



Hare Raisers

The Hare Raisers 4-H Rabbit Club has been going strong since 1993!

When the Club Meets: The club meets on Thursdays.

Advisors: Marcia Reilly, Kattie Reilly, Linda Schreckengost

Main Club Project: Breeding Rabbits; Market Rabbit; Pet Rabbit.

Members are encouraged to grow into compassionate owners of a rabbit breed of their choice through hands-on education in rabbit breeding, showmanship, and marketing. Although some members may not become a rabbit breeder, advisors stress learning the aspects of breeding should the member decide to do so later in their 4-H career or as an adult. Those taking part in a market project are expected to attend additional meetings held on the 2nd Thursday of each month by the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale Committee. The member and their family are responsible for all requirements of the project and Jr. Fair. Club members are encouraged to participate in American Rabbit Breeder Association shows and to apply for membership in the organization and in other state rabbit breed clubs. Information pertaining to the shows is provided during the meetings throughout the year. Members have participated and placed in the Ohio State Rabbit Breeders Royalty Contest; the Ohio State Junior Fair, and National American Rabbit Breeder Association Shows.

Other Club Activities: The Hare Raisers are big on Community Service! At the club's annual Christmas-time party, the club undertakes several community service projects such as "Cookie Mix Gift Bags" for the Hunger Task Force providing a Geauga needy family a Christmas bag containing a sealed cookie mix, sprinkles, icing, and cookie cutter, so that they may enjoy the happiness of making Christmas cookies together as a family; Christmas food baskets with warm clothing and needs to senior residents of the county through club donations to Care Corp Home Health & Hospice; donations to the Geauga County dog shelter; a monetary donation to the "Good Samaritan's Fund" which provides veterinary care to unfortunate animals via Burton Veterinary Clinic. Falltime community service projects may include visiting a nursing home with "Fall Treat Bags". During the summer, club members work together as a team and individually to collect nonperishable items and donations for Geauga Hunger Task Force. The Saturday before the Great Geauga County Fair opens, members decorate the interior of the Rabbit Barn to the theme chosen by the Jr. Fair Board for that particular year. The club enjoys family events with an annual ice cream social, potluck dinners, and a club family Christmas Party.

Club Membership or questions: Please contact Marcia Reilly at 440-364-3804. Please visit our website: www.freewebs.com/hareraisers for additional information.

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