



PROJECT TITLE: LITTLE CRITTERS

Description:

The Little Critters and Pocket Pets includes all small animals that cannot be exhibited in any other 4-H projects, e.g., hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, white mice, fish, parakeets, salamanders, etc. A Crossbred rabbit raised as a pet (not for meat) may be exhibited in this project.

State Fair Entries:

No state fair entries – Parke County Only Project

Exhibit Guidelines:

Completed record book activity manuals for the Little Critters/Pocket Pets projects are to be turned in when checking the animals in for judging at the County 4-H Fair. 4-H members must provide cages, food and water as needed. 4-H members should be prepared to answer food, habitat questions, and other related topics as requested by the judge.

In addition, 4-H'ers may make an educational poster for the Little Critters and Pocket Pets project. The posters must be entered during the designated time for Exhibit Hall projects prior to the fair. Posters are optional and will be judged separately from the live exhibit. Members may exhibit a poster or live animal or both.

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed.

Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right-hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff.

Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this document as a guide rather than a requirement.

Animal Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Members may exhibit no more than one pet per category.

Categories:

- Birds
- Insects and Spiders
- Reptiles
- Mammals
- Fish
- Exotic

Poster or Educational Class Guidelines:

Beginner (Grades 3-5 suggested)

Intermediate (Grades 6-8)

Advanced (Grades 9-12)