

LITTLE CRITTERS

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED and ITALICIZED!* Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS because they have changed from last year.**

<i>Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Little Critters</i>			
<i>Division/Level</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Completion Activities Needed*</i>	<i>Maximum State Fair Entries</i>
<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>No State Fair Entries</i>
<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Grades 6-8</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>No State Fair Entries</i>
<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>No State Fair Entries</i>

****“Activities” are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Little Critters Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit requirements are listed below.***

RULES:

1. The Little Critters Project includes all small animals which cannot be exhibited in any other 4-H projects, e.g., hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, white mice, fish, parakeets, salamanders, etc. A rabbit raised as a pet (not for meat) may be exhibited in this project.
2. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Requirements, State Health Requirements and the Livestock Section General Rules.
3. 4-H members must be enrolled in the Little Critters Project.
4. 4-H Members must provide cages, food and water as needed.
5. 4-H Members should be prepared to answer food and habitat questions, etc. if requested by the judge.
6. Little Critters must remain in cages and in the Pavilion to be on display for viewing by the public.
7. 4-H Pocket Pets members are required to read and complete seven activities they choose from their appropriate age grouped 4-H Pocket Pets manual per year and turn the manual in to their 4-H Leader in order to complete your project. Once you have completed the project, you then have the privilege of exhibiting at the 4-H Fair.

CLASSES (for both live animal and posters):

- Level 1 - Grades 3 thru 5
- Level 2 - Grades 6 thru 8
- Level 3 - Grades 9 thru 12

AWARDS:

- All participants will be awarded ribbons according to the judge's decision.
- A Champion and Reserve Champion exhibitor will be selected from within each category.
- A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitor will be selected from the category champion and reserve champion exhibitors.

4-H LITTLE CRITTERS POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT:

Remember: All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** 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 web site 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. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

To promote educational displays by 4-H members that enjoy developing a poster exhibit, the following classes shall be offered.

Exhibit suggestions:

Use a 22" x 28" poster board with a stiff backing and a clear protective covering. Posters must be displayed horizontally. A poster label secured from your leader should be attached to the lower right-hand corner of the poster exhibit. Exhibit suggestions are listed in your manual. Posters will be judged with all other project posters/exhibits.