GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Age of Participants
   a. Participation is open to boys and girls ages 8 and in the third grade as of January 1, 2017. The last year of eligibility, or participation, in 4-H is the year in which the individual turns 19.

2. Participation Guidelines
   a. The clock trophy winner of any one class in 2016 will **not** be eligible to participate in the same class for 2017.
   b. Companion animal projects include:

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   - Only the four animals represented in the Pocket Pet project will be permitted to be shown: mice, rats, hamsters, and gerbils.
   - A 4-H PetPALS exhibitor may bring one of the animals used in animal-assisted activities visits, **EXCEPT** for dogs. Youth taking dogs as 4-H PetPALS projects must be judged during the Ohio State Fair Dog Show and not during Companion Animal Day Judging.
   - Companion animals taken as *Self-Determined Projects* should be shown at Companion Animal Day Judging. Youth may NOT show their self-determined companion animal projects at both Companion Animal Day Judging and Self-Determined Day.
   - *You and Your Dog,* classes are interviews for youth **WITHOUT** their dogs. Youth showing dogs at the Ohio State Fair Dog Shows are not eligible to participate in these interview classes. 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.
   - *All About Dogs* is a new project in 2017 for beginning level members who do are not ready to take a 4-H dog project that requires owning a dog.

   c. Each county may have no more than **TWO** participants in each class.
   d. No one individual may participate in more than **ONE** class, with the EXCEPTION OF 4-H PetPALS.
      - Youth enrolled in the 4-H PetPALS project may show in his/her respective companion animal class (i.e. Pet Rabbit) AND his/her age-appropriate 4-H PetPALS class.
      - Any youth enrolled in the 4-H PetPALS project may show in his/her age-appropriate 4-H PetPALS class during Companion Animal Day **WITH** or **WITHOUT** being judged at the county level, provided he/she has met county eligibility requirements and is properly entered by the county 4-H professional.

   e. 4-H members **MUST** bring their animals to judging **EXCEPT** for Cat 1 Interviews, *You and Your Dog* Interviews, and *All About Dogs* interviews.

3. Age and Health Requirements of Animals
   a. All entries, except cats, must be a minimum of 12 weeks old by July 28, 2017.
   b. 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.
   c. 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 licensed veterinarian.

- The **2017 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Companion Animal Day Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets** will also be accepted provided the information is correct for the Ohio State Fair.

- Proof of vaccinations must be on the **2017 County Companion Animal Day Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets**, and signed by a licensed veterinarian.
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- 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 licensed veterinarian.
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- 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 licensed 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 the 4-H member going to registration.

4. **Type of Evaluation**

a. Participants will have a personal interview evaluation with a judge.

b. There will be a 10-minute time limit for each interview.

c. The judge will evaluate participants on their knowledge of the project, the overall interview, and their exhibit (the animal, except for Cat 1 Interviews, You & Your Dog Interviews, and All About Dog interviews) and the visual display. Refer to OSF Companion Animal Day score sheets, which can be found at the end of these rules or at: [www.go.osu.edu/companionanimals](http://www.go.osu.edu/companionanimals). Judging criteria is different for each score sheet.
- Companion Animal Day score sheet (includes all projects except 4-H PetPALS and You and Your Dog)
- 4-H PetPALS score sheet
- You and Your Dog Interview score sheet

5. **Participant must bring**

a. Animal (EXCEPT for the Cat 1 Interview, You & Your Dog Interview, and All About Dogs Interview classes);

b. Adequate cage and accessories for the care and welfare of the 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.

c. Certificates of Vaccination for cats and ferrets, and CVI’s for applicable Self-Determined Project animals;

d. Completed project book (if applicable); completed project records; and

e. An educational display representing the learning experience of the 2017 current project. This display may be in addition to, or updated from, what was used either at local 4-H judging or county fair judging.

f. Refer to respective score sheets which may include specific items for judging.
6. **Arrival**
   a. Exhibitors will enter the Ohio State Fairgrounds through the Cardinal Gate on the north side of the fairgrounds.
   b. Exhibitors will be permitted to enter the Cardinal Gate (gate closest to the Youth Center) without an Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Walk Pass. Exhibitors will receive the Walk Pass at registration and will use it to take their animals back through the gate when heading home.
   c. On the day of the event, exhibitors with animals report FIRST to the Health Check area in the Youth Center with their animal *no more than 20 minutes* before their county’s scheduled judging time. Once approved at Health Check exhibitors then report to Registration (animal not needed at registration). Exhibitors without animals report directly to Registration.

7. **After Registration**
   a. Once registered, exhibitors will be directed to the holding areas to put their animals and displays.
   b. Exhibitors will then be directed to the judging area when it is their judging turn.

8. **After Judging**
   a. Once judging for the exhibitor 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.
   b. Awards will be presented at approximately 4:30pm.
   c. Those not present for the awards presentation should arrange for an adult to pick up the award should the youth receives one. Unclaimed awards are either available for pick up at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center or eventually sent to county Extension offices, usually in the fall.
   d. Results will be posted online at [http://www.ohio4h.org/families/ohio-state-fair/2017-results](http://www.ohio4h.org/families/ohio-state-fair/2017-results).

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

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*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.

**AWARDS**
1. Awards will be presented at approximately 4:30pm.
2. All participants will receive participation ribbons sponsored by The Ohio State Fair.
3. “Outstanding of the Day” rosettes, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair, will be awarded to the top 20% in each class.
4. “Honorable Mention” rosettes, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair, will be awarded to the next 20% in each class scoring below the top 20% Outstanding of the Day awardees.
5. A clock trophy will be awarded to each overall class winner provided s/he has received an “Outstanding of the Day” award.

JUDGING SCHEDULE
1. Times listed below are for reporting to health check prior to going to registration.
2. The exact judging schedule depends on the number reporting at any one time.
3. Once animals are settled in holding areas, be prepared to be called to judging.

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

2016 Class Winners:
Class winners – Please check 2017 classes and information in the Participation Guidelines section of these rules for eligibility for repeating classes.

J-1  Cat 1 Interviews – (ages 8-18)   Johni Weidner, Wood Co.
J-2  Cat 1 – (ages 8-10)   Samantha York, Franklin Co.
J-3  Cat 1 – (ages 11-13)   Jared Trenner, Noble Co.
J-4  Cat 1 – (ages 14-18)   Marissa Sagraves, Clark Co.
J-5  Cat 2 – (ages 8-12)   Carson Clouse, Guernsey Co.
J-6  Cat 2 – (ages 13-18)   Katie Turner, Noble Co.
J-7  Cat 3 – (ages 8-18)   Amy Caughenbaugh, Clark Co.
J-8  Pet Rabbits – (ages 8-10)   Evelyn Gall, Erie Co.
J-9  Pet Rabbits – (ages 11-13)   Grace Cooper, Pike Co.
J-10  Pet Rabbits – (ages 14-18)   Anna Kowal, Greene Co.
J-12  Pocket Pets – (ages 13-18)   Annie Patterson, Hancock Co.
J-16  Self-Determined – (ages 8-18)   Gabriel Ortega, Hocking Co.
J-17  4-H PetPALS – (ages 8-18)   Caitlin Bowsher, Clark Co.
J-18  You and Your Dog Interviews – (ages 8-10)   Faith Feehan, Henry Co.