


PET CARE FAIR REQUIREMENTS 2024

<p><u>PROJECT</u></p>	<p><u>PROJECT GUIDELINES</u></p>	<p><u>FAIR EXHIBIT</u></p>
<p>STATE FAIR COMPETITION: Companion Animal Day at the Ohio State Fair will tentatively be held on Friday, July 26. Members who enroll in Cavies (Guinea Pigs), Cats, Pocket Pets, or Self-Determined Pets (Reptiles & Amphibians, Hedgehogs, Ferrets, Chinchillas, or other small animals) are eligible to compete.</p> <p>Companion animals must be in the member's care by May 1 to be eligible for state fair.</p> <p>No live animals go to state fair on Companion Animal Day.</p> <p>Information will be included in all qualifying project books.</p> <p>Members interested in competing at the state fair must participate in county State Fair Selections on Friday, July 19 at 9:00 a.m. in the Extension Office. Only 1 member in each age division from each project may be selected for state fair.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members with pets or small animals other than those offered as projects or that want to go beyond basic care, sign up for Self-Determined project #365. Members must then design their own learning experience. Select Idea Starters for additional animals may be found and downloaded at www.ohio4h.org/selfdetermined. • All pet care exhibitors must bring a poster (22"x28") talking about their project to the south end of the <i>Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Building</i> on Sunday, August 11 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. • Posters will be displayed in the FCS Building during the fair. • Posters must be on regular poster board only (22"x28"), no foam boards or tri-folds may be used. • Exhibitors without a poster turned in on Sunday by 3:00 p.m. will have their grade lowered one letter grade. • All grades and placings in pet care are based on exhibitor knowledge, project book, poster, and condition of animal. Placings are not based on the animal's conformation, breed type, etc. • Members must take their completed project book to judging. Failure to bring the completed book will result in a grade reduction of one letter grade. • NOTE: Cats are not brought to the fairgrounds for judging. Grades & placings will be based on the interview and poster. 	<p>Judging on Wednesday, August 14th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the south end of the FCS Building.</p> <p>Specific interview times will be posted for each exhibitor.</p> <p>Animals for Pet Care projects are not kept at the fairgrounds. All pets and small animals (except cats) are brought to the fairgrounds for interview judging only.</p> <p>DO NOT BRING YOUR ANIMALS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS EARLY AND ALLOW THEM TO SUFFER IN THE HEAT!</p> <p>For more information, go to www.ohio4h.org/companionanimals</p>
<p>#215 - Cavy Project and Record</p> <p><i>The Cavy Project and Record Book is needed annually by all guinea pig exhibitors (\$8.00).</i></p> <p><i>All cavy exhibitors also need the Cavy Resource Handbook: A 4-H Guide to Guinea Pigs (\$16.50). (One Resource Handbook per family is adequate).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care for at least one cavy (guinea pig) for a minimum of three months. • Prepare an 22"x28" poster about your project to turn in at the FCS Building on Sunday, August 11 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. • Complete your project book and bring to judging on Wednesday, August 14 in the south end of the FCS Building. • Bring one cavy (guinea pig) in a ventilated container at your scheduled interview time. 	<p>Class 130 – Pet Care</p> <p>1. Cavy (Guinea Pig)</p> 

<p><u>PROJECT</u></p> <p>#216 - Purr-fect Pals, Level 1 #217 - Climbing Up! Level 2 #218 - Leaping Forward, Level 3</p> <p>Cat projects must be taken in order.</p> <p>Purr-fect Pals may only be taken two times.</p> <p><i>Must purchase a cat project book each year you enroll in the specific project (\$8.00).</i></p>	<p><u>EXHIBIT RULES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for at least one cat for a minimum of three months. Prepare an 22"x28" poster about your project to turn in at the FCS Building on Sunday, August 11 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Complete your project book and bring to judging on Wednesday, August 14 in the south end of the FCS Building. Cats are not brought to the fair. Members may enroll in Purr-fect Pals for a maximum of two years, before moving up to Climbing Up. 	<p><u>FAIR EXHIBIT</u></p> <p>2. Purr-fect Pals, Level 1 3. Climbing Up, Level 2 4. Leaping Forward, Level 3</p> <p>NOTE: Cats DO NOT come to the fair. Members enrolled in a cat project turn in their poster on Sunday and are interviewed on Wednesday. Grades and placings in cat projects are based on the interview and poster. This restriction is based on stress-related concerns for the cats</p>
<p>#220 - Pocket Pets Project & Record (Hamsters, Gerbils, Mice & Rats)</p> <p><i>Must purchase a Pocket Pets Project & Record Book each year you enroll in the project (\$8.00).</i></p> <p><i>Must purchase a Pocket Pets Resource Handbook the first year you take the project (\$14.50). (One Resource Handbook per family is adequate.)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for at least one hamster, gerbil, mouse or rat for a minimum of three months. Prepare an 22" x 28" poster about your project to turn in at the FCS Building on Sunday, August 11 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Complete your project book and bring to judging on Wednesday, August 14 in the south end of the FCS Building. Bring one hamster, gerbil, mouse or rat in a ventilated container at your scheduled interview time. 	<p>5. Pocket Pets</p> <p>(Hamsters, gerbils, mice, rats)</p>
<p>#365 - Self-Determined (Other Pets and Small Animals)</p> <p><i>Must purchase a Self-Determined Project Booklet with insert (\$8.00).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For animals not mentioned in the Pocket Pets project, or projects that go beyond the basic care of animals. Create and complete a special project based on your project animal. Design your project plans so that you learn things about your animal that you don't already know. Enroll in Self-Determined Project 365.01 – Companion Animals for chinchillas, ferrets, hedgehogs, reptiles and amphibians or any other pets not listed. Project plan insert in Self-Determined project booklet is due in the Extension Office by April 15th. Summary sheet is to be brought to judging. Care for at least one animal for a minimum of three months. Prepare an 22" x 28" poster about your project to turn in at the FCS Building on Sunday, August 11 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Complete your Summary Sheet insert and the Small Animal Record Book and bring to judging on Wednesday, August 14 in the south end of the FCS Building. (Not judged with other self-determined projects on Monday) Bring your project animal in a cage or ventilated container at your scheduled interview time. 	<p>6. Other Pets</p> <p>(Cage birds, snakes, turtles, lizards, ferrets, chinchillas, hedgehogs, etc.)</p> <p>NOTE: Members enrolling in a Self-Determined Pet Care Project for Reptiles or Amphibians, Hedgehogs, Ferrets or Chinchillas should download the Idea Starter at www.ohio4h.org/selfdetermined.</p> <p>NOTE: Ferrets must have a Certificate of Veterinary inspection completed and turned in with project poster on Sunday, August 11 to be eligible to come to the fair on Wednesday for judging.</p>

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<p>#210- Assistance Animals in Action</p> <p><i>Members enrolling in this project must purchase a project book each year they enroll in the project (\$8.00).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a 22" x 28" poster about your project to turn in at the FCS Building on Sunday, August 11 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. • Complete your project book and bring to judging on Wednesday, August 14 in the south end of the FCS Building. 	<p>7. Assistance Animals in Action</p>