

Sullivan County Clover buds!

Sullivan County Clover bud members must be youth who are five through eight years of age on or before January 1 of the club year and enrolled in kindergarten through second grade. Clover bud activities are non-competitive, educational, and promote friendly social interactions. We strive to provide an atmosphere that allows the child to grow and learn. At this young age, it is important to promote social interaction.

Safety is a vital consideration in the planning and execution of all Cornell Cooperative Extension programs. It is especially important when Clover buds are involved, because their age group is anxious to try new activities, learn, and prove their knowledge, but often lack skills to be safe. It becomes the role of the extension staff; 4-H leaders and volunteers to provide close supervision in environments which ensure children's well-being, and also allows them to realize their learning potential.

The purpose of animal science projects for young Clover buds is to provide educational experiences that inspire both an understanding of and a respect for animal life. These guidelines seek to optimize both the education of these children and their safety.

All animal Clover bud events are considered educational exhibits, not the showing of an animal or competition in a specific class. The Clover bud participant is expected to "show and tell" what they have learned about their animal projects.

Because of safety considerations and firm guidelines from our insurers, Clover buds working with large animals (Cattle, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep, & Swine) have additional rules. Clover buds working with large animals should always be in a one-on-one situation with an adult or older teen. Whenever a Clover bud is working with a large animal, **an adult must be in control of the animal at all times.** During "show and tell," this can be achieved with 2 lead lines, one for the Clover bud and one for the adult who is in control of the animal. In addition, when Clover buds are in the show ring, **only one Clover bud/adult/animal unit can be in the show ring at any time.**

Remember, it is up to us, as adults, to ensure that all Clover buds have a fun, exciting and—most of all—**safe** learning experience. **CLOVER BUD EXHIBITS**

1. Clover bud exhibits are not "judged," but are considered educational exhibits
2. Each Clover bud exhibitor must fill out a special Clover bud entry form, this form must be returned to the 4-H Office no later than June 1st.

3. All Exhibits will receive a special Clover bud ribbon!
4. Clover bud animal entries stay on fair grounds, with the exception of Pocket Pets, Dogs, and & Horses!

SECTION A - SMALL ANIMALS

(Pocket Pets, Dogs, Poultry, and Rabbits)

1. Clover buds may bring only one animal of each type (rabbit, pocket pet, etc.).
Fill out an entry form for each animal.
2. Animals must follow all health rules for respective species as found in the 4-H Fair Book. The 4-H Staff and Ag & Markets representative reserve the right to remove any animal for health or safety reasons.
3. Unless otherwise indicated, “show and tell” occurs at the beginning of the respective breed or obedience judging and costume class occurs on Sunday.

Class 1. “Show and Tell”

Clover buds should be prepared to discuss the following with the judge: animals name, age and breed, daily care and types of food, basic parts of the animal, and anything else learned as part of their Clover bud animal project.

Class 2. “Tell Me About It”

Clover bud does **not** bring animal to show and tell me about it, but instead shows a handmade poster (with pictures or drawings).
Clover bud should be prepared to discuss the topics listed in Class 1.
(Suggested for first year/shy clover buds).

Class 3. Costume Class

Small animal to be dressed in costume created by the Clover bud. Clover bud should be prepared to discuss the following with the Judge: why they picked the costume, how they made it, and why it was a good costume for their animal.

SECTION B - LARGE ANIMALS

(Cattle, Goats, Horses, Sheep & Swine)

4. Clover buds may bring only one animal of each type (goat, cow, etc.). Fill out an entry for each animal.
5. Each Clover bud and their animal are to be supervised by an adult or older teen (over 16) **at all times**.
6. In **all** classes, the animal must be controlled with 2 lead lines, **with the adult/older teen in control of the animal at all times**.
7. Clover buds will have swine “Show and Tell” in the Swine Area of the Barn.
8. Animals must follow health rules for respective species as found in the 4-H Fair Book. The 4-H Staff and Ag & Markets representative reserve the right to remove any animal for health or safety reasons.
9. Unless otherwise indicated, “show and tell” occurs at the beginning of the respective breed judging and costume class occurs on Sunday.
(NOTE: Horse show and tell will be during the horse show.)

Class 1. “Show and Tell”

Clover buds with the help of an adult or older teen brings animal into show ring and discusses animal with judge. Clover bud should be prepared to discuss the following topics with the judge: name, age and breed of animal, daily care and type of feed, basic parts of the animal, how it is used on the farm, etc. Swine will “show” in their pen.

Class 2. “Tell Me About It”

Clover bud does **not** bring animal to show and tell about it, but instead shows a handmade poster (with pictures or drawings). Clover bud should be prepared to discuss the topics listed in Class 1. (Suggested for first year/shy clover buds).

Class 3. Costume Class

Clover bud and animal dressed in matching costumes, adult/older teen may or may not be costumed. Clover bud should be prepared to discuss the following with the judge: why they picked the costume,