

# Clover Kids at the Fair

## Iowa 4-H Policy Regarding Clover Kids Members Working with Animals

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and Iowa 4-H Youth Development programs support safe, educational, and developmentally sound small animal activities for Clover Kids groups. Appropriate animals for this age group (K - 3rd grade) are pets and bucket bottle projects. Specifically excluded animals are swine, horses, beef (other than bucket bottle), and dairy (other than bucket bottle).

In fair settings, 4-H Clover Kids members who have engaged in a group activity may exhibit or showcase their work in a noncompetitive event or activity. **All Clover Kids animal exhibiting/showcasing opportunities must be cooperative and not competitive.** 4-H clover Kids are not eligible to receive premium funds as a result of exhibition. 4-H Clover Kids may receive participatory ribbons, but may not receive regular competitive purple, blue, red, or white 4-H fair/exhibit ribbons.

The physical and emotional safety of children is a prime consideration. Special procedures, such as joint leading and/or close proximity of adults need to be employed to promote and protect children's safety. In general, the handling of all animals requires discipline and motor skills that have yet to be fully developed in most K - 3rd grade children, and when coupled with animals' unpredictable behavior, does not provide optimal safe educational environments.

<b>2023 Clover Kid Livestock Schedule</b>				
	<b>PROJECTS MAY ARRIVE</b>	<b>CHECK-IN</b>	<b>SHOW</b>	<b>RELEASED</b>
<b>Static Showcase Exhibits</b>	Monday, July 15 at 12:30pm	Monday, July 15 at 12:30pm	Monday, July 15 from 1 PM—2PM	Sunday, July 21 from 8:00 PM—9 PM Monday, July 22 from 9 AM—10 AM
<b>Clover Kids—Animal Projects</b>	Sat., July 20 4:00 PM	Sat., July 20 4:30 PM	Sat, July 20 Following Pet show	Saturday, July 20 after the show

## Clover Kids Fair Static Showcase

1. Open to all children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade that are active Clover Kid members of Clarke County 4-H.
2. Clover kids will have the opportunity to discuss their static showcase items with a "judge"
3. There is no limit to the number of showcase items entered by a Clover Kid; however, all items must be made by the Clover Kid under adult supervision. Items may be made at home, in school, club meetings, at day care, or at camp.
4. Static Exhibits do not have to be entered online.
5. Judging for Clover Kids Static Showcase items will be from 1PM—2PM July 15th.
6. All showcase items will receive a participation ribbon; no premium money will be given for these items.
7. All showcase items will be on display at the Clarke County Fair until 8:00 PM -9:00 PM on Sunday, July 21 or Monday, July 22 at 9:00—10:00 AM. Items may be picked up at this time. Items not picked up at the fairgrounds will be discarded.
8. The Clarke County Extension Office and the Clarke County Fairboard will use diligence to ensure the safety of all items entered at the Clarke County Fair; however, we are not responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.
9. Static Showcase items may be in any of the following categories:
  - Class A: Animals** - Showcase items related to all species and types of animals. Example: Poster. The actual animal may not be brought to the fair.
  - Class B: Creative Arts** - Showcase items related to art, photography, and music.
  - Class C: Agriculture and Natural Resources** - Showcase items related to plants, agriculture, and the environment. Notice: Due to the risk of bringing live plants to

the county fair, you will be totally responsible for the care of your plant(s) while they are at the fair.

**Class D: Family and Consumer Science** - Showcase items related to food, clothing, or decorating. Sewn or home-crafted items can be included in this class.

**Class E: Personal Development** - Showcase items related to, or created by the child, such as stories, poems, etc.

**Class F: Science, Engineering, and Technology** - Showcase items related to science, engineering, technology, or items designed and built by the child, such as wood items.

**Class G: Other** - Showcase items not included under any of the above classes.

## **Clover Kids Pet Show**

Clover Kids will have the opportunity to show the audience their pet and tell a caring adult about their pet. All pets must come properly restrained or contained. Appropriate examples include on a leash or in a box, cage, or bowl. Livestock animals such as swine, horses, cattle (beef and dairy) are not to be shown in the Clover Kids Pet Show. All other animals must be less than 200 pounds in order to be shown. Clover Kids and pets must be supervised by an adult at all times. The adult is responsible for both the Clover Kid and pet. Cats and dogs must have a current rabies certificate.

See Pet Section of the 2024 Fair Book for more details.

### **Fair Entry Class Numbers 2024:**

**Pet 01: Rodent**

**02: Pet rabbit or Guinea Pig**

**03: Cats**

**04: Aquarium Pets**

**05: Pet Dogs**

**06: Caged Birds**

**07: Other Pets**

## Clover Kids Bottle-Bucket Shows

### Purposes:

- A. Design a developmentally appropriate livestock project to fit the physical and maturity level of young children in Kindergarten - 3rd grade.
- B. Introduce children to health, nutrition, and environmental needs of bottle bucket animals.
- C. Provide children opportunities to learn basic record keeping and communication skills.
- D. Nurture children's understanding of livestock animals.

### General Rules:

1. Bucket- bottle calves, bottle lambs or bottle goats will be judged on the member's knowledge of the animal and its management: a) What the exhibitor has learned about the care and raising of the animal. b) Youth needs to be able to have a short talk with the judge, regarding information about their animal, what they have learned, etc.
2. All calves, lambs or goats will be shown on a halter.

**A participation ribbon will be awarded to all exhibitors. No Entry fee. No premium money will be given.**

### Special Rules for Bottle-Bucket Lambs and Goats:

1. Class is open to any newborn or orphan male or female lamb or goat, born after January 1 of the current year.
2. Limit of one lamb or goat per exhibitor.
3. Lambs and goats will be shown together.
4. 4-H tags or your own tag can be used. Only tags with numbers will be accepted.
5. See Sheep/Goat Section of the 2024 Fair Book for more details

### Lamb Classes

- 01 Clover Kids Bottle Lamb
- 02 Clover Kids Lamb

### Goat Classes

- 01 Clover Kids Bottle Goat
- 02 Clover Kids Goat

### Special Rules for Bottle-Bucket Calves:

1. Any newborn or orphaned calf - steer, bull or heifer - dairy or beef - purebred or crossbred - calved after January 1st of the current year. Male calf may remain a bull.
2. Limit of one calf per exhibitor.

3. 4-H tags or your own tag can be used. Only tags with numbers will be accepted
4. See Beef Section of the 2024 Fair Book for more details about the Bottle Calf Class

### Bottle/ Bucket Calf Classes

#### 01 Clover Kids Bottle/ Bucket Calf

Fair events are quickly approaching we wanted to make you aware of the events you and your child can be a part of. Clover Kids members are eligible to participate in developmentally age-appropriate opportunities at local county fairs. Examples of age appropriate Clover Kids opportunities and guidelines are included in this document.

Clover kids must follow identification and entering process like older 4-H members, but there is no entry fee.

There are some VERY important deadlines approaching:

1. Animals must be identified in 4-H Online by July 1.  
Visit <https://ia.4honline.com> to identify your animal.
2. Animals must be entered in FairEntry by July 1st  
Visit <http://ClarkeCountyFair-Iowa.fairentry.com> to enter your animals.

This letter is intended to help 4-H Families understand county fair and to give them some insight on the processes and procedures. This is in no way a substitution for the Clarke County Fair 4-H & FFA Rule Booklet or Open Fair book. Please refer to the fair book for all information on rules & regulations of the county fair, as well as department-specific guidelines and classes.

More resources and the Clarke County Fair Book can be found on our website under the 4-H or Fair Tab.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Clarke County Extension Office at (641) 342-3316 or [clarke4h@iastate.edu](mailto:clarke4h@iastate.edu).