

# 2009 Linn County Fair

## Miscellaneous Animal Department



**Superintendent**—Jeff Barrick

**Committee**— Steve Johnson

**Judging**—Friday July 10, 1:00pm in the small animal barn

**Rules** (Note: All General Rules and rules for Animal Division apply)

1. This department included any pet properly enrolled as a 4-H project for which there is no other class. It excludes dogs, cats, rabbits, cavies, dairy and meat goats, poultry and bees.
2. Entries are to be brought on Friday between 12:30pm and 1:00pm and will be released following judging.
3. Pet exhibitors should be prepared to answer the following questions concerning the care and feeding of their pet. This may be prepared in written form. This information can be later used as support information in the member's record book.
  - Type of pet (hamster, canary, guppy, etc.)
  - Classification of animal (rodent, bird, fish, etc.)
  - Pet's scientific name
  - Pet's name
  - How long have you had your pet?
  - What is your pet's normal life expectancy?
  - Is your pet nocturnal or diurnal?
  - How often do you feed your pet? What food?
  - What type of house does your pet have? How could you make it better?
  - Has your pet ever been sick, what was the problem? Did you take it to the vet?
  - How did you cure the problem?
  - Is your pet male or female? If female, has it ever raised babies?
  - Fish: Is it egg laying or live bearing?
  - Have you trained your pet to do anything special? What?
  - What do you like best about your pet? Least?
  - What have you learned in your project?
4. Evaluation of pets will be based on exhibitor's responses to the judge's questions plus the condition of the pet (health and appearance) and the exhibitor's ability to handle their pet.
5. All members enrolled in the miscellaneous animal projects are encouraged but not required to also exhibit in the animal science class. This class is judged with other exhibits during club judging.

### Classes in order of showing

**181CA**—Fish

**181CB**—Bird)

**181CC**—Gerbil

**181CD**—Hamster

**181CE**—Reptiles and Amphibians

**181CF** – Hobby Goats (i.e. pygmy)

**181CG** – Llamas/Alpacas

**181CH** – Other

\*\*\*Overall High Point Miscellaneous Animal

\*\*\*Reserve High Point Miscellaneous Animal

**Note:** Exhibit must meet the appropriate conservation or health requirement laws as established by the state of Iowa. Pot bellied pigs must follow health guidelines established for swine. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official registered tattoo.