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## DEPARTMENT G - COMPANION ANIMALS

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### DIVISION 84 HOUSEHOLD PETS

Premiums: Purple - \$1.25, Blue - \$1,  
Red - \$.75, White - \$.50

4-H'ers may show one entry in each class. Exhibitor must be enrolled in the appropriate project area. Individual owners are responsible to see that their animal is properly caged and cared for during exhibit. DRESS CODE: Contestants are to wear the official 4-H t-shirt, armband or patch and must wear solid colored blue jeans and closed toed shoes. No flip flops or sandals are allowed. See 4-H 341 "4-H Show Guidelines for Cats and Small Animals" for more details on dress.

All 4-H members are to be on hand to show their exhibits. Only those animals listed below will be allowed to show in the companion animal show. Entries are judged on the overall health and appearance of the animal and the exhibitor's presentation and knowledge of the animal. Companion animals are not judged according to breed standards. Poster division can include entries covering any companion animal (including reptiles, companion birds, or others). Posters should be the size of one full standard poster board (should not exceed 22" x 28"). Poster exhibitors must be present at the time of judging and will be judged on the quality of the poster, accuracy of information provided and the ability of the exhibitor to explain the information and answer the judge's questions.

Exhibitors must be present at the time of showing. Animals must be housed in a cage or tank (no cardboard) at all times unless asked to remove them by the judge. If being shown in a travel cage, exhibitors should bring photographs of the animal's normal habitat. Each exhibitor will be asked to give a short showmanship presentation on their animal to the judge. This presentation should include the characteristics, health and care of the animal. Following the presentation, exhibitors may be interviewed on their knowledge of the animal and its care.

All animals should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, internal and external parasites and infectious disease. If any signs or parasites or other contagious health conditions are presented, exhibitors will be asked to leave without being allowed into the show area. Animals that pose a danger to others or that show signs of contagious disease will not be allowed. Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and have a completed health form signed by the administering veterinarian with the form submitted to the Extension Office with Exhibitor entries by **June 23**.

Reptiles are to be in a covered container. No one other than the exhibitor shall handle the reptile. It should only be out of its container to be showed and should be placed back in the container immediately following its exhibition.

An exhibit is composed of one to five animals and the cage or tank in which they are displayed. 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. Exhibitors shall provide appropriate food and water for their animal.

NOTICE: All household pets will be released at the conclusion of judging on **Friday, August 3**.

910. Ferret, Chinchilla, Guinea pig, Gerbil, Hamster, Mouse, Rat, Hedgehog, and Reptile. Only these animals listed in Class 910 will be allowed to show in the Companion Animal show.

911. Companion Animal Poster