

41st ANNUAL MASSACHUSETTS 4-H RABBIT & CAVY WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 21st, 2023

Registration – 9:00am-9:45am Workshops 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Smith Vocational Agricultural High School

80 Locust Street, Northampton, MA



Welcome to our 41st Annual Massachusetts 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop. We will be back in-person this year and our committee will be offering some new workshops. Some workshops have a limit to the number who may participate. Preference will be given based on the arrival of your registration form. You will not send in your payment but will pay the day of the event. The 4-H registration fee is eight dollars (\$8.00) per person for the day.

To register - Deadline – January 13, 2023. Please make check payable to “**MA 4-H Rabbit Advisory Committee**” hand-in on the day of the event at the registration table. No telephone registrations. Remember that youth **do not** bring their rabbits with them. **Register at** <https://forms.gle/QTsVgtb92BesGXaD8>

Participants should bring a bagged lunch.

Raffle: There will be a raffle to help defray the costs of conducting this program. Each family is asked to bring a donation for the raffle (rabbit related or other). **No live animals can be used for raffle.**

4-H Items: Tshirts will be available for sale.

NO SALE OF ANIMALS IS ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING. ONLY RABBITS BEING USED IN A WORKSHOP ARE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING.

If we have to cancel due to a winter storm, we will email all participants and post on our MA 4-H Program FB page.

If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Chickering-Sears at ccsears@umext.umass.edu or phone (413)-522-5210



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WORKSHOP SELECTIONS

Following each workshop description there will be an abbreviation that indicates the level the workshop is suitable for. Level: **B** = beginners, **I** = intermediates, **T** = teens and adults, **A** = suitable for all levels

Workshops for Session 1, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Class	Workshop	Description	Presenter(s)	Level
A	Beginning Handling & Showmanship	Learn Basic showmanship skills	Vincent Consiglio	B
B	Backyard Rabbits	Learn about the basic care of backyard rabbits	Michelle Lee	A
C	Rabbit Diseases	Learn about common rabbit diseases, how to prevent them and how to spot them and when to call a vet.	Margaret Delano, DVM	I & T
D	Cavy Breeds/Management	Learn about the Cavy breeds and their management	Jennifer Barbaro	A
E	National ARBA Opportunities	How you can get involved at ARBA nationals	Jennifer & Zachary Ortman	I & T
F	Rabbit Conditioning	Learn the do's and don'ts of rabbit conditioning	Juan Perez	I & T
G	Meet the Flemish & Checkered Giants Breeds	Learn about these popular breeds of rabbits	Elizabeth Barrett	A

Workshops for Session 2, 11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Class	Workshop	Description	Presenter(s)	Level
A	Showmanship– Intermediate to Advanced	Tips on how you can improve your showmanship skills	Jennifer & Zachary Ortman	I & T
B	Rabbit Judging	Learn how to evaluate rabbits	Vincent Consiglio & Elizabeth Barrett	A
C	Rabbits & Social Media	Explore the history of the rabbit and how rabbits appear in social media	Juan Perez	A
D	Cavy Judging	Learn how to evaluate cavies	Jennifer Barbaro	A
E	Therapy Rabbits	Learn how you can get your rabbit involved in this program	Diane Mas	I & T
F	Caring for a Special Needs or Elderly Rabbit	How to care for your rabbit when it gets older and what steps you can take to give it a long and healthy life	Erika Hamilton	I & T
G	The Lionhead Breed	Learn about Lionheads. A growing breed	Amylynn McDevitt	A

Workshops for Session 3, 12:30 p.m.– 1:20 p.m.

Class	Workshop	Description	Presenter(s)	Level
A	Picture Perfect	Learn how to take photos of your rabbits	Michelle Lee	A
B	First Aid	First 20 youth registered will receive a kit	Leslie Ardison	A
C	Rabbit Skillathon	Learn how to run a skillathon	Erika Hamilton	A
D	The Art of Spinning & Angoras	Explore spinning angora wool	Jackie Korzeniowski	A
E	Rabbit Toys	Make and take rabbit toys	Diane Mas	A
F	Cavy Racing Agility	Intro to cavy agility. Free	Elaine Pelizzari &	A

		building plans & outreach activities	Litchfield 4-H Cavy Club	
G	Tools of the Trade	Must have tools if you own rabbits	Elizabeth Barrett	A

Workshops for Session 4, 1:30 p.m. -2:20 p.m.

Class	Workshop	Description	Presenter(s)	Level
A	Feeding & Nutrition	Tips on proper feeding & nutrition	Vincent Consiglio	A
B	First Aid	First 20 youth registered will receive a kit	Leslie Ardison	A
C	Rabbit General Care	How to give your rabbit the best care possible	Elizabeth Barrett	A
D	Anatomy & Physiology	Explore how the rabbit's system works	Erika Hamilton	I & T
E	Rabbit Palpation	Learn to how to palpate your rabbit to see if she is pregnant	Jennifer Barbaro	I & T
F	Rabbit Bowl	Fun game to test your rabbit knowledge	Carrie Sears	A
G	Cavy Diseases	Explore Cavy diseases	Margaret Delano, DVM	A

Directions to Smith Vocational High School

From the North: Take I-91 South, take exit 20, then bear right at the lights onto Bridge Road, bear left onto Hatfield Road, bear left onto Rt. 9 Locust Street, Smith School is on the right, turn into drive and watch for signage.

From the South: Take I-91 North, take exit 19, at lights go straight onto Damon Road, stay straight though lights onto Bridge Road, bear left onto Hatfield Road, bear left onto Rt. 9 Locust Street, Smith School is on the right, turn into drive and watch for signage.

From the East/West: MA Pike I-90, Exit 4 Holyoke and take I-91 North and follow directions above.