

Animal Science - DEPARTMENT G SMALL PETS

4-H Staff Person Responsible – Mirissa Scholting

General Information: All exhibitors will be required to give a brief (2 minutes or less) presentation about their small pet. This may include characteristics, health, history and care of the animal they are showing. Check this link for a helpful guide to prepare for the Small Pets Show:

http://4h.unl.edu/3_4HPrograms/a_StateRegionalNationalPrograms/CompanionAnimal/howshowpet.pdf. Following the presentation, exhibitors will be interviewed individually on the knowledge and care of their animal.

Entry Deadline: Friday, May 21st

Small Pet Show Date: Saturday, June 5th, 2021 at 10:00am
Check-in will begin at 9:30a.m.

Location: Sarpy County Fairgrounds, Open Air Stage

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.
- 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. Certification of Vaccination form SF263 must be submitted for Ferret Exhibitor entries. Access the form here: <https://unl.app.box.com/s/qhbo5pacywyxge6xssn67ftx8yy84019>
- F. Dress Code:** Exhibitors in the Small Animal Show are required to wear a white shirt with the 4-H emblem or a 4-H T-shirt.

- G. **Judging:** The exhibitor must present the animal to the judge. If the exhibitor is also participating in the 4-H cat show, efforts will be made to work around conflicts.
- H. 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%
- I. **AWARDS** - Ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Small Pet Premiums are level 5.

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Division 60 - Household Pets

* The following classes are not eligible for State Fair consideration*

- CLASS 901* HAMSTERS, GERBILS, FERRETS & OTHER MAMMALS (No Guinea Pigs)
- CLASS 902* BIRDS
- CLASS 903* REPTILES, FISH, AND AMPHIBIANS
- CLASS 904* INSECTS AND ARACHNIDS

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Division 60 – Clover Kid Pets

Clover Kids Small Pet Rules:

- A. An exhibitor in the Clover Kids Small Pet class must be 4-H ages 5-7.
- B. Each exhibitor will be **limited to one entry**.
- C. Clover Kids entries are to be submitted on the Small Pet Entry Form **by 4:30 p.m. on May 21st**.
- 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.
- E. Clover Kids exhibitors will **not** receive premium money.

* The following classes are not eligible for State Fair consideration*

- CLASS 999* CLOVER KID PET

SMALL PET ENTRY FORM

Due May 21st, 2021

READ CAREFULLY: Please completely fill out form.

Forms can be returned via:

Google Form: <https://go.unl.edu/dssmallpetsshow>

Email: mscholting2@unl.edu

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

4-H AGE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL (PARENT OR GUARDIAN):

USE ONE FORM PER EXHIBITOR

Department	Division Number	Class Number	Type of Animal (hamster, bird, snake, etc.)	Name of Pet	Sex M/F