



ADAMS COUNTY

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

Project Tips - *Cavy*

Important Dates

February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment deadline

April 1:

Animal Care (Primary Care) Form Due

4-H Enrollment Deadline

(New Members)

June 1:

Animal ID due on 4hOnline

Mid June:

Record Book Interviews

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

Early August:

Adams County Fair

September:

Record Books Due

(Friday before Labor Day)

Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

\$

1. Do you have a Guinea Pig?
2. Is this your first animal project?
3. Can you care for a small animal year-round?

Project Timeline



About the Project

- Did you know that a cavy is what we commonly know as a guinea pig? In the cavy project, you can learn about selection and raising your animals, but also dive into health issues, management practices, and careers!
- Learn the basic principles of animal science by owning, caring for, and keeping records on one or more head of cavies.
- Explore knowledge of sound breeding, feeding, and management practices.
- Learn about the important breeds and varieties of cavies and their characteristics.
- Investigate marketing, project expansion, and how you can start a cavy business.

Project Requirements

Cavy Project members who intend to exhibit their animal(s) at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:

1. Enroll in the Cavy Project by the enrollment deadline.
2. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form on 4HOnline by deadline.
3. ID all animals in 4hOnline by June 1 deadline (project cavy must be owned by ID deadline)
4. Attend Animal Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
5. Enter fair classes online by deadline.
6. Complete and turn in the Companion Animal E-Record by the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4-H Online

1. 4-H members are required to enter their animals in the 4-H Online enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All cavy project animals must be entered in the 4-H Online system no later than June 1st of the current project year.
3. Cavy Project Members will enter their animals under the 'Small Pet' tab, select 'Other' under 'animal type'.
4. It is highly recommended any and all animals with the potential of attending Fair have ID in 4hOnline. If an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.



Resources

- *Cavy Resource Handbook* - OSU - <https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/cavy-resource-handbook-a-4-h-guide-to-guinea-pigs/>
- *Adams County Fair Premium Book* - www.adamscountyextension.org
- *ARBA Standard of Perfection*: <https://www.arba.net/store/store.php>
- *4-H Project Leader*
- *Adams County Extension Staff*
- *Adams County Fair Cavy Superintendent*

Stay up to date!

News/Events/Social Media Posts
adams.colostate.edu/4h/news.htm

Record Book

Cavy Project Members complete the Companions Animal E-Record. Available at:
<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects/e-records/>

Also use the breeding supplement and pedigree available on the Adams County 4-H Website.

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Small Pet

Animal Name:

Breed:

Colors And Markings:

Birthdate:

Owned Or Leased:

Purchased Or Leased Date:

Animal Uploads

Small Pet (Photo) (Image/PDF files)	Small Pet (Vaccination F) (Image/PDF files)
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Required Information for Cavy Project Animals:

Breed - 'Other' (Enter Cavy, on the next line)

Animal Name

Select Purchased or Leased

Date Acquired

Photo

Optional Information for Cavy Project Animals:

Birthdate

Vet Record

Color + Markings