

# Van Buren Youth Fair Animal Education Workshops



All youth exhibiting animals (cats, dogs, draft horses, horses, large livestock, or small animals) at the Van Buren Youth Fair are **REQUIRED** to attend one educational workshop for each species they plan to exhibit.

Registration is **REQUIRED** by contacting Janice; 657-8213 or [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu) for the date you plan to attend, you must give at least two days notice. A minimum of 10 youth per class or class will be canceled. *Class sizes are limited, if you do not pre-register you will have to wait to see if there is space available before you will be allowed to sign in and participate.*

## Educational Opportunities

**Wednesday, January 2-** 1:30 p.m. – 801 Hazen Street, Paw Paw

*Injection Methods and Placement (all species)*

**Tuesday, February 12-** 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence

*Biosecurity with Dr. JoAnna Kane (all species)*

**Tuesday, February 19-** 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence

*Feed and Nutrition with Vita Plus (beef, sheep, swine, dairy and goats)*

**Monday, March 25-** 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence

*Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) (ONLY beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits and poultry) MUST register online by March 22, \$3 per youth is due at the time of online registration. NO late registrations will be allowed. To register go to [yqca.org](http://yqca.org) and create a profile for yourself, then search for the training, register and pay your \$3 online to attend.*

**Monday, April 29-** 6:30 p.m. - Van Buren ISD Conference Center in Lawrence

*Why are animals' feet different? (all species)*

**Wednesday, May 8 -** 6:30 p.m. – 801 Hazen St, Paw Paw

*Toxins and Your Animal (all species)*

***All educational workshops/classes must be completed by July 1.***

## What else counts as an educational class/workshop?

- Any 4-H, MSU, State, National, Breed or Open Show. If you are an exhibitor or an attendee at any of these shows, you must submit a 250 word essay about what you learned within 30 days of the show in order for this to count. (This will only count for the species that you attend.) Educational classes at shows will also count i.e. quiz bowl, posters and fit your own; must bring proof.
- Fitting and showing clinics offered by other counties. Must submit proof of attendance within 30 days of event.
- Participation in FFA. Must show proof of minimum of 2.0 GPA.
- Any livestock related topic workshop/class offered by 4-H, MSU or other agribusiness. Must submit proof of attendance within 30 days of event.
- Any animal related college class. Must show proof of minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Zoonotic Disease Educational Tool Kit activity done at a 4-H club or project meeting.
- Attending 4-H club or project meeting with guest speaker related to animal species.
- YQCA- must submit proof of completion if completed online or at another location. (ONLY beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits and poultry) Counts for only the year you take it. Must be valid through the fair.

All paperwork must be submitted to the MSU Extension Office.

### Animal Exhibitors in College

Youth in college unable to attend an educational event may write a 500 word essay per species on a given topic. Must contact Janice Zerbe at the Michigan State University Extension-Van Buren County Office to get your topic. All essays must be submitted to Janice by May 1.

General 4-H Club meetings/project meetings do not count as an educational workshop.

If you have any questions regarding educational workshops please contact Janice Zerbe, or 657-8213