

# 2024-2025 GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H ANIMAL PROJECTS

## Cat

### Project Leaders:

Julie Oghigian (714) 206-4636 [montviewlabs@yahoo.com](mailto:montviewlabs@yahoo.com)

### Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Alpenglow Vet Hospital, Bozeman  
1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm

### Project Notes:

\*Allows Cloverbuds (ages 5-7)

## Dog - Obedience

### Project Leader:

Shawna Taylor (406) 691-9205 [laceyhans@gmail.com](mailto:laceyhans@gmail.com)

### Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Montana Murray Kennels, Belgrade  
Orientation & Tours: (January-April)  
Dog Practices: Weekly on Wednesdays, times TBD (April-July)

### Project Notes:

\*Youth members must be **at least 8** years old (age as of Oct. 1st) to participate.

## Dog - Agility

### Project Leader:

Jen Olser (406) 691-9205 [laceyhans@gmail.com](mailto:laceyhans@gmail.com)

### Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Montana Murray Kennels, Belgrade  
Dog Practices: Weekly on Tuesdays at 4:30pm (March-July)

## Beef - Market or Breeding

### Project Leader:

Annabel Morgan (406) 580-9003 [zbara.morgan@gmail.com](mailto:zbara.morgan@gmail.com)  
Beef Committee [gallatinbeefproject@gmail.com](mailto:gallatinbeefproject@gmail.com)

### Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Meetings/Workshops vary (October - July) - Schedule in Newsletter

### Project Notes:

\*Youth members must be **at least 10** years old (age as of Oct. 1st) to participate.

## Dairy Cow

### Project Leaders:

Shawna Oostema (406) 580-7819 [fcclashawna@hotmail.com](mailto:fcclashawna@hotmail.com)  
Cassie Smieja (406) 539-3833 [smiejahay@latmt.com](mailto:smiejahay@latmt.com)

### Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Primarily at the Gallatin County Extension Office  
Meetings/Workshops vary - Schedule in Newsletter

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## Dairy Goat

### Project Leaders:

Lea'h MacDonald (406) 220-3556 [lmk80@live.com](mailto:lmk80@live.com)  
Cassy Mitchell, Rachel Colton, Amy Brownell

### Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Meetings/Workshops vary - Schedule in Newsletter

## Meat/Market Goat

### Project Leaders:

Amy Brownell (406) 209-2720 [abrownell3372@gmail.com](mailto:abrownell3372@gmail.com)  
Lea'h MacDonald, Cassy Mitchell, Rachel Colton

### Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Meetings/Workshops vary - Schedule in Newsletter

## Horse - Horsemanship

### Project Leader:

Horse Committee & Clinics [gc4hhorse@gmail.com](mailto:gc4hhorse@gmail.com)

### Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Varies - Schedule in Newsletter

### Project Notes:

\***All** Horse Project members must be enrolled in a Horsemanship Project (English or Western) Level if participating in any additional horse projects (except for Horse Packing and Working Ranch Horse).

## Horse - Colt to Maturity

### Project Leader:

Amy Free (406) 581-4140 [amymfree@gmail.com](mailto:amymfree@gmail.com)

### Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Varies - Schedule in Newsletter

### Project Notes:

\*Has additional member age and Horsemanship level requirements - Contact Leader for more information.

## Horse - Green Horse

### Project Leader:

Amy Free (406) 581-4140 [amymfree@gmail.com](mailto:amymfree@gmail.com)

### Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Varies - Schedule in Newsletter

### Project Notes:

\*Has additional member age and Horsemanship level requirements - Contact Leader for more information.

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## Horse - Jumping & Dressage

**Project Leader:**

Sheila Smart (406) 539-1806 [smarthorses.ss@gmail.com](mailto:smarthorses.ss@gmail.com)

**Meeting Place, Date & Time:**

Varies - Schedule in Newsletter

## Horse - Working Ranch Horse

**Project Leader:**

Dave Casto (406) 581-7969 [castoconstruction@gmail.com](mailto:castoconstruction@gmail.com)

**Meeting Place, Date & Time:**

Varies - Schedule in Newsletter

## Horse - Drill Team "Gallatin Twisters"

**Project Leader:**

Jessie Mejias (352) 304-1648 [jessieleighmejias@gmail.com](mailto:jessieleighmejias@gmail.com)

**Meeting Place, Date & Time:**

TBD

**Project Notes:**

\*Leader approval required - contact leader for more info

## Poultry - Market or Breed/Show

**Project Leaders:**

Shawna Oostema (406) 580-7819 [fcclashawna@hotmail.com](mailto:fcclashawna@hotmail.com)  
[poultrygallatin@gmail.com](mailto:poultrygallatin@gmail.com)

**Meeting Place, Date & Time:**

Gallatin County Fairgrounds (Bozeman)  
2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm

**Project Notes:**

\*Allows Cloverbuds (ages 5-7), but cannot participate in Market.

## Rabbit - Market or Breed/Pet

**Project Leader:**

Monica Samson (406) 399-1866 [samsonwm98@gmail.com](mailto:samsonwm98@gmail.com)

**Meeting Place, Date & Time:**

Gallatin County Fairgrounds (Bozeman)  
3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00pm

**Project Notes:**

\*Allows Cloverbuds (ages 5-7), but cannot participate in Market.

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## Sheep

**Project Leaders:**

Ruth Carr (406) 539-4337 [kennelr@gmail.com](mailto:kennelr@gmail.com)

Kim Flikkema (406) 599-1486 [kimflikkema@gmail.com](mailto:kimflikkema@gmail.com)

**Meeting Place, Date & Time:**

Meetings/Workshops vary - Schedule in Newsletter

## Swine

**Project Leaders:**

Merle Farrier (406) 580-8850 [merle.farrier@gmail.com](mailto:merle.farrier@gmail.com)

Swine Committee [gallatinswineproject@gmail.com](mailto:gallatinswineproject@gmail.com)

**Meeting Place, Date & Time:**

Meetings/Workshops vary - Schedule in Newsletter

## Please Note:

The Animal Projects listed above are those that Gallatin County 4-H currently has a volunteer leader for. Projects typically meet at least once a month and activities are led/guided by that leader.

**\*\***At this time, Gallatin County 4-H and the Big Sky Country State Fair (Gallatin County Fair) does not offer or allow Open Class or Independent livestock/animal exhibits or shows. Therefore, if a youth member is interested in participating in an animal project or exhibiting an animal at the county fair, they must join one of the above leader-led projects and adhere to the project's requirements to be eligible.

There are over 200 projects offered in Montana 4-H - see complete Project Selection Guide here: <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/index.html>.