

4-H Exotic Judging Criteria

Exhibitor's Name _____ Exhibitor's number _____

Class Name _____ Class number _____

Pet's Name _____ Species of pet _____

The application of learning should be evidenced in the appearance of the animal and knowledge of the exhibitor.	Possible Points	Earned
1. Health: Does the pet appear healthy? a. Coat condition b. Active and alert (if appropriate); some are nocturnal. c. No inappropriate discharge. d. No signs of illness such as coughing, runny nose, lumps, pain, or dull hair coat.	20	
2. Nutrition a. Is pet fed appropriately? b. How did owner decide what to feed? c. Good body condition; not too fat or thin. d. Dry appearing coat is an indicator of inadequate nutrition. e. Flaky skin can be an indicator of a nutritional problem. f. Clean teeth.	15	
3. Environment (if appropriate) a. Clean. b. Appropriate bedding. c. Placement of food and water to ensure cleanliness. d. Frequency of cleaning.	15	
4. Grooming a. Evidence of frequent grooming. b. No hair touching the surface of the eye. c. No crusty or caked matter on eyes. d. The coat should be free of knots and matting. e. Clean and odor free.	10	
5. Behavior and Handling a. Gentleness of exhibitor in handling the pet. b. The pet should be responsive to the owner. c. Evidence of compatibility with owner.	20	
6. Knowledge of the Exhibitor a. Consider knowledge or learning as exhibited in the conference judging. b. Did the exhibitor meet their own goals in their pet project?	20	
Total	100	

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