

## **DEPT G – HOUSEHOLD PETS**

Purple award \$2.00; blue award \$1.50; red award \$0.75; white award \$0.50

This is open to any 4-H member who is enrolled in the project Companion Animals. Pre-entry tags will be required prior to the fair. Exhibitor must bring the complete cage or housing for the animal. This is a “carry in” show and the exhibits will be released the same day. Check with the superintendent to know when judging will occur. Exhibitor should be wearing official 4-H t-shirt or 4-H emblem on white shirt, and long jeans or slacks and be standing at their display during the judging. Exhibitors are limited to two animals per class.

### **Health**

All animals should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasite and infectious disease. If any signs of these external parasites or other contagious health conditions are presented, exhibitors will be asked to leave without being allowed in to the show area. ALL DECISIONS OF SHOW OFFICIALS ARE FINAL. If an animal shows the possibility of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other animals in the show and will not be allowed to show. Animals that pose a danger to others will not be allowed in the building.

Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and have a completed health form signed by the administering veterinarian submitted with registration information.

### **Classes**

G-100-003	Ferret
G-100-004	Chinchilla
G-100-005	Guinea Pig
G-100-006	Gerbil
G-100-007	Hamster
G-100-008	Mouse
G-100-009	Rat
G-100-010	Hedgehog
G-100-901	Caged house bird
G-100-902	Reptiles
G-100-903	Fish
G-100-904	Amphibians
G-100-905	Other mammals excluding cats, dogs, rabbits, or poultry
G-100-906	Miscellaneous – includes spiders, hermit crabs, etc.

### **Age of Animals**

All animals must be weaned prior to show. Minimum age of animals to be shown:

- Ferret – 4 months
- Chinchillas – 7 weeks
- Guinea pigs – 4 weeks
- Gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats – 4 weeks
- Hedgehogs – 5 weeks