

# 4-H Cavy Advancement Program

## STEP FOUR CHECK LIST

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

Skill Options	Date Passed	Approved By
1. Do a demonstration at your club on how to prepare and enter a cavy at an ACBA Open Show.		
2. Attend, and if possible, enter your cavy in an ACBA Open Show.		
3. Name and explain three characteristics or conditions of cavies due to inheritance and three due to environment (feed/management).		
4. Make a bibliography of your cavy library. Add names and address of local and national cavy support groups to it.		
5. What are the symptoms of toxemia? What is toxemia and what causes it? How is it prevented?		
6. Give three examples of breed characteristics that are genetically dominant. Give three that are recessive.		
7. Report to your club on the uses of cavies in laboratory work.		
8. Explain Mendel's Basic Law of Genetics using diagrams.		
9. Keep a one- or two-year written and pictorial record of your cavy's development. A monthly diary is encouraged.		
10. Explain the range of colors in cavies due to genetic dominance. Explain "dilution" of color and give examples.		
11. Ear tag a cavy.		
12. Do a report on the marketing of cavies. Include financial reports.		
13. Serve as Teen Leader at the county level.		
14. Design an educational game.		
<b>Personal Development Options (back side of this page)</b>		
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\_\_\_\_\_ is qualified and has completed all requirements for  
 Name of 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Step 4 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).