

# 2024 Best Dressed Critter Contest

## Rules

- 1) Any current Saunders County 4-H member is eligible to participate, no clover kids.
- 2) Any species of animal that is entered for exhibition at the 2024 Saunders County Fair is eligible as an animal entry.
- 3) Exhibitors should design a coordinating or matching costume for not only themselves but also their animal. Costumes should be safe for the animal to be able to walk freely and without fear.
- 4) Exhibitors may not modify any natural color of the animal.
- 5) Exhibitors must pre-enter for the Best Dressed Critter Contest when making their Online County Fair Entries by July 1, 2024.
- 6) **Narrations must be turned into the 4-H Office by 12:00 pm the day of the show (August 1, 2024).**

## How the Contest Will Run

- There will be two rounds for the contest.
- Round 1:
  - Exhibitors will enter the show-ring with their animal and will show their animal as their narration is read.
  - Exhibitors will be interviewed by the judges.
  - A panel of judges will score each entry on creativity and personality of costumes and presentation.
  - Top exhibitors will be selected to advance to Round 2.
- Round 2:
  - Top Exhibitors and critters will re-enter the show-ring as one group
    - Further questions may be asked.
  - A combination of audience participation and judge's preference will determine the overall Champion Best Dressed Critter.

## Best Dressed Critter Narration Form

Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Critter Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Narration: (limit narration to 60 words or less)

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Samples:

- 1) Here comes Santa with Rudolph and his sleigh better known as Sammy Jones and his dog Buster. Sammy enjoys showing Buster in obedience and showmanship classes. Sammy has been a 4-H member in Saunders County for four years and will be a freshman in the fall.
  
- 2) Annie Jones enjoys spending time with her pig Roscoe. This year she thought it would be fun to dress Roscoe in Plaid Pajamas for a slumber party. Annie is ready for the pillow fight wearing her pink pillowcase. This is Annie’s second year showing pigs at the Saunders County Fair. She will be a fifth grader in the fall and enjoys playing volleyball.
  
- 3) Doesn’t take long to recognize the linebacker in this pair. Joey Jones and his steer Boomer are ready for the big game. Dressed up in their pads and football gear, they are sure to intimidate from the line. Joey is a member of Happy Camper 4-H Club and has been a member of Saunders County 4-H for six years.