

DEPARTMENT G – PLANTS & ANIMALS

SMALL PETS

4-H Staff Person Responsible – Marci Carroll

General Information:

Show Date: Monday, July 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Please use Form A for Small Pet Show entries. Form A must be turned in no later than July 15.

This department cannot duplicate animals that are exhibited in other Departments at the Sarpy County Fair. Therefore, no dogs, rabbits, cats or poultry will be permitted in this show.

All Small Pet Premiums are level 5.

Rules:

- A. Definition of an exhibit:** An exhibit is composed of the animal(s) and the cage, container or tank. The exhibit can contain from one to five animals. The exhibit will be judged as a whole; both animal(s) and the facility in which they are displayed will be considered during the judging of the exhibit. No animal with nursing babies will be allowed.
- B. Number of Entries Per Exhibitor:** Only two exhibits are allowed in the Household Pet Section and only one entry is allowed per class. Any other exhibits brought will not receive premium money.
- C. Housing of Animals:** All pets must be displayed in a cage, container or tank. Individual owners are responsible to see that animals are properly caged and cared for. The animals must be supplied with food and water during exhibit time. All cages must provide adequate airflow as needed by the animal. Cages should be constructed in such a manner that will not permit the animal to crawl through, over or out.
- D. Travel Cages:** If an animal is displayed in a travel cage instead of its normal cage, the exhibitor should prepare a display such as a poster or photographs showing the animal in its normal home.
- E. Health Requirement:** Animals shall be free of fleas, ticks, mites, lice, or other parasites or diseases. Any animals showing signs of parasites or disease will not be judged.
- F. Dress Code:** Exhibitors in the Small Animal Show are required to wear a white shirt or blouse with the 4-H emblem or 4-H T-shirt. Failure to do so will result in a lower ribbon placing.
- G. Judging:** The exhibitor must present the animal to the judge. If the exhibitor is involved in another area, all efforts will be made to work around conflicts.
- H. Pre-entry:** Pet entry forms are due at either the Central or South Extension Office by **4:30 p.m. on July 15.**

- I. The show will be judged according to a 4-H Small Pet Show Scorecard:
Exhibitor's Presentation = 25%
Exhibitor's General Knowledge of Pet = 25%
Pet's Home, Container or Cage = 25%
General Appearance of Pet = 15%
Exhibitor Attire and Attitude = 10%

AWARDS

Ribbons will be awarded to all participants.

Department G – Plants & Animals Division 60 - Household Pets

* FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR CONSIDERATION*

- CLASS 901* GUINEA PIGS, HAMSTERS, GERBILS, & OTHER MAMMALS
CLASS 902* BIRDS
CLASS 903* REPTILES, FISH, AND AMPHIBIANS

Department G – Plants & Animals Division 60 – Clover Kid Pets

Clover Kids Small Pet Rules:

- A. An exhibitor in the Clover Kids Small Pet class must be between 6 and 8 years old during 2009 and be enrolled in 4-H.
- B. Each exhibitor will be **limited to one entry**.
- C. Clover Kids entries are to be submitted on Form A **by 4:30 p.m. July 15** to either extension office.
- D. Each exhibitor will receive a 4-H Clover Kids participation ribbon and the class will be conducted, non-competitively, based on the following:
1. What the individual learned about caring for and raising the pet.
2. General knowledge of the pet.
- Clover Kids exhibitors will **not** receive premium money.

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- CLASS 905* CLOVER KID PET