10. Define line breeding, cross breeding, inbreeding and out crossing.

11. Keep a record of expenses incurred and include them in your notebook.

12. Include pictures of your cavies and any awards you may have accomplished.
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Cavy Educational Notebook #5

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Level Five (5) Cavy notebook options:

Option #1 - First year - complete 6 of the following items.
- Second year - complete the remaining 6 items.

Option #2 - First year - complete all of the following items 1 through 12.

* Remember, you must have completed all of notebook level four (4) before beginning this notebook.

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Year
Completed

1. Describe and tell the important characteristics of the final four (4) breeds of cavies.
   Include origin and breed standard. Total of thirteen (13) breeds.

2. Name the Agouti and Marked varieties of cavies.

3. Describe for each variety within a breed, what awards there are winners chosen for (example –
   Best Jr. Boar).

4. Describe your leadership activities in your club and with other cavy exhibitors.

5. Write a 300 word report on one of the following topics:
   a. Nutritional needs of cavies
   b. Diseases, prevention and treatments for cavies
   c. Care of the long haired cavy
   d. Show classes of cavies, including breed, variety, sex, etc.
   e. History of the cavy
   f. General cavy management

6. Compile a complete list of first-aid items to keep on hand for cavies.

7. List the requirements to have a cavy registered and list the advantages.

8. Describe the cause, symptoms, treatment and prevention of heat prostration in cavies.

9. Illustrate a class of four (4) cavies. Place them and show the differences and your reasons for
   placing them 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

10. Name the Tan Pattern varieties of the Tan American Cavy.

11. Keep a record of expenses incurred and include them in your notebook.

12. Include pictures of your cavies and any awards you may have accomplished.

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Pet / Mixed Breed Cavy Project Guidelines

PURPOSE: To give the single cavy owner, who keeps his/her cavy as a pet, an opportunity to show and exhibit their project at the fair and participate in the 4-H program.

JUDGING: The pet/mixed breed cavy will be judged on its own merit and not on the ARBA Standard of Perfection.

A mixed or purebred cavy is acceptable for the pet/mixed breed class.

The cavy will be judged on condition, cleanliness, appropriateness of size to the child and ease of handling. A pet/mixed breed cavy should be extremely gentle and easy to handle.

A notebook for the pet/mixed breed class is required when the cavy is checked in at the fair. This notebook shall follow the guidelines for this class and are available at the Extension Office. This notebook also accompanies the cavy to the show table.

Failure to turn in a completed notebook for the class at the show table disqualifies your entry. No awards or premiums.

The exhibitor CANNOT pre-register the pet/mixed breed cavy in this class then transfer to a breed class because he/she failed to compile a pet/mixed breed notebook.

REQUIREMENTS:
Exhibitors entering the pet/mixed breed cavy class are required to enter and participate in showmanship.

A pet/mixed breed cavy CANNOT be entered in a breed class. There is a separate class for those.

There is a limit of one (1) pet/mixed breed cavy per member. Exceptions must be brought before the Barry County 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Developmental Committee Executive Board.

The family CANNOT own or raise other cavies.

All cavies that will be entered in the pet/mixed breed class are required to be pre-registered by April 1. Pre-registration should be turned in at the Extension Office by APRIL 1.

All pet/mixed breed cavies must be ear tagged or tattooed in the left ear.

If showing a Pet/Mixed breed cavy you MUST do the Pet/Mixed Breed notebook. As of 2014, Pet/Mixed breed exhibitors are no longer required to do an additional educational notebook or poster.

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Your completed notebook MUST BE checked in at the time your cavy is checked in at the fair. BOTH the cavy and notebook are required to enter the Pet/Mixed Breed Cavy class at the fair. This notebook will be judged as a non-livestock project and must accompany the cavy to the judging table.

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   B. Title Page
   C. Table Of Contents and Notebook Guidelines
   D. Your 4-H Story – tell about your cavy project

Notebook must be in a 3-ring binder and all pages must be fastened within the covers. Loose-leaf books are not acceptable!

Members should hand write their own material until they can do their own typing. Exceptions should be brought before the Barry County 4-H Rabbit / Cavy Developmental Committee.

Members carrying the project for more than one year should add additional pages/materials to their notebook and all previous materials should be included. All previous comment cards should also be included. Ideas can be reviewed from the notebook guidelines for the general cavy project. It is up to the member to indicate the additional information so the judge will be able to give a fair evaluation. Suggestion: labeled page dividers.

A separate page should be used for each of the following:

   Title Page:   Include Name, Age, Years In 4-H, Years In Project Area, Club Name, Leader Name, and Date.

   Description of your cavy

   Photograph(s) of your cavy

   Drawings or photos of your cavy’s housing

   Your feed and management schedule (How you feed and care for your cavy.)

   Show the cost of feeding your cavy and tell how you finance it.

   Describe any health problems. How did you solve them?

   Other suggestions...include articles and photos of cavies, equipment or any area pertaining to cavies or related areas. You can also get ideas from the regular cavy notebook guidelines at the Extension Office.

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Any Other Cavy Educational Notebook

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You may prepare this notebook on any subject(s) dealing with cavies. This project is ideal for the very young 4-H’er or the older member who wishes to specialize.

Be sure to follow the General Notebook Guidelines, which are available from the Extension Office.

Good Luck and Have Fun!!
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Any Other Cavy Record Keeping Notebook

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The record keeping notebook class allows the 4-H'er to present a historical log of information on a particular aspect of their project area.

These guidelines are for other types of record keeping. Some possible ideas for this class might be (but are not limited to):

Show Records. A collection of remark cards, ribbons, pictures of your rabbit, shows attended, etc.

Pedigree Records for your animals.

Breeding/Production Records. Records showing the result of breeding specific animals. How successful was the breeding; number of pups, how many lived, how many died, results of additional breedings, etc.

Herd Improvement. These records would show your plan for improving your project area in some way. Examples might be increasing the number of animals per litter, increasing or decreasing the senior weight of your animals, or how you were able to get better animals (closer to the standard of perfection).

Management Records. A comprehensive record of the management practices you used while raising your project animal.

Use your imagination when designing and setting up your notebook and your records. Be sure to keep things neat and readable.

Notebooks must also conform to the General Notebook Guidelines. Enter a record keeping notebook under the Rabbit and Cavy Record Keeping & Meat Records section in the fair book. Any record-keeping notebook entered as an educational notebook will receive a lower award.

Good Luck and Have Fun!!!

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