

# PETS

County project only, there are no State Fair entries for this project. These requirements supersede your project manual.

Pets will be divided by the member's current grade in school. For judging, a 4-H'ers grade is determined by the grade during the current school year (September-August).

The three levels for Pets manuals are:

- Level 1 - (grades 3-5)
- Level 2 - (grades 6-8)
- Level 3 - (grades 9-12)

## Project Requirements:

Each year, you are **required to complete a minimum of three (3) required or optional activities in your appropriate level (I, II, or III) of Pet Project Activity Guide.** After three years, (four- Level III) you should have completed a minimum of 9 of the required and optional activities.

**ALL AGES EXHIBIT ONE OR MORE ANIMALS FED AND CARED FOR BY MEMBER SINCE MAY 15 AND SAME CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP AND CARE UNTIL THE DATE OF THE SHOW.**

The Pets project has two exhibit options of which you can do one or both of these options:

1. Live Pets
2. An educational poster about pets (No Best of Show will be selected on posters).  
**These posters need to be turned in on Tuesday, June 13, 5-7 p.m. OR Wednesday, June 14 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The posters will be open judging.**

**Animals you may exhibit in the Pets project can include:** Gerbils, Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Hedgehogs, Birds such as Canaries, Finches, Parakeets or Parrots, Ferrets, Frogs, Turtles, Lizards, Mice or Non-Venomous Snakes.

## RULES:

1. This project is intended for animals that do not fit into another 4-H project category (i.e., rabbits, fish etc.)
2. Animals must be brought to judging in a suitable cage or container. 4-H'er must be present for judging.
3. The animal must be cared for daily. 4-H member must furnish equipment which includes cage, feed, water, etc.
4. Animals must be of the non-poisonous variety.
5. Cages will be considered for judging.
6. Cages should be locked (after animal has been judged) or be secured to prevent harm to exhibit.
7. Animals will be judged and sent home. Animals will not stay at the fair.
8. 4-H'ers should keep records and pictures of their animals in case something happens to the animal before the fair. A written report can then be made (feeding habit, cost of raising animal, etc.) to exhibit at the fair.

## **CLASSES:**

All divisions may include one of the following:

- Class 1 – Reptiles/Amphibians (lizards, snakes, toads, turtles, etc.)
- Class 2 - Birds
- Class 3 – Mammals
- Class 4 – Crustaceans
- Class 5 – All other

Project will be judged on appropriateness of the cage, cleanliness of the cage, cleanliness of the animal, health of the animal, and the 4-H'ers knowledge about the pet. The judge will ask the 4-H'er questions about the pet. They need to tell how to care for the animal and some basic information about their pet.

## **SHOW RING DRESS CODE**

Every 4-H member must bear in mind the following while showing and selling his/her livestock project through the 4-H program at the Grant County Fair.

- a. Your attire is portraying an image of yourself.
- b. You are representing your club.
- c. You are representing the Grant County 4-H program.

Therefore, you should be as neat and clean as possible. Judges will be directed to consider appropriateness of show ring attire while evaluating placings and showmanship skills. **It is recommended that you wear a shirt with a collar, long pants, or fingertip length shorts while showing. It is suggested that you NOT wear tank tops, T-shirts with writing (other than approved 4-H shirts), midriffs, halter-tops, excessively baggy pants, cut-offs, or baseball caps.**

### **PETS – Check-in and judging**

**Check-in: Wednesday, June 21, 8-9 a.m.**

**Judging: Wednesday, June 21, 9 a.m.**

After check-in of **all** projects, put current year's record sheets in Green Record Book and turn it in at designated boxes in the Community Building.

You have until May 15 to add or drop this project from your current year's enrollment.