

# 4-H Cavy Advancement Program

## STEP FIVE CHECK LIST

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This is the fifth step in the 4-H Cavy Advancement Program. When you have completed five skill options and eight personal development options, you qualify to complete Step 5. You can take up to two years to complete this Step.

Skill Options	Date Passed	Approved By
1. Learn how to register a cavy. Explain the advantages of belonging to the ACBA and ARBA.		
2. Do a report on the breeding of cavies with lethal genetic factors, and talk about the potential outcomes.		
3. Select a breed or variety of cavy that requires precise or preferred markings for ACBA showing. Keep accurate written and pictorial records on the breeding stock for three generations as to their markings.		
4. Make a written and pictorial account of your cavy's strengths and weaknesses. Choose a mate for your cavy whose strengths may genetically offset the weaknesses of your cavy. Record the results of their breeding in at least two litters. Compare and contrast the two litters.		
5. Select three different brands of feed for three groups of cavies for a specific period of time (i.e. three months). Keep records of the weight and condition of flesh, hair, eyes, etc., of each cavy. Keep notes of your observations as to activity and general health during this program.		
6. Study, prepare a paper (300 words or more), and give an oral report on one or more of the following topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The results of options 2, 3, 4, and/or 5.</li> <li>b. General management of cavies.</li> <li>c. Genetics involved in breeding cavies.</li> <li>d. Breeding, pregnancy, and kindling.</li> <li>e. Cavy diseases, prevention and control, general sanitation.</li> <li>f. The kinds of bedding available, advantages &amp; disadvantages of each.</li> <li>g. Keeping and using records as a basis for improving your 4-H Cavy project.</li> </ol>		
7. Work on a developing breed or variety. Keep written and pictorial records on at least three generations.		
8. Breed a litter specifically for sale. Record your marketing techniques and actual disposition of the litter. Include financial records		
9. Complete a cavy breeder project.		
10. Report on how a new breed or variety can be recognized.		
11. Do a research report on breeds or varieties under development and include the working standard and history.		
<b>Personal Development Options (back side of this page)</b>		
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Name of 4-H Member _____ the Cavy Advancement Program on _____ / _____ / _____. Date	_____ is qualified and has completed all requirements for Step 5 of Approved by _____ Club Leader
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## 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).