

**Friday, July 24**

12:00 p.m.

**Enter Small Pets and Cat – Dueland Pavilion**

12:30 p.m.

**Clover Kid Small Pet and Cat Show – Dueland Pavilion**

1:00 p.m.

**4-H/FFA Small Pet and Cat Show – Dueland Pavilion**

## **SMALL PETS**

**Superintendent:** Kindra Smith

**Judge:** Kathy Johnson

**Note:** Refer to the General Rules and Animal Science rules that apply to the Small Pets Division.

1. The Small Pets Department Exhibit is an outgrowth of the Small Pets Project. Exhibitors must be enrolled as 4-H or FFA members by May 15 of the current year. The exhibitor must be enrolled in the Small Pet/Cat Project by June 15 of the current year.
2. A maximum total of 3 pet exhibits may be shown.
3. The cat classes are designed for domesticated cats and kittens. Kittens must be at least four months old as of the County Fair show. Cats must have a current rabies vaccination certificate that must be brought to the Fair with the animal. The rabies certificate for cats vaccinated the first time is good for one year. The second year's vaccination is good for 3 years. However, cats should be taken to a veterinarian every year. Distemper and other vaccinations are required annually. Bring the certificates that show the latest vaccinations for both rabies and distemper. Pregnant cats or cats that are nursing kittens are not to be shown. Cat's claws are to be clipped. De-clawing is not a requirement.
4. The "other small pet" classes include animals such as fish, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, snakes, mice, rats, chinchillas and some birds. No poultry, geese, turkeys, ducks, pigeons, doves, guinea, pheasant, peafowl or quail are shown here. They are shown in the poultry division. Rabbits and dogs cannot be shown in this division. Turtles may not be shown in any fair class. Law restricts them because they are disease carriers.
5. **Pot Belly Pigs are considered a Swine Animal Exhibit.** They cannot be entered as a Small Pet live exhibit. **An exhibitor may display a folder in the Animal Science class on their Pot Belly Pig (see rule 6 and 8).**
6. A folder that explains the care of the Small Pet may be (not required) entered as a separate Animal Science Exhibit. You would enter your folder under the Animal Science Class. **Note: Any small pet related exhibit entered and displayed in the Community Building or 4-H Hall cannot be taken out of the buildings. The exhibits are on display for the entire fair and will be released with all exhibits at 3:30 pm on Tuesday. Therefore, NO FOLDERS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SMALL PET-CAT SHOW ON FRIDAY, JULY 24.**
7. Exhibiting excitable small animals can be hazardous to the animal, unless care is given to have adequate water, ventilation, and food available while the animal is at the fair. The exhibitor is responsible for providing these items along with any special equipment needed. **Please bring own cage/carrier.**
8. Judging is based on the condition of the animal (health, cleanliness, disposition, grooming, and safety); costs (feeding, veterinary, and equipment); management (housing and environment, feeding and watering, disease prevention); exhibitor's general knowledge and learning. Cats are required to be clean and knot free. Cats and Small Pets – No parasites.
9. **Each exhibitor must bring the completed Small Pet Information Form to the judging experience on Friday, July 24. A photocopy or generated copy of the Small Pet Information Form is acceptable.** This form will include the following information:
  - What is your goal in the project?
  - Necessary Veterinary Care of My Pet (including a vaccination certificate – if applicable)
  - Daily Care of My Animal
  - Cost of Pet and Daily Upkeep
  - How Does Your Pet Fit Into Your Family's Lifestyle?
10. Small pets are released immediately after the show.
11. No coloring or painting is allowed. If this rule is not followed, it can result in disqualification of the exhibit.

### **DIVISION - CATS**

**Class**

Cat

### **DIVISION - OTHER SMALL PETS**

**Class**

Birds

Fish

Gerbils

Guinea Pigs

**Class**

Hamsters

Other Small Pet

Reptiles