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**4-H MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE 4-H SMALL ANIMAL SHOW**

4-H members from throughout the state will be participating in the New Jersey State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show on Saturday, September 10 at the Gloucester County 4-H Fairground in Mullica Hill. The show starts at 10:00 AM and will run until 4:00 PM. Nearly 90 4-H members representing 12 counties (Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, and Salem) will gather to compete in judging, showmanship, breed identification as well as standard, breed and conformation classes in rabbit, cavy, small animal, poultry and herpetology divisions.

This event offers 4-H'ers an opportunity to compete at an advanced level and meet other 4-H small animal project members from around the state. "The 4-H members attending this event are the best from each county because they have earned the right to participate by receiving excellent ratings for their animals at county level shows." says Jeannette Rea Keywood, Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Agent and State 4-H Small Animal Program Liaison.

The NJ State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show is coordinated by the State 4-H Small Animal Project Advisory Council and sponsored by many businesses and individuals from throughout the state.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13(one year out of high school), on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status and any other category protected by law.

For more information about the New Jersey 4-H Program, administered by Rutgers Cooperative Extension visit the website at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu>.

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