

2024 MINI 4-H MENTOR PROGRAM FORM

Mini 4-H members will be allowed to participate in the Mini 4-H Mentor Exhibition Showcase on Wednesday, July 17th at the 2024 Whitley County 4-H Fair. (Except those in Cat & Dog, they will participate in these species exhibition showcase during these species 4-H shows prior to the 2024 4-H Fair week.) Mini 4-H'ers will be allowed to help show an animal with their mentor by their side in the show ring. No Mini 4-H'er will be allowed to auction animal(s). A Mini 4-H'er may choose up to **ONE** specie for this mentor program.

Mini 4-H'ers will only be allowed to show the animal that is already enrolled in 4-H by a "regular" 4-H member. After April 1st, Mini 4-H'ers will be "partnered" with a regular 4-H member who will mentor them in the care of, fitting, grooming and showing of their chosen animal specie. ***If there is a regular 4-H member you would like to mentor your Mini 4-H'er, please contact that person to make sure they are agreeable, and list their name here, along with the animal specie they will be providing to your Mini 4-H'er.*** Mini 4-H'ers will not be allowed to bring their own animals because of space and biosecurity issues (see exception below).

ANIMAL EXCEPTION: Mini 4-H members will be allowed to bring their own animal in the following animal project for the day of show **ONLY** but will show with help of the mentor: **Rabbit, Cat or Dog**. The Cat and Dog must be current on vaccinations. It is recommended that they attend the educational workshops that may be offered for these projects.

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE ANIMAL SPECIE:

PETS: _____ Cat _____ Dog

FARM ANIMALS: _____ Beef _____ Dairy _____ Dairy Steer _____ Dairy Steer Feeder Calf
_____ Goat _____ Horse & Pony _____ Poultry _____ Rabbit _____ Sheep _____ Swine

MY MENTOR'S NAME: _____
(Mentor **MUST** have at least 3 years of experience in the project in order to be a Mentor.)

MINI 4-H LIABILITY RELEASE

MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN BEFORE MINI 4-H'ER WILL BE ALLOWED TO WORK WITH ANIMALS WITH THEIR MENTOR

The safety and well-being of our 4-H youth is of the utmost importance. Although Kindergarten is specified as the time when a child may begin participation in some 4-H events and activities, parents are encouraged to take into consideration their child's physical and mental development before agreeing to let their child begin to show, work with, or care for animals.

"Mini 4-H members, in grades K, 1 and 2, will be allowed to work with, help care for, and show an animal project after their parent or legal guardian has signed a liability release. Mini 4-H members may not independently show, work with, or care for animals as a part of this project except for cat, dog, and rabbits. Mini 4-H members may only show, work with, or care for animals when they are assisted by their 4-H Mentor, a parent, legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian." (The word assisted means that the adult or mentor has control of the animal at all times.)

By signing this release form, I agree to hold harmless the trustees of Purdue University, the Whitley County 4-H Club Inc. Fairboard, the Whitley County Cooperative Extension Service and each of their respective trustees, officers, appointees, agents and employees, from and against any losses, costs, damages and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from claims or suits, by or on behalf of any person, for any injury to my child, including death, arising out of my child's participation in a Mini 4-H animal activity(ies).

Mini 4-H members exhibiting horses must wear ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmets whenever mounted. The 4-H Mentor and parent is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness in place and fastened whenever a rider is mounted.

Mini 4-Her Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Township of Residence: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

**PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY April 1, 2024.
NO MENTORS WILL BE ASSIGNED WITHOUT THIS SIGNED FORM BEING ON FILE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE.**