

Small Animal Poster

This project allows youth to learn about Small animals using the 4-H project manuals or other resources without the need to own an animal. Youth who presently own and exhibit small animals are also encouraged to prepare a poster exhibit a means of learning more about small animals. Small animals would include:snakes, guinea pigs, gekkos, hamsters, turtles, gerbils, pet birds, pet rodents, ferrets and such. Please follow the general poster guidelines listed below when preparing your exhibit.

Exhibit Topics: The following suggestions are ideas for the development of educational posters. ***4-H'ers are not limited to the topics mentioned.***

Cloverbud (Mini 4-H grades K-2) equipment needed for a specific pet, things to consider when choosing a pet, which small animals are nocturnal (Cloverbud posters are 22X14 but should follow all other poster guidelines)

Level 1 (grades 3-5) small animal breeds and origins, care of animals, anatomy of small animals

Level 2 (grades 6-8) feed and digestion, identification, behavior, diseases, animal safety

Level 3 (grades 9-12) breeding and selection, biotechnology, careers, parasites

Exhibit Requirements for Posters:

Poster projects must be 22" x 28" mounted HORIZONTALLY (only) with a firm backing, and must be covered with clear plastic or other transparent material (not cellophane wrap) to protect the exhibit. The title should be placed according to project exhibit requirements or use your creativity when requirements are not specified. Be creative in your color selections unless the project description requires white poster board. (Read project requirements completely.)

Backing: A stiff backing is required; any material that will support the poster so it will not bend. Examples: Very stiff cardboard, foam core, plywood, or Masonite 1/8" thick.

CAUTION! Pre-cut commercial foam cord is not 22" x 28" and is not acceptable for fair displays. The Extension Office offers poster board and coverings for sale. Mounting

Adhesive: Rubber cement is the best form of adhesive; it does not leave marks and will not wrinkle paper. White glue should be used only in cases where wrinkling or damage will not occur. Double stick tape is best for mounting leaves. **Exhibit Tag:** The exhibit tag is affixed in the lower right-hand corner of the poster and displayed where applicable. It is approximately 2"x 4".

It is required that all posters, notebooks, and display boards 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 website 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.