

Mini 4-H members will be allowed to participate in the **Mini 4-H Mentor Exhibition Showcase** on Thursday, July 22 at the 2021 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 2021 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 2 species for this mentor program.**

Mini 4-H'ers will only be allowed to show animals that are already enrolled in 4-H by a "regular" 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(s). Mini 4-H'ers will not be allowed to bring their own animals because of space issues (see exceptions below).

Mini 4-H members will be allowed to bring their own animals in the following animal projects (day of show ONLY). They too will show with the help of their mentor. It is recommended that they attend the educational workshops that may be offered for these projects.

_____ Cat _____ Dog _____ Pets _____ Rabbit

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

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.

BEEF DAIRY DAIRY STEER FEEDER CALF GOAT HORSE & PONY POULTRY SHEEP SWINE

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

Mini 4-H Liability Release Form

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, pets, 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. Fair Board, 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-H member's name (please print) _____ Home Address _____ Township _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____ Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY April 1, 2021.
NO MENTORS WILL BE ASSIGNED WITHOUT THIS SIGNED FORM BEING ON FILE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE.