

# 4-H Cavy Advancement Program

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## STEP THREE CHECK LIST

This is the third step in the 4-H Cavy Advancement Program. When you have completed eight skill options and four personal development options, you qualify to complete Step 3. You can take up to two years to complete this Step.

Skill Options	Date Passed	Approved By
1. Keep a sow production record through at least three litters.		
2. Explain breeding, heat period, conception, gestation, and parturition.		
3. Explain why cavies need fresh vitamin C, and how much they need daily. Name at least five different sources of vitamin C for cavies. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of each source.		
4. What are several measures you can take to avoid problems in pregnancy and birth?		
5. What is the difference between fur and hair?		
6. Invite and introduce a guest speaker to one of your club meetings - a local cavy breeder, a feed dealer, a judge, a veterinarian, etc.		
7. Explain or describe three more diseases of cavies and their treatment.		
8. Describe fully "type" in a cavy.		
9. What are "angel wings"? Where and how do they show up?		
10. What is "condition" in a cavy? Tell what measures you can take to improve it in your cavies.		
11. Cavies belong to the order Rodentia (rodents). Draw a picture or write a report on the cavy's relationship to it's rodent relatives.		
<b>Personal Development Options (back side of this page)</b>		
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

\_\_\_\_\_ is qualified and has completed all requirements  
 Name of 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 for Step 3 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](mailto:ARBAPOST@aol.com), web site [www.arba.net](http://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](mailto:McCavy@aol.com), web site [www.acbaonline.com](http://www.acbaonline.com).