

# LITTLE CRITTERS

**PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED and ITALICIZED!* Pay special attention to any projects with *BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS* because they have changed from last year.**

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Little Critters			
Division/Level	Grades	Completion Activities Needed*	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	Complete 7 Activities*	No State Fair Entries
Level 2	Grades 6-8	Complete 7 Activities*	No State Fair Entries
Level 3	Grades 9-12	Complete 7 Activities*	No State Fair Entries

\*"Activities" are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Little Critters Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit guidelines are listed below.

## GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Livestock and Animal Section for General Guidelines related to all livestock projects. See 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. The Little Critters Project includes all small animals which cannot be exhibited in any other 4-H projects, e.g., hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, white mice, fish, parakeets, salamanders, etc. A rabbit raised as a pet (not for meat) may be exhibited in this project.
3. 4-H Members must provide cages, food and water as needed.
4. 4-H Little Critter members are required to read and complete seven activities they choose from their appropriate age grouped 4-H Little Critter/Pocket Pets manual per year and turn the manual in to their 4-H Leader in order to complete your project. Once you have completed the project, you then have the privilege of exhibiting at the 4-H Fair.

## EXHIBIT CLASSES

- Level 1 - Grades 3 thru 5
- Level 2 - Grades 6 thru 8
- Level 3 - Grades 9 thru 12

NOTES regarding live animal exhibit

1. 4-H Members should be prepared to answer food and habitat questions, etc. if requested by the judge.
2. Little Critters must remain in cages and in the designated location of the show to be on display for viewing by the public during designated time.

## AWARDS

- All participants will be awarded ribbons according to the judge's decision.
- A Champion and Reserve Champion exhibitor will be selected from within each category.
- A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitor will be selected from the category champion and reserve champion exhibitors.