



4-H PetPALS DAY – July 31

Exhibitors/Parents/Guardians: PLEASE READ THIS 3-PAGE LETTER CAREFULLY!

Dear State Fair 4-H PetPALS Day Exhibitor;

We look forward to your participation in this year's Ohio State Fair 4-H PetPALS Day Judging on Friday, July 31 at the Youth Center located north of 17th Avenue. Please review the information in this letter. A parking map and other 4-H PetPALS 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 read and understand the information in the 4-H PetPALS Day Rules posted at the above website.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- You must be enrolled in 4-H PetPALS, Project No. 230, to be eligible for judging.
- You are NOT required to be evaluated at the county level to enter OSF 4-H PetPALS Day.
- You MUST complete an entry form found at the above website. Follow the instructions on the entry form.
- Your County Educator must sign the entry form prior to it being postmarked for the entry to be valid.
- Entries MUST be postmarked by Monday, July 20, for you to be eligible for 4-H PetPALS Day.
- You may also email your completed, signed entry form to miller.78@osu.edu by July 20.
- There is no entry fee to enter.

PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING

- 4-H PetPALS Achievement Form (download at www.go.osu.edu/companionanimals) completed as required prior to judging. This is your score sheet. The "Required Prior to Judging" section must be completed prior to judging by your 4-H PetPALS advisor.
- 4-H PetPALS animal and items you would use for visiting. If your 4-H PetPALS animal is a dog, cannot be judged on July 31; you must be judged during the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. Those entries must be made online by June 20.
- Adequate cage and accessories for the care and welfare of the animal during the day
- For First-Year 4-H PetPALS: Completed 4-H PetPALS Project and Record Book (refer to score sheet)
- For Second-Year and Beyond 4-H PetPALS: Documentation of visits such as scrapbook, poster, slide presentation, etc. (refer to score sheet)
- Other items as specified on 4-H PetPALS score sheet
- Admission ticket and Reserved North Lot parking pass (\$5.00) will be mailed to you once the entry deadline passes. Also, you will receive a 4-H PetPALS OSF Walk Pass to get your animal onto the Fairgrounds.

ARRIVAL

- All exhibitors may enter the Ohio State Fairgrounds through the Cardinal Gate. Show your Walk pass to the gate attendant.
- Enter the Youth Center at the north end and when it is your county's time to register, do so at the registration table area for your project.

AFTER REGISTRATION

- Once registered, you will be directed to the holding area. Your animals may either remain with you, or if in carriers, sit in the holding area. You can put your displays in the holding area.
- You will then be directed to the judging area when it is your turn to be interviewed.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Participants will have an interview with a judge.
- There will be a 12-minute time limit for each interview.
- Animals must meet the age and health requirements required of the Ohio State Fair and 4-H PetPALS.
- Exhibitors will not be placed, with all youth receiving an award.
 - a. The type of award will depend on whether all judging criteria was met or certain criteria still needs met.
 - b. Youth will receive medals according to the number of visits completed.

AFTER JUDGING

- Once judging is complete, families can enjoy the fair until the awards presentation should you desire to leave your pets in their carriers on the floor in the back of one of the holding areas.
- **Awards** will be presented at approximately 4:30pm.
- Those not present for the awards ceremony should arrange for an adult to pick up their award at the conclusion should they 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 emailed to you following the conclusion of the Ohio State Fair. Please make sure your email address provided on your entry form is accurate and legible.

RESULTS

- Results will be posted online at www.go.osu.edu/20osfresults and www.go.osu.edu/companionanimals on the Results page.

JUDGING SCHEDULE

- Times listed below are for reporting to Registration.
- The exact judging schedule depends on the number reporting at any one time.

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

Allen, Ashland, Athens, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Coshocton, Crawford, Fairfield, Fayette, Greene, Guernsey, Hancock, Hardin, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Huron, Jackson, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Medina, Miami, Montgomery, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Richland, Ross, Seneca, Shelby, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Union, Vinton, Warren, Wayne, Wood, Wyandot

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

Adams, Ashtabula, Auglaize, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Franklin, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Hamilton, Harrison, Henry, Jefferson, Lake, Lawrence, Lorain, Lucas, Monroe, Mahoning, Meigs, Mercer, Noble, Ottawa, Paulding, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Sandusky, Scioto, Trumbull, Van Wert, Washington, Williams

If you have any questions, please email me at miller.78@osu.edu or call either my office phone at 614.292.7453 or my cell at 740.708.0359 (leave a message). My email address is miller.78@osu.edu.

We look forward to you being part of 4-H PetPALS Day at the Ohio State Fair!

Sincerely,

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

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