

## 2020 Fairfield County Junior Fair Updates

### Book 15 - Companion Animals

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**ARRIVAL TIME:** All exhibitors will schedule an appointment time prior to fair for in-person or virtual project judging. In-person judging method is preferred. Exhibitors should not arrive until 10 minutes prior to their schedule time. Please watch your email the week of September 28<sup>th</sup> for directions on how to schedule an appointment.

**HOUSING:** Companion Animals will not be on display or not housed on the fairgrounds. Superintendents and/or show volunteers will take pictures of each exhibitor and their companion animal(s) to be featured on the fair media throughout the week.

**SHOWMANSHIP:** There are no sign-ups for showmanship of Companion Animals.

#### SHOW TIME:

- The Companion Animal Show will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in the Ed Sands/Farm Bureau Show Arena.
- Interviews will take place in person with safety measures in place – This is the preferred method for judging this year. In the event an exhibitor needs a Zoom option for judging, the committee will have that option available. All interviews will be scheduled.
- Interview safety measures include:
  - All present will be required to wear a face covering.
  - All exhibitors will be asked to arrive 10 minutes prior to their appointment time.
  - All exhibitors will wait in their vehicle to enter the judging area until given the approval to do so. We will have texting capabilities for exhibitors to notify us they have arrived, and we can let them know when we are ready for them.
  - Exhibitors will only be allowed 1 adult/guardian/helper to accompany them to judging
  - We will have separate entrance and exit doors.
  - Social distancing will be observed inside the building.
  - Judging tables will be a minimum of 8 feet apart from each other.
  - Waiting area chairs the exhibitor's 1 allowed adult/guardian/helper will be a minimum of 6 feet apart from each other.
  - All judges and show assistants/helpers will wear face coverings.
  - A plexiglass divider will be used between judge and exhibitor.
- Show Schedule: The Companion Animal Show will follow a schedule according to judging appointments for each species.
  - 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pet Rabbits
  - 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Cavy
  - 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians
  - 1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Cats
  - 1:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Rodents & Ferrets

**RELEASE TIME:** Exhibitors will be released following their interview. Awards will not be presented in-person after the conclusion of each specie's interview judging. More details will be shared on how awards will be announced and distributed on judging day.

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PREMIUMS: Premiums will not be issued for 2020.

**ADDITIONAL RULES:**

1. Members are to bring their project books with them to judging.
2. There will be no physical contact between the judge and the exhibitors. All surfaces will be disinfected between each exhibitor.
3. Social Distancing – There is plenty of space in the barn to spread out and try to maintain 6 feet of separation between each exhibitor.
4. Announcements will be made during the judging to remind families and exhibitors to stay socially distanced.
5. Only 1 adult/guardian/helper will only be allowed in the show arena while their exhibitor is showing. Everyone present is **REQUIRED** to wear a mask, must be socially distanced from other families and must leave the building when their exhibitor's class is over. The adult/guardian/helper can stand or sit in the designated areas, leaving at least 6 feet distance from the next family unit. This will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply with these standards could result in removal from the grounds or the show being stopped.
6. Hand Sanitizing stations will be available for exhibitors, families and show volunteers. Please be aware of their location and use them as needed to keep your hands clean.

**READ THE MODIFIED JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH CARE  
OPERATIONS PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT FAIR**