

SECTION 4325 –4-H COMPANION ANIMALS

- All Companion Animal exhibits should focus on one of the following: 1) Animal Health and/or Nutrition 2) Good Husbandry and/or Grooming 3) Training and/or showing 4) Service and/or Citizenship.
- Companion animals refer to animals utilized as household pets (birds, cats, dogs, fish, rabbits, guinea pigs, etc), not livestock or wildlife. In cases of animals (i.e. rabbits, turtles, etc.) that can be represented as a companion or a non-companion animal projects it will be up to the 4-H member to make sure that their entry represents companionship.
- The 4-H member's name, grade, and county must be included attached to the exhibit. Exhibits deemed to be inappropriate will not be displayed.
- If you use text, pictures, drawings, artwork, or other information not created by you in your exhibit you must cite the source. See "Copy written material and referencing sources" section at opening of 4-H Division.
- **Awards:** Ribbons will be placed to top 10 in each class.

- **Companion Animal Poster** illustrating one of the following 1) Animal Health and/or Nutrition 2) Good Husbandry and/or Grooming 3) Training and/or showing 4) Service and/or Citizenship. Posters must be 14" x 22". For display purposes, exhibitors are encouraged to laminate all posters or cover them with clear plastic film. Posters must be permanently signed and dated on the back. If not marked the judging committee may mark or punch. Posters may be horizontal or vertical. Text of posters should be readable from at least 10 ft. away.

1. Jr. (**Grades 3-7**)
2. Sr. (**Grades 8-12**)

Companion Animal Display illustrating one of the following 1) Animal Health and/or Nutrition 2) Good Husbandry and/or Grooming 3) Training and/or showing 4) Service and/or Citizenship. Space for the booth is 3 feet x 4 feet (with sides extended for display.) Back can be 4 feet high. Display must be free-standing. Models, photographs, posters or other means for display may be used. Display may be prepared by an individual or group from a county. Exhibit must prominently display a 4-H clover or mention 4-H.

3. Jr. (**Grades 3-7**)
4. Sr. (**Grades 8-12**)

Companion Animal Photo Story Board illustrating one of the following 1) Animal Health and/or Nutrition 2) Good Husbandry and/or Grooming 3) Training and/or showing 4) Service and/or Citizenship. Story Board should contain 4 to 6 photos attached to the surface of a white or colored foam core, poster, or mat board no larger than 14" x 22". Each photo should contain a caption. Judging criteria will emphasize content first and photo composition second. Photos are to be taken by the exhibitor.

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6. Sr. (**Grades 8-12**)

Companion Animal Single Photo Entry illustrating one of the following 1) Animal Health and/or Nutrition 2) Good Husbandry and/or Grooming 3) Training and/or showing 4) Service and/or Citizenship. Prints must be no smaller than 3.5 inch x 5 inch and no larger than 5 inch x 7 inch. Digital photos may not be manipulated or altered except for color and contrast adjustments, cropping, exposure adjustments, and red eye reduction. Prints must be securely attached to the surface of a poster board or mat board. No double matting, use of multiple layers or more than one color. The entire print must be seen and cannot be masked in any way. Boards must be no larger than 10" x 10". Captions are optional, but not required. Photos are to be taken by the exhibitor.

7. Jr. (**Grades 3-7**)
8. Sr. (**Grades 8-12**)

Me and My Pet Journal A 3 ring binder, 3 inch or smaller, showing activities you and your pet have been doing this past year. Emphasis should be given to illustrating one of the following 1) Animal Health and/or Nutrition 2) Good Husbandry and/or Grooming 3) Training and/or showing 4) Service and/or Citizenship. It may include but is not limited to training notes, photos of you and your pet working on a new trick, newspaper clippings of you and your pet participating in service projects, breeding records, animal health records and

much more clearly labeled as such. Judging emphasis will be placed on the current year's work.

9. ALL GRADES

Other Companion Animal Items Exhibits must have a 3 x 5 inch note card describing the exhibit, what was done to create or prepare this exhibit and how the exhibit relates to 1) Animal Health and/or Nutrition 2) Good Husbandry and/or Grooming 3) Training and/or showing 4) Service and/or Citizenship. Posters, Photo, Displays and Journals are not allowed in this category. Exhibit size limited to 4'x4'x4' due to space limitations.

10. Jr. **(Grades 3-7)**

11. Sr. **(Grades 8-12)**