

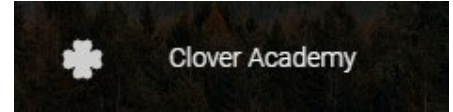


## **REQUIRED Ethics Training for Live Animal Exhibitors – 2024** (updated 2/29)

Understanding animal safety and well-being is an important part of the 4-H educational experience, enhancing the future of the livestock industry by developing more informed producers and consumers. **The correct training must be completed BEFORE show entries are submitted.** If you do not complete the training, you will NOT be allowed to exhibit your animals in county 4-H shows or the Illinois State Fair Junior Shows.

### **Dogs, Horses, Poultry, Rabbits**

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) training is required for 4-H members exhibiting live animals in Dog, Horse, Poultry, and Rabbit shows. This training is free and is only required ONCE. The training takes around 30 minutes. Younger members may need assistance from an adult. Access the training by logging into your zSuite enrollment account, choosing the member who needs to do the training, and then clicking on “Clover Academy” on the left. Follow these [instructions](#) for help.



### **Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Swine**

4-H members exhibiting live animals in Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, and Swine shows must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training ANNUALLY.



Online training costs \$12 and can be completed at home at any time.

1. Go to [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org) and select "Register/Sign In."
2. If this is your first time visiting this website, scroll down and select "Register." If you already have a YQCA account, enter your Username and Password and click "Submit."
  - Depending on the youth's age, a parent/guardian may also need to create an account. *Be sure to choose "Parent" for this adult registration.*
3. Choose a course based on the member's **age as of September 1, 2023.**
4. Watch the [tutorial video](#) or follow the [instructions](#) if you need help navigating the website.
5. Before taking the course, you will be directed to take a Pre-Test survey.
6. After taking the course, log in again to take the Post-Test survey. Then **access your certificate and email it to your county 4-H staff person.** This is the only way we will know if you have completed the training.
  - Logan – Sherri Bishop, [slb3637@illinois.edu](mailto:slb3637@illinois.edu)
  - Menard – Stacie Skelton, [sskelton@illinois.edu](mailto:sskelton@illinois.edu)
  - Sangamon – Amy Zepp, [azepp2@illinois.edu](mailto:azepp2@illinois.edu)

In-person training costs \$3, and trainings will be held:

- Saturday, **May 4**, 10-11 AM, Sangamon Extension Office
- Thursday, **May 16**, 6-7 PM, Menard Extension Office
- Saturday, **June 8**, 10-11 AM, Logan Extension Office

Attendees MUST pre-register:

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If you have any technical issues while registering or completing the training, please create a help ticket by emailing [help@yqcaprogram.org](mailto:help@yqcaprogram.org).