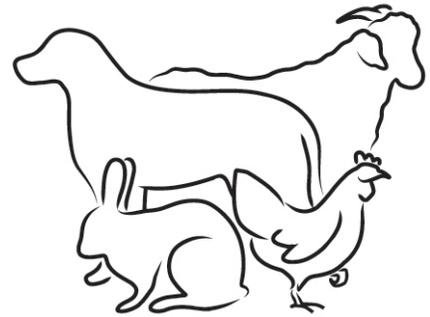
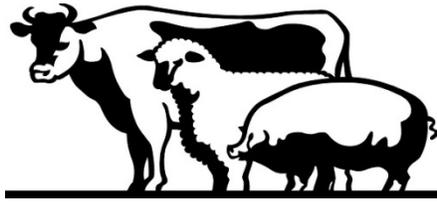


Boulder County Round Robin Competition



What is a Round Robin?

This is contest between the top showmen of a set of species to see who can show all of the species correctly. Small Animal includes Dog, Fiber Goat, Poultry and Rabbit. Large Animal includes Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Horse, Market Goat, Sheep, and Swine. The purpose of the round robin competition is to promote an understanding and recognition of all these different species' divisions as well as to encourage interaction and friendly competition among our animal showmen.

How will the contest go?

Round Robin Contestants must **check-in at the indoor arena show office a half hour before the competition starts**. Exhibitors will then receive their exhibitor number and directions for the contest.

Contestants will compete by age group (**Senior, Intermediate, Junior**). These 6 or 7 contestants will rotate through all "species stations" and demonstrate their knowledge and showmanship skills to the judge at each station. Animals at each station will have a number. Before the contest, each contestant will draw a number determining which animal they show at each station.

Each rotation will be made up of **10 minutes of judging** at that station and **1 - 3 minutes to rotate** to the next station.

How do I sign up?

A sign-up sheet will be presented to winners after each species' showmanship show. Champion and Reserve Champion showmanship winners get first choice to enter the round robin contest and must decide immediately whether they will enter or not. If either declines to enter, then a substitution will be made according to Showmanship placing in the species division.

What do I wear?

Contestants are required to wear a **plain WHITE long-sleeved, button-up shirt with BLUE jeans and closed-toed shoes**. Everything should be clean and nice. No holes, tears or stains. No hats may be worn during the contest. Contestants with long hair should pull it back neatly.

How will the round robin be judged and scored?

Each judge will have 10 min to run the class and determine a **score for each contestant from 1 to 20**. The judge will mark a score card for each contestant circling the number for the score that contestant

receives. There is a small spot for comments and the score cards will be posted after awards are given out.

The scores for each species will be totaled for each contestant and a champion and reserve champion will be designated under each age division.

Ties will be broken by dropping the score of the species they entered in. Then the next highest score will be dropped until the tie is broken.

What about awards?

Both Small and Large Animal Round Robin awards will be announced at **1:00 PM prior to the livestock sale on Saturday, Aug. 10 in the Indoor Arena**. The top two Large Animal Round Robin winners in each age division will receive a belt buckle **sponsored by American Ag Credit**.

The top two Small Animal Round Robin winners will receive a medium weight jacket **sponsored by Connie Bruce**. After the awards announcement, the winners need to stick around and choose the size and color they want so the jackets can be ordered that day. Families will be notified when the finished jackets arrive (in about 4 to 6 weeks) and can pick them up from the Extension office (M-F 8 to 4:30).

These awards are made available by our sponsors, **American Ag Credit** and **Connie Bruce**. Please personally thank them if you have the opportunity!!

After the contest, what are my responsibilities?

- ✓ Collect your animal, if you provided one, and attend the awards program.
- ✓ If you are a Small Animal Round Robin winner, make sure you let the Extension Agent know your jacket size and color choice.
- ✓ Everyone will be able to view the scores and score cards after the award program.
- ✓ **Don't forget to thank your superintendents for working hard to organize this event!**

Can I watch the Round Robin contest?

Absolutely! Everyone is invited to come see some of our great showman compete for the title Best Animal Showmen of Boulder County. Please keep in mind that **NO COACHING** is allowed at any time during the contest. Any contestant being coached will receive a zero score for the species being shown at the time of the illegal coaching incident. Out of the best interest of the contestant please keep all comments to yourself until after the contest has been completed.

How can I find out more information?

- **Check out the online resources** at *Boulder4H.org* by clicking on *Round Robin*. (Print outs of resources are given by request to the Extension office.)
- **Attend the showmanship contests** for each species. See the fair schedule for times.

- **Work with other 4-H members** from the other species.
- If you still need more assistance, you can contact the superintendent for the species you wish to learn more about.