

NJ Junior Breeder's Livestock Symposium

Saturday –March 27, 2021

In 2021, the New Jersey Junior Breeder Symposium will be online and held as a half day morning session from 9 a.m. to noon. All workshops are geared towards both adults and youth. Young children may need an adult or older sibling to help them understand terminology.

Registrations are due by March 15, 2021. Register at <http://bit.ly/3t0Ww2O>

For questions about the symposium or Junior Breeders loans contact: Lynn Mathews at: Lynn.Mathews@ag.nj.gov

See workshop descriptions below and sign up for one workshop during each time frame. Those links will be sent to you one week prior to the event.

Schedule

8:50 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. First Session

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| <p>1. Equine – Equine Behavior and Behavior Modification – Dr. Sara Malone, Lecturer, Rutgers University – Ever wondered why your horse does that? Learn about basic horse behavior and how to use your knowledge of that behavior to train your horse. Learn to teach your horse to perform simple tricks, like smiling or bowing.</p> |
| <p>2. All Animals – Diseases That Animals and Humans Share: Laura Eppinger, County 4-H Agent, Rutgers Cooperative Extension – Using an interactive game, participants will gain an understanding of zoonotic diseases and how to prevent them, the ways diseases can pass from animals to people, and careers in this field (such as a state veterinarian and an epidemiologist.)</p> |
| <p>3. Small Ruminant – Got Issues with Your Kids (lambs)? Dr. Christina Wilson, Equiheart Veterinary Services – Dr. Wilson will discuss strategies for helping newborn kids and lambs that are rejected, orphaned, small, weak, chilled, not nursing, etc.</p> |
| <p>4. Rabbit – Rabbit Health issues – basic overview of diseases and illness with discussion of preventative measures and a quick overview of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease</p> |

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Second Session

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| <p>1. What's In a Connection? – Measuring and Understanding Human-Horse Interactions – Ellen Rankins, PhD Candidate, Rutgers University – In this session you'll explore different techniques researchers use to investigate human-horse interactions. This interactive session will feature opportunities for you to discuss and try out these research methods.</p> |
| <p>2. Large Ruminant – Animal Identification Skillathon – Dr Mike Westendorf, RCE Livestock Specialist – Learn about the basics of animal identification methods both old and new.</p> |
| <p>3. Small Ruminants – Biosecurity on the Farm and at the Show – Dr. Linda Detwiler, USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services. Learn sound biosecurity practices that will help protect you and your animals from the introduction and spread of diseases on the farm and as you eventually travel to fairs and shows.</p> |
| <p>4. Rabbits – Breeding with a purpose – future show champions or meat project</p> |

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Third Session (circle the workshop you wish to attend)

<p>1. Equine – Kahoot! – Equine Behavior Trivia Game – Jennifer Weinert, PhD Candidate, Rutgers University – Test your knowledge of horse behavior with this interactive game experience. Questions will feature information from the earlier presentations in the day’s program as well as general behavior topics. Participants will need access to a second device (i.e. phone, tablet, etc.).</p>
<p>2. Ruminant - Dentition – Dr. Mike Westendorf, RCE Livestock Specialist – This will be a session looking at teeth and determining how old an animal is based on its teeth. Session will include cattle, sheep, and goats.</p>
<p>3. Small Ruminants – Clicker Training – Not Just for Dogs! Rebecca Potosky, Rutgers Animal Care Program – Discover the basics of learning processes and clicker training - to teach <i>any</i> animal tricks and behaviors! (The presenter has even clicker-trained her chicken!)</p>
<p>4. Rabbit- Breed ID and Showmanship skills</p>

Noon – Thank you! Please complete the evaluation.

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