

Small Pets – Division L

- 1. Rules.** All exhibitors are expected to read and follow livestock general rules, health requirements, Code of Ethics, and showmanship guidelines in front of Fair Book.
- 2. Eligibility of Exhibitor.** Entries are open to any 4-H/FFA members enrolled in the pet project by May 15. An exhibit in the Animal Science class (101A) may be an outgrowth of any animal project.
- 3. Eligibility of Animals.**
 - a. Animals must be owned by the exhibitor or exhibitor's family and in possession of exhibitor by May 15. The 4-H exhibitor should be the primary caregiver.
 - b. Complete the Livestock/ Small Animal Entry Form by due date.
 - c. Limit of two entries per class.
 - d. All pets must be healthy at the time of the show. Responsible pet owners control the breeding of their animals. Exhibiting pregnant animals is discouraged.
 - e. No wildlife allowed. No swine including pot-bellied or Vietnamese pigs.
 - f. Cats and dogs must be exhibited in their appropriate shows. Rabbits may not enter both Rabbit and Small Pet Divisions. Rabbits shown only in Small Pets do not need to be tattooed and stay only during the show.
- 4. Arrival.**
 - a. Pets entered in this show may be on the Fairgrounds only during show time. This rule is made in the best interest of the animals' health and their ability to withstand the temperatures and environment of the Fair. Parking allowed only long enough to unload.
 - b. Check in at the Community Building **15 minutes** before the show starts. Pets must not be taken into the livestock barns.
 - c. Pets must be housed in appropriate cages at all times and be under the control of the exhibitor. Exhibitors must supply necessary equipment for housing and feeding.
 - d. Wear exhibitor's number on the front of your shirt. See General Rules for attire.
- 5. Judging.**
 - a. Exhibits will be evaluated by individual conference with the judge
Criteria and points to total 100 include:

Health (20)	Behavior and Handling (20)
Nutrition (15)	Knowledge of Exhibitor (20)
Environment (15)	Grooming (10)
 - b. If the pet isn't brought in its regular habitat, you may want to bring a photograph of the pet in its home habitat.
 - c. Due to health concerns, only the exhibitor and judge should touch the pets during the shows. Wash hands.
 - d. 4-H'ers may be asked to use the microphone and tell the audience about their pet.
- 6. Ribbons.**
 - a. Ribbons will be awarded based upon the quality of exhibit at judge's discretion. No class will automatically receive any of the awards available.
 - b. Blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded, if deserving.
 - c. First place in each class will receive a purple ribbon, if deserving, and may compete for Champion Small Pet.

Class:

- L 1 Birds (1 bird)
- L 2 Fish
- L 3 Gerbils (pen of 1 or 2)
- L 4 Guinea Pigs (pen of 1 or 2)
- L 5 Hamsters (pen of 1 or 2)
- L 6 Mice/Rats (pen of 1 or 2)

L 7 Pet Rabbits, Ferrets, Chinchillas (pen of 1 or 2)

L 8 Reptiles (pen of 1 or 2)

L 9 Amphibians (pen of 1 or 2)

L10 Other (please specify on entry form) (Dogs allowed only if exhibitor has attended pets project meetings and dog not in dog obedience classes.)

L 11 Small Pet Trick (optional) – No pre-signup

Champion Small Pet – Trophy

Reserve Champion Small Pet – *Trophy*

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