

# 4-H Small Animal Projects

## Cats

TUESDAY, JULY 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M.  
EXHIBIT HALL A

Jr. Superintendent: Bekah  
Gwynne

Senior Superintendent:  
Stephanie Jordan, Sherri  
Martin

Extension Contact: Kara Colvin

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The cat must be shown in a cage or carrier with ample space. Cat must be wearing a harness and leash. Claws should be clipped to prevent animal from clawing handlers.
2. Cats must be in the possession of the 4-H member by May 1, 2024. Kittens must be at least 8 weeks old.
3. **All cat exhibitors must present the Official Cat Vaccination form** as evidence of regular preventative veterinary care including proof of vaccinations for rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis and calicivirus. Exhibitors who do not provide a vaccination form will be dismissed from competition.
4. The judge will interview the Jr. Fair participant. 4-H members will be judged on knowledge of book, general knowledge and interview (75%) and care of animal including health, grooming, teeth, eyes, skin, fur and claws (25%).
5. **All exhibitors will be assigned a judging time after fair entries are completed. Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes earlier than your scheduled time.**

### AWARDS

Division Champions ..... Trophy & Ribbon

### STATE FAIR

4-H members enrolled in 4-H cat projects will have an opportunity to enter their projects in Small Animal Judging at the Ohio State Fair on Friday, July 26. Youth must enter by completing the 2024 Ohio State Fair Small Animals Day Entry Form.

### DIVISION I

Class 1 - Cats 1 - Purr-fect Pals  
(Class may be divided by age if needed)

### DIVISION II

Class 1 - Cats 2 - Climbing Up  
Class 2 - Cats 3 - Cat Connections

# Companion Animals

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## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All classes will be judged as follows: knowledge of project book, general knowledge, interview (75%); ability to handle animal, care and health of animal (25%).
2. All animals must be shown in a cage/carrier with ample space. Animal must be in possession of the 4-H member by May 1.
3. **All ferret exhibitors must present the Official Ferret Vaccination form** as evidence of regular preventative veterinary care including proof of vaccinations for rabies and canine distemper. Exhibitors who fail to present proof will be dismissed from competition.
4. Members may show mixed breed or purebred rabbits, but may not cross enter in the rabbit breeding or market rabbit classes.
5. Maximum number of entries is one per class.
6. All exhibitors will be assigned a judging time after fair entries are completed. Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes earlier than your scheduled time.
7. Animals must stay in their cages unless being judged. Failure to abide will result in disqualification.
8. All exhibitors must have a display to show the judge: i.e. scrapbook, poster

## DIVISION I - GUINEA PIGS (Project 215)

Class 1 - Guinea Pig

## DIVISION II - POCKET PETS (Projects 220 and 365)

Class 1 - Hamster  
Class 2 - Gerbils  
Class 3 - Mice  
Class 4 - Rats  
Class 5 - Self-Determined  
Class 6 - Reptiles & Amphibians, Self-Determined

## DIVISION III - PET RABBITS (Project 227)

Class 1 - Pet Rabbits, Junior  
Class 2 - Pet Rabbits, Intermediate  
Class 3 - Pet Rabbits, Senior

## AWARDS

Division Champions .....Trophy  
Class Winners .....Ribbon

## STATE FAIR

4-H members enrolled in 4-H small animal projects will have an opportunity to enter their projects in Companion Animal Judging at the Ohio State Fair on Friday, July 28.

## DIVISION V - 4-H PET PALS

Class 1 – Pet Pals A  
Class 2 – Pet Pals B

Tuesday, July 9

9:00 a.m.

9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

*Exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Pet Pals project (230) to participate in the 4-H PetPals Division.*

For 4-H PetPALS, exhibitors should wear clothing worn during 4-H PetPALS visits.

Judging Criteria Required Prior to Judging 1. Exhibitors must obtain a copy of either the 4-H PetPALS Achievement Form for FIRST YEAR Project Members (4-H PetPALS A) or the 4-H PetPALS Achievement Form for Project Members YEARS 2 and Beyond (4-H PetPALS B) prior to judging. You can download these from [www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs) 2. The following three (3) requirements MUST be met before youth can be judged in 4-H PetPALS. They must bring the appropriate Achievement Form to registration with the following three (3) areas completed and signed by their 4-H PetPALS advisors: (1) Completed the 10 Steps in 4-H PetPALS Curriculum (a) Youth must have completed the requirements of the curriculum prior to judging. Their advisor must sign to verify they have done this. (2) Date Began 4-H PetPALS Visits (a) The exhibitor must record the

month, day and year they began their 4-H PetPALS visits.

The advisor must sign to verify the date is correct. 1. For first year 4-H PetPALS members the year could begin any time after the 2022 Ohio State Fair Dog Show once they have completed the requirements to become 4-H PetPALS.

(3) Number of Visits Completed once Becoming a PetPALS Member (a) 4-H PetPALS A: Youth must have visited the equivalent of a minimum of one visit per month prior 4-H PetPALS judging. (b) 4-H PetPALS B: The number of visits completed must be in the 12 consecutive months prior to the fair. These visits could begin any time after the 2022 Warren Co. Fair.

Canine Good Citizen Test 4-H PetPALS dogs must have passed their AKC Canine Good Citizen Test and the exhibitor must: (a) Have the (1) original CGC certificate and a (2) copy of the front and back of the CGC test/registration form completed by the evaluator to show the dog has been retested a minimum of every 2 years, or (b) If the dog has been tested recently and the youth has not received a CGC certificate from AKC, they must have a copy of the front and back of the CGC test/registration form completed by the evaluator. (c) Members in their first two years of 4-H PetPALS need only have the original CGC certificate from AKC for judging.

NOTE: This cannot be a certificate made up by the 4-H PetPALS advisor. Youth MUST have a copy of the CGC test form noting they have passed their CGC test (every 2 years). They must have been tested by an AKC CGC evaluator. Tests taken after the first CGC test (where the youth receives their original Certificate from AKC) are not sent to AKC. The most recent test form must be brought to judging. 2. Exhibitor Attire (a) 4-H PetPALS members must wear attire worn during 4-H PetPALS visits. (b) Exhibitors

must wear a 4-H PetPALS name badge or form of ID used during visits, which can be applied on the shirts. (c) Exhibitors must have a 4-H PetPALS bag (or equivalent) containing supplies needed for visiting. 3. Dog

The dog's manners are appropriate for visits. (b) The dog is appropriately groomed for visits and can also be "dressed" if applicable. (c) The dog is presented as would be during visits, which could include riding in a stroller, etc. 4. Interview (a) The handler and dog are able to greet and "visit" the judge as they would during 4-H PetPALS visits. (b) Exhibitors can answer the following questions:

What does the acronym PALS stand for? (2) What is 4-H PetPALS? – Youth should be able to explain the intent of the project and tell what it means to them.

(3) How do you practice confidentiality of visits personally and as a club? 5. Records (a) 4-H PetPALS A: The first-year member must bring a completed 4-H PetPALS Project and Record Book, which includes documented visits. The exhibitor must also be able to present and discuss their records with the judge. (b) 4-H PetPALS B: The exhibitor must bring an exhibit documenting visits completed in the 12 months prior to the OSF 4-H PetPALS judging. Examples include scrapbook, poster, slide presentation, etc. The exhibitor must also be able to present and discuss their exhibit with the judge.

#### **Awards**

4-H PetPALS A An exhibitor must visit with their dog the equivalent of at least one visit per month once they complete the training to earn a Gold Medal for visits. .

4-H PetPALS B An exhibitor must visit with their dog the equivalent of 12 or more visits per year in the 12 consecutive months prior to the OSF 4-H PetPALS judging to earn a Gold Medal, 8-11 visits to earn a Silver Medal,

and 1-8 visits to earn a Bronze Medal for visits.

#### **STATE FAIR**

4-H members enrolled in 4-H Pet Pal projects with any animal except dogs will have an opportunity to enter their projects in Small Animal Judging at the Ohio State Fair on Friday, July 26. Youth must enter by completing the 2024 Ohio State Fair Small Animals Day Entry Form. Pet Pal projects with dogs will be shown at the Ohio State Fair Dog show on Wednesday, June 19, 2024