

4-H Cavy Advancement Program

STEP ONE CHECK LIST

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This is the first step in the 4-H Cavy Advancement Program. When you have completed ten skill options and three personal development options, you qualify to complete Step 1. You can take up to two years to complete this Step.

Skill Options	Date Passed	Approved By
1. Identify, describe, and tell the important characteristics of three breeds of cavies.		
2. Name, point out, and spell the following parts: shoulders, buck, rump, hip, nose, crown, chest, toes, and teeth.		
3. Describe the following undesirable characteristics of cavies: pointy head, excessive flab, pear-shaped body, flat crown, buck teeth, and broken teeth.		
4. Describe the following: registered, pure-bred, crossbred, parasite, pedigree, and wean.		
5. Explain what feeds are important for cavies. What fresh vegetables should you not give cavies? Why?		
6. Demonstrate that you are willing to provide fresh water, feed, vitamin C, and daily care for your cavy.		
7. Keep a record of your cavy project including expenses and income.		
8. Describe a suitable cage for your cavy and how to set it up for use.		
9. Describe what you might do for your cavy's protection during extremely hot or cold weather.		
10. What does a baby cavy look like and act like when it is first born?		
11. Show and tell how to lift, hold, and carry a cavy.		
12. Make a report of your breed of cavy.		
Personal Development Options (back side of this page)		
1.		
2.		
3.		

_____ is qualified and has completed all requirements
 Name of 4-H Member _____ Age _____
 for Step 1 of the Cavy Advancement Program on ____/____/____.
 Date _____
 Approved by _____
 Club Leader _____

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS
(Choose a different option each time)

I. GENERAL 4-H

- A. Lead the *Pledge of Allegiance* and *4-H Pledge* at a 4-H meeting.
- B. Lead a song or game at a 4-H meeting.
- C. Preside at a meeting of your 4-H club.
- D. *Write a news story for a local paper.
- E. *Participate in a radio or television program.
- F. *Present a demonstration or illustrated talk to your club.
- G. *Present a demonstration or illustrated talk to a group other than your 4-H club.
- H. *Serve as a host for a 4-H meeting. See that everyone is welcomed and made comfortable.
- I. *Participate in a Community Service Project.
- J. *Serve as chair of a club committee.
- K. *Participate in a judging contest.
- L. *Serve as a Junior or Teen leader.
- M. *Attend 4-H camp or serve as a camp counselor.
- N. *Develop and exhibit a science display which is related to cavy.
- O. *Make arrangements for a tour by your club.
- P. *Arrange for a film to shown at your club meeting.
- Q. *Secure a speaker to talk at your club meeting.
- R. *Complete your 4-H records.
- S. *Get new members for your club.
- T. *Develop some of your own options with your leader's approval.

II. CAVY 4-H

- A. Serve as a superintendent, assistant superintendent, table superintendent, clerk, or show secretary at a cavy show.
- B. *Help prepare and work with your club leader on a cavy demonstration for your club.
- C. **Work with some younger members of the club in improving or constructing cages or cavy equipment .
- D. **Teach cavy showmanship to 4-H members .
- E. **Participate in a cavy show other than one at your county fair.
- F. Do a cavy presentation at your local 4-H fair.
- G. Share your cavy with a person who cannot have one, i.e., a young friend, and older shut-in, etc.

*These options may be repeated for credit in different steps.

**These options are for older members, or for younger 4-H members with their leaders' approval.

REFERENCE MATERIAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

ARBA Standard

ARBA Official Guide Book, "Raising Better Rabbits & Cavies". American Rabbit Breeders Association, P.O. Box 426, Bloomington, IL 61702, phone (309) 664-7500, e-mail ARBAPOST@aol.com, web site www.arba.net.

WSU 4-H Cavy Project Leaders Guide (with addendums for the Idaho State 4-H Program)

"Your Guinea Pig", Storey Publishing, ISBN 0-88266-889-7.

ACBA Guide Book. American Cavy Breeders Association, Lenore Gergen, 16540 Hogan Avenue, Hastings, MN 55033, phone (651) 283-0202, e-mail McCavy@aol.com