



July 6, 2017

Exhibitors/Parents/Guardians: PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY!

Dear State Fair Companion Animal Day Exhibitor;

We look forward to your participation in this year's Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Day Judging on Friday, July 28 at the Youth Center located north of 17th Avenue. Please review the information in this letter. A parking map and other Companion Animal Day resources can be found online at: www.go.osu.edu/companionanimals. Click on Companion Animal Resources to find the information. It is your responsibility to have read and understand the information in the Companion Animal Day Rules posted at the above website. Please call me if you have any questions.

Note: To be judged at Companion Animal Day Judging, you **MUST** bring your animal and meet the other judging criteria. Your animal **MUST** meet the applicable health requirements. EXCEPTIONS are as follows:

- (1) If you are entered in the Cat 1 Interview class – DO NOT BRING A CAT!
- (2) If you are entered in the You & Your Dog Interview classes – DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG!
- (3) If you are entered in the All About Dogs class, owning a dog is not a project requirement so you will not bring a dog.

Age and Health Requirements of Animals

- All entries, except cats, must be a minimum of 12 weeks old by July 28, 2017.
- Cats must be a minimum of 15 weeks old by July 28, 2017. Kittens less than 15 weeks old are not permitted on the Fairgrounds.
- Cats must be immunized against Feline Panleukopenia (FPL), Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis (FVR), and Feline Calicivirus (FCV), OR vaccinated according to the veterinarian's vaccination protocol. All cats **MUST** be immunized against Rabies. (Note: Immunization against Feline Leukemia (FeLV) is strongly recommended for the protection of your cat, however, not required.) All vaccinations must be **current through July 28, 2017**, and given by a veterinarian.
 - Proof of vaccinations must be on the *2017 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Companion Animal Day Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets*, and signed by a veterinarian.
 - The *2017 County Companion Animal Day Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets* will also be accepted provided the information is correct for the Ohio State Fair.
- Ferrets must be immunized against Rabies and Canine Distemper, OR according to the veterinarian's vaccination protocol. All vaccinations must be **current through July 28, 2017**, and given by a veterinarian.
 - Proof of vaccinations must be on the *2017 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Companion Animal Day Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets* and signed by a veterinarian.
 - The *2017 County Companion Animal Day Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets* will also be accepted provided the information is correct for the Ohio State Fair.
- Any companion animal taken through the Self-Determined Project must meet the health requirements of the Ohio State Fair for that species. Applicable Certificates of Vaccination or

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), signed by a veterinarian, must be presented at Health Check.

- Any animal exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. If an animal is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring documentation on official letterhead signed by the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment. Decision of show personnel is final.
- ALL animals must go through and pass health check PRIOR to going to registration.

Type of Evaluation

- You will have a personal interview evaluation with a judge.
- There will be a 10-minute time limit for each interview.
- The judge will evaluate you on your knowledge of the project, the overall interview, and your exhibit (animal – if applicable – as well as visual display). Refer to the Companion Animal Day, You & Your Dog, and 4-H PetPALS score sheets on the website.

Participant to Bring

- Animal (EXCEPT for the Cat 1 Interview, You & Your Dog Interview and All About Dogs classes);
- Adequate cage and accessories for the care and welfare of the animal;
- Water from home or bottled water (do not provide unfamiliar water to your animal);
- Cats and ferrets must wear a harness, as well as an attached leash, during activities out of their cages. Other animals must be appropriately harnessed, tethered, or caged;
- Certificates of Vaccination for cats and ferrets, and CVI's for applicable Self-Determined Project animals;
- Completed project book (if applicable); completed project records; and
- An educational display representing the learning experience of the current project in 2017. This display may be in addition to, or updated from, what was used either at local 4-H judging or county fair judging. Examples of displays include something made relevant to the project (i.e. pet rabbit play pen, first aid kit), scrapbook, poster display, PowerPoint (must bring own computer – Internet connections not available), etc.

Arrival

- Enter the Ohio State Fairgrounds through the Cardinal Gate.
- You will be permitted to enter the Cardinal Gate (gate closest to the Youth Center) without an Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Walk Pass. You will receive the Walk Pass at registration and will use it to take your animals back through the gate when heading home.
- On the day of the event, report FIRST to the Health Check area in the Youth Center with your animal *no sooner than 20 minutes* before your county's scheduled judging time. Once approved at Health Check then report to Registration (animal not needed at registration).
- If you are registered for Cat 1 Interviews, You & Your Dog Interviews, and All About Dogs Interviews, go directly to Registration.
- There will be three (3) Registration and Health Check areas – one for cats, one for rabbits, and one for the other projects.

After Registration

- Once registered, you will be directed to the holding areas for your animals and displays.
- You will then be directed to the judging areas when it is your judging turn.

After Judging

- Once judging is complete, families can enjoy the fair until the awards presentation.
 - Animals are not permitted outside of the Youth Center, and therefore must be left in holding areas during this time.
- **Awards** will be presented at approximately 4:30pm for all classes.
- Those not present for the awards presentation should arrange for an adult to pick up the award should you receive one. Unclaimed awards are available for pick up at Towne Hall (4-H Office in the Youth Center at OSF) during the State Fair and at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center following the end of State Fair.
- Copies of score sheets will be mailed to the county Extension office so they should receive them by August 7. Check with your Extension office after August 7.

Results

- Results will be posted online at www.ohio4h.org/4-h-youth/club-members/state-fair and www.go.osu.edu/companionanimals on the Results page.

Classes

Classes are as follows. All ages are 4-H age, as of January 1, 2017.

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| J-1 | Cat 1 Interviews – (ages 8-18)* | J-11 | Pocket Pets – (ages 8-12) |
| J-2 | Cat 1 – (ages 8-10) | J-12 | Pocket Pets – (ages 13-18) |
| J-3 | Cat 1 – (ages 11-13) | J-13 | Cavies – (ages 8-12) |
| J-4 | Cat 1 – (ages 14-18) | J-14 | Cavies – (ages 13-18) |
| J-5 | Cat 2 – (ages 8-12) | J-15 | Reptiles & Amphibians – (ages 8-18) |
| J-6 | Cat 2 – (ages 13-18) | J-16 | Self-Determined/Hedgehog, Ferret, Chinchilla Idea Starters – (ages 8-18) |
| J-7 | Cat 3 – (ages 8-18) | J-17 | 4-H PetPALS – (ages 8-18) |
| J-8 | Pet Rabbits – (ages 8-10) | J-18 | You and Your Dog Interviews – (ages 8-10)** |
| J-9 | Pet Rabbits – (ages 11-13) | J-19 | You and Your Dog Interviews – (ages 11-13)** |
| J-10 | Pet Rabbits – (ages 14-18) | J-20 | You and Your Dog Interviews – (ages 14-18)** |
| | | J-21 | All About Dogs Interviews – (ages 8-18) |

***CAT 1 INTERVIEW CLASS - FOR FIRST-YEAR CAT PROJECT MEMBERS WITHOUT CATS!**

This class is for 4-H members who are taking the Cat 1 project to learn about cats, but do not yet have a 4-H project cat.

****YOU AND YOUR DOG INTERVIEW CLASSES:** These classes are interview classes for youth WITHOUT their dogs. YOUTH SHOWING DOGS AT THE OHIO STATE FAIR DOG SHOWS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE INTERVIEW CLASSES. Also, youth being interviewed in You and Your Dog classes on Companion Animal Day are NOT eligible to enter any dog in the Ohio State Fair Dog Shows.

Make sure you are entered in the correct class. If not sure, contact your County 4-H Extension Educator for class verification!

Judging Schedule

- The exact schedule of participation depends on the number reporting at any one time.
- Members must FIRST go to health check with their animal, then to registration.
- Once animals are settled in holding areas, be prepared to be called to judging.

Times listed below are for reporting to Health Check. If you are registered for Cat 1 Interviews, You & Your Dog Interviews, and All About Dogs, go directly to Registration.

8:40am (*Judging begins at 9:00am*)

Clark, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Muskingum, Pickaway, Union

9:40am (*Judging begins at 10:00am*)

Allen, Ashland, Champaign, Coshocton, Crawford, Greene, Hardin, Hocking, Holmes, Knox, Miami, Montgomery, Perry, Richland, Ross, Shelby, Vinton, Wyandot

10:40am (*Judging begins at 11:00am*)

Athens, Clinton, Guernsey, Hancock, Highland, Huron, Jackson, Medina, Morgan, Pike, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Warren, Wayne, Wood

12:40pm (*Judging begins at 1:00pm*)

Auglaize, Belmont, Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Darke, Erie, Hamilton, Harrison, Lorain, Monroe, Noble, Paulding, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Sandusky, Van Wert, Washington

1:40pm (*Judging begins at 2:00pm*)

Adams, Ashtabula, Brown, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Gallia, Geauga, Jefferson, Lake, Lawrence, Lucas, Mahoning, Meigs, Mercer, Ottawa, Scioto, Trumbull, Williams

Other Exhibitor Information

Score Sheets for Companion Animals (all projects except 4-H PetPALS and You & Your Dog), the 4-H PetPALS score sheet for that project, and the You & Your Dog Interview score sheet for that project, are posted at www.go.osu.edu/companionanimals on the Resources page.

Cat Project Exhibitors – Have a harness and leash on your cat. A harness is preferred to a collar, as it is usually harder for a cat to slip through a harness. It is a good idea to have a pet identification tag on the harness. Also, bring some kitty litter in a covered container so your cat will have that to use if needed during the day.

For Pocket Pets, the animal must be in good health, free of parasites, discharges, diarrhea, lumps, etc. It must be tame and easily lifted out of its cage and able to be handled by the exhibitor and judge. The animal should be in good condition when held, not too fat or too thin, and have a healthy hair coat. The pocket pet must be clean. It needs to be brought to the judge in a carrier of appropriate size that is safe and secure. There should be some type of water source in the carrier, such as a water bottle or a piece of fruit or vegetable for water consumption. There should also be something in the cage for the pet to gnaw on such as an acceptable wood chew or treat. The cage must also have appropriate bedding.

For 4-H PetPALS, follow the information listed on the score sheet under the Areas of Evaluation. Please bring the requested information, including your pet's SPP certificate.

For You & Your Dog Interviews, a bank of questions from which the judge will ask you questions during the Project Knowledge section in the Areas to be Evaluated is posted at www.go.osu.edu/companionanimals on the Resources page. Also, it is important to complete the required sections in your Project & Record Book at the very minimum.

For All About Dogs Interviews, a bank of questions from which the judge will ask you questions during the Project Knowledge section in the Areas to be Evaluated is posted at www.go.osu.edu/companionanimals on the Resources page.

All Exhibitors – The Youth Center is air conditioned, so your pets will stay cool! Bring your animals to judging in a humane cage or carrier. Traveling cages or carriers are fine. Bring water from home so your pet will drink. Bring any other items needed for your pet throughout the day. Once the awards are presented, exhibitors are free to leave. Pets will not be kept on display. However, if you want to enjoy the fair after the awards, you may leave your animals in the building until 7:00pm.

Website – For information about Companion Animal Day Judging please refer to: www.go.osu.edu/companionanimals.

If you have any questions, please call my cell at 740.708.0359. My email address is miller.78@osu.edu. We look forward to you being part of the Companion Animal Day Judging Event at the Ohio State Fair!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucinda B. Miller".

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