

## Small Animals: POCKET PETS

State Fair Entries: No State Fair Entries.

### **RULES**

▪ 4-Her must own and care for their own mice, rat(s), gerbil(s), guinea pig(s), hamster(s), hermit crab(s), lizard(s), turtle(s), frogs, Birds such as Canaries, Finches, Parakeets, or Parrots, sugar glider(s), ferret(s) or hedgehog(s). They may exhibit one or two small animals of the same species (limit one exhibit per species, three exhibits maximum).

Animals NOT ALLOWED in Rush County Show: snakes, rabbits (rabbits must be shown in Rabbit Show if eligible). 4-Her should own animal on or before May 15th.

▪ Turn in completed Pocket Pet Notebook at the Pocket Pet animal show at the Rush County 4-H Fair. Notebooks should be kept up to date each year even if you are using the same pet.

▪ You are responsible for your pocket pet and all materials needed, such as cages with secure lid, feed, water, etc.

▪ Pocket Pets will be released after judging.

▪ Classes will be divided according to grade of the 4-H member.

#### Beginner (Grades 3-5)

Exhibit your pocket pet, plus a notebook. Your notebook should contain information about your pet such as: where you got it, its diet, how long you have had it, a picture of your pet or one similar. Include additional information in your notebook each year. Neatness and content of material will be judged.

#### Intermediate (Grades 6-8)

Exhibit your pocket pet, plus a notebook. Your notebook should contain the following: information about your pet from beginner and intermediate levels. Experiment with feeding or living conditions for your pet. You should also include how long you have had your pet, the cost of your pet, something about the species it is from. Remember to include a picture. Neatness and content of material will be judged.

#### Advanced (Grades 9-12)

Exhibit your pocket pet, plus a notebook. Your notebook should contain the following: information about your pet from beginner and intermediate, and advanced levels. Experiment with feeding or living conditions for your pet. You should also include how long you have had your pet, the cost of your pet, something about the species it is from. Remember to include a picture. Neatness and content of material will be judged.

Judging Criteria: Live animal judging will be based on: health and appearance of animal (25 points), housing for the animal (25 points), and exhibitor's knowledge of the animal (25 points), completion of pocket pet notebook (25 points).