

## Juab 4-H Animal Programs Update

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Juab County Youth have the opportunity to participate in an abundance of clubs centered upon learning about all different types of animals; from small animals like rabbits to pets like dogs and cats, and livestock species like beef cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, and horses of all shapes and sizes.

The Juab 4-H Horse Riding Program has successfully become a year-round program, with the help of the Juab County Commissioners and Fair Coordinator Jamie Garrett, the 4-H youth gained the ability to ride Friday nights at the indoor arena while the snow flies. This opportunity provided youth within the horse-riding program with the ability to get riding time all year, improve their riding skills, be better prepared to represent Juab County at The Utah State 4-H Horse Show, and network with upwards of 30 youth participating in Horse 4-H. The 4-H Horse Riding program in the county has become so popular that the historic “Juab County Spring Show” will once again be commencing this spring for the first time in years.

The Juab County 4-H Livestock programs are booming with over 130 youth participating in the 2023 Juab Junior Livestock Show and various other livestock 4-H opportunities. The 4-H Livestock County Contests will be taking place in March where youth will compete at the county level to determine which youth will represent Juab County at the State 4-H Contests in the following contest areas: Livestock Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl, and Livestock Skill-A-Thon.

The 4-H rabbit program is becoming popular with youth of all ages participating in learning about the many sides of rabbitry and gaining hands-on experience with live rabbits. The Juab County Fairboard approved the addition of a 4-H Rabbit Show during the 2024 Juab County Fair that 4-H youth can look forward to and practice for.

And lastly, there has been much interest in a 4-H dog program starting back up in Juab County. We are currently actively looking for a volunteer to assist in running a dog club in either Nephi, Mona, or Levan. Lesson plans can be provided, and a curriculum is available. If you are 18 or older and a resident of Juab County with a dog and would be willing to volunteer for a few hours every month please reach out to the extension office at (435)623-3450 and ask for Hailey.