

SECTION 17: PROJECT REQUIREMENTS – Companion Animals

Animals in the Companion Animals projects do not exhibit at the Fulton County Fair. Youth taking these projects do not need to complete Quality Assurance.

If possible, please bring your companion animal to county judging. If selected, animals are not allowed to accompany the 4-Her county representative at Companion Animal Day at Ohio State Fair.

Looking for the pet rabbit project? It's in Section 16- Rabbits.

CAVY PROJECT 215

Guidelines: Start with one animal. Learn to feed, care, and manage your pet. Complete Project Guidelines on pages 2-4.

Judging Requirements: Bring your completed project book, educational display, and your pet (in a cage if necessary) to county judging. (A set time will be sent to you early July.) You will be asked questions about your project and receive a grade from the judge at that time.

Fair Exhibit: Educational display. Display should be a description of project taken, illustrating something you learned as a result of taking your project.

CAT-1 PURR-FECT PALS 216

Guidelines: Beginners Level. Complete at least seven activities each project year, complete Level One within three years, participate in the County Small Animal Judging, and demonstrate increased knowledge/skills pertaining to cats.

Judging Requirements: Bring your completed project book, educational display, and your pet (in a cage if necessary) to county judging. (A time will be sent to you in early July.) You will be asked questions about your project and receive a grade from the judge at that time.

Fair Exhibit: Educational display. Display should be a description of project taken, illustrating something you learned as a result of taking your project.

CAT-2 CLIMBING UP 217

Guidelines: Intermediate Level. Youth must have completed Cat 1. Complete a minimum of seven Level 2 Activities per year, participate in a minimum of five Level 2 Learning Experiences per year, keep records, participate in the County Small Animal Judging, demonstrate increased cat knowledge/skills.

Judging Requirements: Bring your completed project book, educational display, and your pet (in a cage if necessary) to county judging. (A time will be sent to you in early July.) You will be asked questions about your project and receive a grade from the judge at that time.

Fair Exhibit: Educational display. Display should be a description of project taken, illustrating something you learned as a result of taking your project.

CAT-3 LEAPING FORWARD 218

Guidelines: Advanced project level. Youth must have completed Cat 1 and 2. A minimum of seven Level 3 Program Activities and five learning experiences must be completed each year. Level 3 must be done within three years. Youth will participate in the County Small Animal Judging and demonstrate acquired knowledge in the areas of decision-making, record keeping, planning and communications.

Judging Requirements: Bring your completed project book, educational display, and your pet (in a cage if necessary) to county judging. (A time will be sent to you in early July.) You will be asked questions about your project and receive a grade from the judge at that time.

Fair Exhibit: Educational display. Display should be a description of project taken, illustrating something you learned as a result of taking your project

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POCKET PETS PROJECT & RECORD BOOK 220

Guidelines: Complete the Interest Areas and age-appropriate activities relating to the small animal species taken as your project. Activities can be repeated or new animal species explored. **Species include gerbils, hamsters, mice, and rats.**

Judging Requirements: Bring your completed project book, educational display, and your pet (in a cage if necessary) to judging. (A time will be sent to you in early July.) You will be asked questions about your project and receive a grade from the judge at that time.

Fair Exhibit: Educational display. Display should be a description of project taken, illustrating something you learned as a result of taking your project.

4-H PETPALS PROJECT AND RECORD BOOK 230

Guidelines: Youth must belong to a 4-H Club or a group with a master 4-H PetPALS volunteer leader. Must have a pet that is suitable for visiting. Must have a strong desire and be able to make a commitment to visit healthcare facilities with your pet. This project may be repeated, but you will need to purchase a new book each year along with a 3-ring binder. Keep an individual scrapbook of activities you complete as well as information you collect showing growth and achievement in your project. Scrapbook may be part of your binder or kept separately. The focus of the 4-H PetPALS project is for you to visit senior adults in various healthcare facilities with your pet. These interactions are called animal-assisted activities and help you gain a greater appreciation for your pet, while experiencing compassion and caring for senior citizens.

Judging: Bring completed PetPALS book with records. Do not bring animal. Bring a display of activities and knowledge gained.

Fair Exhibit: display of activities and knowledge gained.