

**Park County Livestock Committee
Catch-An-Animal
Program Rules 2025-2026**



**ITEMS TO BE AWARE OF IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE
PROJECT**

- 1. A MANDATORY ORIENTATION MEETING WITH AT LEAST ONE PARENT** on **OCTOBER(20th) 6 PM** at the Shawnee Community Center (57 County Rd 64, Shawnee, CO 80475). The project rules will be reviewed with both the child and parent(s).
- A lot of hard work and cooperation will be needed by both the 4-H'er and their parents to complete this project. Contestants must be able to provide transportation for their project animals. Please be sure to take this into consideration when making the decision to participate in the program.
- The catch animals will compete in one class – in a Catch-An-Animal Class. (Not in the regular 4-H market animal projects in their weight division) and will be eligible to be shown for overall Champion. They will sell in their prospective sale order. To maintain the program, 10% of the gross selling price for each catch animal will be retained from the exhibitor's check.

**IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL – PLEASE TAKE THE
FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS INTO CONSIDERATION:**

- Prepare a place for your animal: A secure pen making sure your animal will stay inside and unwanted animals will stay out, with shelter from all elements of weather. You must include a place to store feed and supplies you will need for the project.
- Park County Livestock Committee (PCLC) Schedule inspection dates: The 4-H member will need to contact one of the following PCLC members:

John Woodward 303-241-9638	Beef
Steve Benninghoven 303-903-2863	Beef
Jamie Manuelito 303-718-2014	Swine
April Myers 720-670-7134	Swine
Tara Zuber 719-839-0333	Goats & Lambs
Deb Wagler 775-721-0355	Goats & Lambs
Adam Shirley 303-947-3904	Any species

Contact to schedule before the dates listed in the species special rules section or on the Catch-An-Animal Calendar to schedule pen inspections. The inspection will be made by the end of each listed month. An animal shall not be moved to another facility unless the Livestock Committee is notified, and an inspection of the new facility is made). Approval of the pen inspection must be completed at least two weeks prior to the arrival of the animal. If the pen is found to be unacceptable and alternate arrangements cannot be made, the animal will be awarded to an alternate contestant whose name is drawn from a pool of all other contest entrants.

3. Sponsor relations: The 4-H member will prepare a monthly letter telling the sponsor how the animal is doing and any other information the 4-Her would like to include about their project (examples: animal's name, what you're learning about your animal, what has been hard, what has been fun, what you enjoy doing with your animal, it's weight, what you're feeding it, pictures with your animal, etc). **All letters should be handwritten and a minimum of 100 words in length.** Letters must be postmarked by the end of each month. The sponsor will receive at least one letter per month from the date you receive your species until after you have finished your project in July. After you have written your letter please make sure and do the following **EVERY MONTH:**

1. Make 2 copies of the letter and mail one copy to the Park County Livestock Committee (PCLC P.O. Box 1215 Bailey, CO 80421)
2. Put the 2nd copy in a folder and keep it for your record book to turn in at the end of the project.
3. Mail Original copy to your Sponsor

NOTE: YOUR LAST SPONSORSHIP LETTER WILL BE COMPLETED AFTER FAIR, SHARING THE RESULTS OF FAIR WITH YOUR SPONSOR(S). THIS LETTER MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THE END OF JULY AND BE A MINIMUM OF 100 WORDS. YOUR AUCTION CHECK WILL BE ISSUED TO YOU AFTER PCLC RECEIVES THEIR COPY AND RECORD BOOKS ARE TURNED INTO YOUR CLUB LEADER BY THE FIRST MONDAY OF AUGUST.

4. The following deductions will be made from the sale price of the animal as required:

- 5% Auction Sale Fee
- 10% Catch an Animal Sale Fee
- 10% Not making minimum weight at Fair weigh in
- 5% for **EACH** letter not sent on time (must be postmarked by the last day of the month)
- 5% for **EACH** inspection not called for on time
- 5% for **EACH** letter that does not have a minimum of at least 100 words

5. Club attendance, Record book and Marketing Preparation: To be eligible to sell at the Park County Fair Livestock Auction, **members must attend a minimum of six of their 4-H Club's community business meetings.** Members may make up missed meetings at any Park County chartered 4-H Community Club business meeting. **Newly registered members who are not beef project members, must attend a minimum of four meetings.** Club leaders are required to submit their attendance records by the second week of the following month to the Secretary of the Livestock Committee. The attendance records must be signed by the recognized 4-H Club Community Leader. The record book must be reviewed by their leader prior to the fair for progress prior to the fair to be eligible for showing and/or selling at the Park County Livestock

Sale. The record book must be completed and turned into the leader prior to picking up their sale check. Record books are due the First Monday of August.

6. The 4-H member must supply the PCLC with a minimum of two buyers registration forms for their species by **May 9th**.

7. In the event an animal has to be removed from the 4-H members possession due to a neglect and/or health issue and it is able to be sold (no vaccine withdrawal period, etc.) the case must be reviewed by the PCLC. The committee will request a written explanation of the issue, corrective actions taken, veterinarian contact information, etc. from the 4-H member/parent. Based on this information, the Committee will determine how the funds will be distributed based on a review of the health issue, length of time into the project, funds invested in feed, etc. and the 4-H'ers effort to prevent and/or correct the health issue.

8. The PCLC reserves the right to request their veterinarian to perform a health check and treatment on any Catch an Animal at any time a health concern is found. Depending upon the diagnosis by the vet, the billing will either be paid by the Livestock Committee or if the vet check determines an illness that is customarily covered by the producer, the vet check and treatment will be the responsibility of the 4-H member for payment.

9. All bill of sale documentation involving catch animals will be made out in the name of and retained by the PCLC.

10. All decisions by the PCLC will be final.

2025-2026 GENERAL RULES

1. Any 4-H member who wishes to compete in the contest must submit a Release from Responsibility & Assumption of Risk and Waiver form to the PCLC prior to the contest. The release must be signed by the parent. The Park County Livestock Committee and/or Park County Fair will not be responsible for any accidents connected with this event or the ownership of the animals

2. After a 4-Her has successfully caught one animal in the Park County Catch-An-Animal contest; he or she will not be eligible to enter the Catch-An-Animal of the same species again in Park County.

3. All contestants will carry halters, no lariat ropes allowed. A ten foot lead rope may also be attached to the halter, but may not be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the lamb in the usual manner. While a contestant has a hold of a lamb in any manner, those without a lamb may not touch the animal. If the lamb gets away from the contestant before it is led across the finish line, it is considered loose and anyone may try to catch it. If a lamb gets loose with a halter on it, that halter must be removed by the new contestant who catches it and their own halter shall be placed on the lamb.

4. Any 4-H member/contestant who catches an animal and does not complete the project, nor lives up to the signed contract for the program will forfeit the animal to the PCLC, including all money invested in feed and the money derived from the sale of the animal shall be used to purchase an animal the following year to be donated in the original donor's name.

5. If the participant moves out of the county before the project is completed, he or she must buy the animal at published market price plus 20% (price based on the weight and market price at the time the contestant received the animal from the donor).

6. The Park County Livestock Committee reserves the right to change and/or amend the rules as deemed necessary

Special Rules for Catch a Calf:

1. In order to compete in the contest, the child must be a member in good standing with a Park County 4-H club. Youth and parent(s) must be present prior to the contest to review the contest rules with the Park County Livestock Committee (PCLC) coordinator.
2. Contestants must have reached the age of Eleven years, by December 31st of the current fair year and have the written consent of their parents. Contestants that will be too old for 4-H participation in the coming year will not be eligible to enter the contest.
3. Contestants must have successfully completed a prior market animal project (lamb or swine, goat, market beef or breeding heifer).
4. Pen inspections for Catch a Calf animals must be scheduled 2 weeks prior to animal arrival for initial pen inspection.

***Initial pen inspection should be scheduled by October 10th(Contact John Woodward)**

Progress pen inspections must be scheduled prior to the dates listed below(once you have received your steer):

- By December 15th for a progress inspection.
- By February 15th for a progress inspection.
- By April 15th for a progress inspection.
- By June 15th for a progress inspection.

For each progress inspection date missed an additional 5% penalty will be taken out on the final sale check to the 4-H member.

After passing the initial pen inspection and attending the mandatory October orientation meeting, you will be contacted by a Livestock Committee member to make arrangements to pick up your animal. At that time, you will get the name and address of your sponsor for your letters. It is your responsibility to be able to pick up and transport your animal.

At any time, your facility can be subject to an unscheduled inspection by the Livestock Committee.

**Contestants need to be aware of the expense involved in the market beef project. In order to complete your project, the typical costs for feed, etc. are estimated to over \$2000. Additional expenses may be required if show equipment, grooming products, etc. are needed to participate in the fair. All costs of raising and feeding animals will be the responsibility of the successful participant and are subject to market changes.

Special Rules for Catch a Goat/ Swine / Lamb

1. In order to compete in the contest, the child must be a member in good standing with a Park County 4-H club/must be a member in good standing by the October Livestock Committee Meeting. Youth and parent(s) must be present prior to the contest to review the contest rules with the Park County Livestock Committee (PCLC) coordinator.
2. Contestants must have reached the age of eight years, on December 31 of the current fair year and have the written consent of their parents. Entrants that will be too old for 4-H participation in the coming year will not be eligible to enter the contest.

3. Pen inspections for Catch a Goat/Swine/Lamb animals must be scheduled two weeks prior to animal arrival for initial pen inspection.

Progress pen inspections must be scheduled prior to the dates listed below:

- By May 15th for a progress inspection.
- By June 15th for a progress inspection.

For each progress inspection date missed an additional 5% penalty will be assessed on the final sale check to the 4-H member.

After attending the mandatory October orientation meeting and passing the initial pen inspection, you will be contacted by a Livestock Committee Member to make arrangements to pick up your animal. At that time, you will get the name and address of your sponsor for your letters. It is your responsibility to be able to pick up and transport your animal.

At any time, your facility can be subject to an unscheduled inspection by the Livestock Committee.

****Contestants need to be aware of the expense involved in the market project. In order to complete your project, the typical costs for feed, etc. are estimated to be over \$600 for the lamb or goat project and over \$800 for the swine project. Additional expenses may be required if show equipment, grooming products, etc. are needed to participate in the fair. All costs of raising and feeding animals will be the responsibility of the successful participant and are subject to market changes.**

Please contact the Livestock Committee members if you have any questions on rules, animal health, animal environment, dates, times, or if you need help with your animal in general. Let's make this a great project and have fun while doing so!

Thank you for your interest in and support of the Catch an Animal Project!

~ Park County Livestock Committee

**** For any Catch an Animal Questions please feel free to contact any of the members of the Park County Livestock Committee****

**** Are you interested in being a Catch an Animal Sponsor? Contact any of the Committee Members to find out how you can be a part of this educational and and beneficial program**