

# LITTLE CRITTERS

Department Superintendent: Barb Pefley

State Fair Entries: *NO State Fair Entries*

## PROJECT GUIDELINES

1. 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.
2. Refer to the Parke County 4-H Policies, Entry and Exhibit Requirements, State Health Requirements and the Livestock Section General Rules.
3. 4-H members must be enrolled in the Little Critters/Pocket Pets project on the County 4-H Member Enrollment Form by May 15th.
4. 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.
5. In addition, you may make an educational poster (22" x 28") 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.
6. 4-H members must provide cages, food and water as needed.
7. 4-H members should be prepared to answer food, habitat questions, and other related topics as requested by the judge.
8. Little Critters/Pocket Pets should be at the Fairgrounds approximately 30 minutes before the scheduled show time. Pets must remain in cages or under restraint for display and viewing for the public until after the Show.
9. Members may make one (1) exhibit per specie.

## CATEGORIES:

BIRDS

INSECTS AND SPIDERS

REPTILES

MAMMALS

FISH

EXOTIC

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

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## **4-H LITTLE CRITTERS POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT**

**To promote educational displays by 4-H members that enjoy developing a poster exhibit, the following classes shall be offered.**

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 manner in which references are listed.

### **Classes:**

- Level 1 (Grades 3 thru 5 in January of current year)
- Level 2 (Grades 6 thru 8 in January of current year)
- Level 3 (Grades 9 thru 12 in January of current year)

**Exhibit suggestions:**

Use a 22" x 28" poster board with a stiff backing and a clear protective covering. Posters must be displayed horizontally. A poster label secured from your leader should be attached to the lower right-hand corner of the poster exhibit. Exhibit suggestions are listed in your manual. **Posters will be judged with all other project posters/exhibits.**