

Department 15 4-H/FFA Companion Animals

Pet Rabbit Judging: #50 Show Arena, Sunday, October 8th, 2023, 10:00 a.m. (by appointment)

Cavies and Amphibians, Birds and Reptiles Judging:
#50 Show Arena, Sunday, October 8th, 2023, 11:30 a.m. (by appointment)

Cat Judging: #50 Show Arena, Sunday, October 8th, 2023, 1:00 p.m. (by appointment)

Rodents and Ferrets Show: #50 Show Arena, Sunday, October 8th, 2023, 1:30 p.m. (by appointment)

Superintendent in Charge: Laura Wall
Assistant Superintendents: Jo Binkley, Julia Miller, Brenda Stepp

Enrollment: Youth must be enrolled in the corresponding companion animal project to be eligible to show in the respective class at the Fairfield County Junior Fair Companion Animal Judging.

Possession Date: July 1st for all companion animals in this department.

Quality Assurance: Companion Animal exhibitors are not required to completed Quality Assurance.

Skillathon: Companion Animal exhibitors are not required to complete Skillathon. However, a Virtual Cavy Skillathon is available with the Ohio State Fair. Pet Rabbit exhibitors are welcome to participate in the county Rabbit Skillathon on Ohio State Fair Rabbit Skillathons for an educational opportunity.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Companion Animal Judging.
 - **For those 4-H rabbit exhibitors who are also taking Market Rabbits and/or Breeding Rabbits and using the same 4-H record book for all rabbit projects, your books will be available for pickup at the OSU Extension Office beginning October 1st so that you have them for Pet Rabbit Judging.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 25th. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry.

- 4-H classes are exhibitor ages as of January 1st.
- See Companion Animal Divisions/Classes below for making fair entries.
- Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per division in this department with the exceptions of:
 - Cavy (limit of 2 entries if planning to bring 2 animals of different breeds or sex).

Project Judging Scheduling: The OSU Extension Office will contact youth in September who have made a fair entry in any class in this department to schedule an interview time for project judging.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county project judging. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and county project judging, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium in that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Premiums (for all classes): "A" =\$2.00; "B" =\$1.50; "C" =\$0.75

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

Health papers are not required for rodents, other small creatures, cavies, crossbred and pet rabbits. See cat health requirements below. Note: Potbelly pig projects are not to be brought to the fairgrounds and are judge by interview process only. They are not permitted to exhibit based on current health rules. **Additionally, pet goats are not to be brought to the fairgrounds and are judged by interview process only. Exhibitors wishing to show potbellied pigs or pet goats must be enrolled in 230 PetPALS project in a club with a PetPALS advisor to take these projects.**

Pet Rabbits Division: (4-H Project 228PE) This also includes Mixed Breed or Crossbred Rabbits

Pet Rabbit Classes:

1. Pet Rabbit (Ages 8-11)
 2. Pet Rabbit (Ages 12-14)
 3. Pet Rabbit (Ages 15-18)
- **Bring to Judging:** One pet, one educational poster display, and project book. Pet rabbit project books must accompany the exhibitor to companion animal project judging.
 - **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day only. Pet rabbit exhibitors will not be eligible to participate with this rabbit in any other rabbit show classes.

- **Grade:** Based on cumulative point total composed of project knowledge and records (care of animal, knowledge, handling ability, and project book), interview and educational poster display.

Amphibians, Birds, and Reptiles Division: 4-H Project 365.01 Companion Animal Self Determined (reptiles, amphibians) **OR** 4-H Project 220.21 Other Small Creatures (caged birds, hermit crabs, other animals not part of reptiles and amphibians).

Amphibians, Birds, and Reptiles Classes:

1. Amphibians, Birds, and Reptiles (**Ages 8-13**)
2. **Amphibians, Birds, and Reptiles (Ages 14-18)**

- **Bring to Judging:** One pet, one educational poster display, and project book.
- **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day.
- **Grade:** Based on cumulative point total composed of project knowledge and records (care of animal, knowledge, handling ability, and project book), interview and educational poster display.

Cavy Division: (4-H Project 215)

Cavy Classes:

1. Cavy (Ages 8-11)
2. Cavy (Ages 12-14)
3. Cavy (Ages 15-18)

- **Bring to Judging:** Consists of one (1) or two (2) animals per class and project book. **If entry consists of 2 animals, animals must be of different breeds or sex.**
- **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day.
- **Showmanship:** The winner of Class 3 goes to Super Showmanship Contest. If the winner has already participated in the Super Showmanship contest, the next highest placing showmanship winner who has not competed in the Super Showmanship contest will compete in the contest. An exhibitor can compete only once in the Super Showmanship representing cavy.
- **Grade:** Based on cumulative point total composed of interview and project book (care of animal, knowledge of exhibitor, and project book), animal (quality and condition of animal as compared to breed standards), and showmanship (use of proper showing techniques and handling of animal). Please Note: this section is specific to cavy and not identical to other species grade section.

Cats Division: (4-H Projects 216, 217, and 218)

Cat Classes:

1. Class 1: Cat 1 (Ages 8-11)
2. Class 2: Cat 1 (Ages 12-14)
3. Class 3: Cat 1 (Ages 15-18)
4. Class 4: Cat 2
5. Class 5: Cat 3

- **Bring to Judging:** Cat 1: One cat or one educational poster display, and project book. Cat 2 & 3: One cat, one educational poster display, and project book.
- **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day.
- **Grade:** Based on cumulative point total composed of project knowledge and records (care of animal, knowledge, handling ability, and project book), interview and educational poster display.
- **Health Papers:** (Must bring to Judging) - Cats exhibited must be a minimum of fifteen (15) weeks of age before the day of show. Kittens less than fifteen (15) weeks old are not permitted on the fairgrounds. All cats participating in the Fairfield County Junior Fair must be immunized against Feline Panleukopenia (FPL), Feline Leukemia (FeLV), and Rabies. All vaccinations must be current through October 31st of the current year, and given by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. Proof of vaccinations must be on an official ODA Health Certificate or the current year's Certificate of Vaccination for the Fairfield County Junior Fair Companion Animals, and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.

Rodents and Ferrets Division: 4-H Project 220 Pocket Pets (gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats) **OR** 4-H Project 365.01 Companion Animal Self Determined (hedgehogs, ferrets, chinchillas).

Rodents and Ferrets Classes:

1. Rodents and Ferrets (Ages 8-13)
2. Rodents and Ferrets (Ages 14-18)

- **Bring to judging:** One pet, one educational poster display, and project book.
- **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day.
- **Grade:** Based on cumulative point total composed of project knowledge and records (care of animal, knowledge, handling ability, and project book), interview and educational poster display.
- **Health Papers:** (Ferrets Only and Must Bring to Judging) - Ferrets must be a minimum of twelve (12) weeks old before the day of show and must be vaccinated for rabies and canine distemper. All vaccinations must be current through October 31st of the current year and given by a licensed accredited veterinarian. Proof of vaccinations must be on an official ODA Health Certificate or the current year's Certificate of Vaccination for the Fairfield County Junior Fair Companion Animals, and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.

PetPALS Division: (Project 230)

PetPALS Classes:

1. 4-H PetPALS

- **Bring to Judging:** One pet and project book.
- **Housing:** Not housed at the fair and should be brought on show day.
- **Grade:** Based on care of animal, knowledge of exhibitor, handling ability, and project book.

- **General Information:** This class is for 4-H members in the 4-H PetPALS project and in the appropriate companion animal project with their 4-H PetPALS animal. Youth showing in the 4-H PetPALS class may show the same or different project animal(s) in other classes provided they meet those classes' eligibility requirements. All exhibitors with companion animals passing all nine (9) exercises, plus exhibitor's and animal's appearance and sportsmanship, will receive a gold medal; companion animals passing 6-8 exercises will receive a silver medal; and companion animals passing less than five (5) exercises will receive a bronze medal. This class will follow the Ohio State 4-H Companion Animal Program recommendations. **Youth must be enrolled in BOTH the appropriate companion animal project AND the 4-H PetPALS project number 230 to be eligible to enter the 4-H PetPALS class.**

Cat Awards

Champion Cat Overall	Steve & Diana Pickett	Trophy (D)
1 st - 5 th Place Cat 1 (Ages 8-11) (5)	Steve & Diana Pickett (5)	Rosettes
1 st - 2 nd Place Cat 1 (Ages 12-14) (2)	Pickerington Clovers 4-H Club (2)	Rosettes
1 st Place Cat 1 (Ages 15-18)	Pickerington Clovers 4-H Club	Rosette
1 st Place Cat 2	Steve & Diana Pickett	Rosette
1 st Place Cat 3	Knights of Columbus, Council 1016	Rosette

Rodents & Ferrets Awards

Champion Rodent	Steve & Diana Pickett	Trophy (D)
1 st - 3 rd Place (Ages 8-13) (3)	Steve & Diana Pickett (3)	Rosettes
1 st - 2 nd Place (Ages 14-18) (2)	Steve & Diana Pickett (2)	Rosettes

Amphibian, Bird, & Reptiles Awards

Champion Amphibians, Birds, & Reptiles	Stebelton Snider LPA	Trophy (D)
1 st -3 rd Place Amphibians, Birds, & Reptiles - Ages 8-13 (3)	Steve & Diana Pickett (3)	Rosettes
1 st - 2 nd Place Amphibians, Birds, & Reptiles - Ages 14-18 (2)	Steve & Diana Pickett (2)	Rosettes

Cavy Awards

Champion Overall Cavy	Fairfield Federal Savings & Loan	Trophy (D)
1 st Place Cavy (Ages 8-11)	Steve & Diana Pickett	Rosettes
1 st Place Cavy (Ages 12-14)	In Loving Memory of Rowan Stonerock	Rosettes
1 st Place Cavy (Ages 15-18)	In Honor of the Miller & Norton Families	Rosettes

Pet Rabbit Awards

Champion Pet Rabbit Overall	Sheila and Don Burns & Family	Trophy (D)
1 st - 5 th Place (Ages 8-11) Pet Rabbit (5)	In Memory of Dale Snyder (5)	Rosettes
1 st - 3 rd Place (Ages 12-14) Pet Rabbit (3)	In Loving Memory of Rowan Stonerock (3)	Rosettes
1 st - 2 nd Place (Ages 15-18) Pet Rabbit (2)	Pickerington Clovers 4-H Club (2)	Rosettes

PetPALS Awards

PetPALS Gold, Silver, Bronze Levels	Pickerington Clovers 4-H Club	Medals
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