

POCKET PETS

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Costume Class: Wednesday, AUGUST 27, 7:00 p.m. - Barn #10

Decorated Cage Contest: Saturday, AUGUST 30, 5:00 p.m. - Barn #10

Breed Judging: Sunday, AUGUST 31, 10:00 a.m. - Coliseum

Showmanship: Monday, SEPTEMBER 1, 9:00 a.m. - Coliseum

POCKET PET GUIDELINES

1. Any member wishing to exhibit a pocket pet at the Canfield Fair must be enrolled in the club by the March 15, or add by April 1, 2025. Members must complete Junior Fair Registration by the April 7 deadline. All animal projects must be in members' possession by May 15th.
2. All members must attend 3 (three) meetings throughout the year. In addition, all members must attend the Small Animal Interview Judging/Skillathon in June.
Members with a conflict should contact the Pocket Pet Committee.
3. Parents attendance does not count toward the meeting requirement if a member is not able to attend.
4. No animal will be permitted on the fairgrounds without Health Check on Entry Day.
5. Exhibitors must be present during Breed Judging or project will be considered incomplete, unless arrangements were made before judging.
6. Showmanship and Breed Judging during the fair are mandatory. All members will participate in showmanship according to their 4-H age with an overall Showman of Showmen chosen; breed judging is according to the member's project, with an overall Best of Show and Reserve chosen.
7. No pregnant animals, or animals with litters are permitted at the fair.
8. Members are required to provide cages and feed. **CAGES MUST BE ESCAPE PROOF.**
9. Exhibitors **MUST CLEAN CAGES DAILY.**
10. Members are responsible for his or her own animal. Failure to comply with this rule may result in forfeiting their premium.
11. Due to the availability of space, cage size will be limited according to size of animal, and members may be limited to number of projects permitted to exhibit.
12. No animal is permitted to leave the Livestock Area after 8:00 p.m. Entry Day through 9:00 p.m. Monday, unless approved by Junior Fair Management.
13. All members who intend on exhibiting at the fair are requested to pay dues by the last mandatory meeting to assist with the cost of awards & fair supplies.
14. All members must follow Small & Exotic Animal Guidelines.
15. **ALL MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB WILL WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM.** Any problems or conflicts will be reviewed by the committee. Please feel free to come to the committee with any questions or concerns.

ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.

EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY

A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior fair livestock show.

An exhibitor may receive **assistance** in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided

that the **assistance shall be limited to explanation and/or demonstration** provided by the following:

- (1) Family members;
- (2) Household members;
- (3) Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organization. Members providing assistance must be active youth members of the youth organization

(C) Assistance will be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration or for safety purposes. Explanation and minimal demonstration refer to explaining and/or showing a youth how to perform the task at hand and is restricted to this assistance. **Youth exhibitors are expected to complete the task.**

(D) Member must show and/or sell his/her own animal. Coaching or assisting by any person outside the show ring while the exhibitor is showing is prohibited. ONLY YOUTH EXHIBITORS AND/OR JUNIOR FAIR DESIGNEES AND/OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASSISTING WITH THE SHOW MAY BE IN THE RING DURING THE SHOW. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee. Any violation may result in the disqualification of the exhibitor.

(E) All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain a respectable and professional demeanor throughout the project year and especially during the Junior Fair Show. The project year will be considered from the time an individual enrolls in their project until the next enrollment deadline. Foul language, disrespectful, unsportsmanlike, unruly behavior and/or animal neglect will not be tolerated. Discipline will be any or all of the following:

- (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
- (2) Second warning will be security escort of the individual from the premises.
- (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition and/or participation in the activities held during the year and/or other Junior Fair
Livestock events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY: All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain respectable demeanor in the use of social media with regards to the youth involved in the Junior Fair Program. Social Media use, which is deemed unlawful, abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, creates a hostile environment, or creates a negative image of the Junior Fair Youth Program will not be tolerated.

Discipline will be any, or all of the following:

- (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
- (2) Second warning will be removal from events/activities
- (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock

IMPORTANT: In extreme situations, where the safety of any individual has been threatened and/or is in question, and/or if there is any evidence of the use of alcohol, drugs, or violence, the committee may waive the right of the first and/or second warning and may immediately seek assistance in the removal of an individual from the premises. This individual will be placed on probation and the situation will be reviewed as to further participation referring to section (E) number (3) above.

This guideline shall be referred to as the "EXHIBITOR ONLY" guideline. Any additional adult assistance required by a youth exhibitor must be approved by the committee and/or Junior Fair Supervision. Infractions of this guideline shall result in the following:

(A) If an infraction has been reported and confirmed, one verbal warning will be given immediately to the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian.

Exhibitor will be expected to adhere to the guidelines;

(B) If exhibitor refuses to adhere to the guidelines, a second warning will **result and include a \$50.00 penalty**, which the exhibitor must pay immediately or must agree that the \$50.00 penalty will be deducted from his/her sale check. Penalty monies will be paid to the Market Livestock Committee. The penalty and/or agreement to deduct the penalty from the sales check will be attached to a signed, written agreement which states the exhibitor will adhere to the above guidelines;

(C) A third refusal will be termed as tampering and/or misrepresentation and will result in the immediate disqualification of the exhibitor and their animal from the Junior Fair Show. After the situation is reviewed by the Senior Fair Board, this disqualification may result in the barring of this exhibitor from the Junior Fair Show for a period of up to three years.

CLEAN AREA AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOUTH MAINTAINING A CLEAN PEN, CLEAN AREA AROUND THE PEN, FRESH CLEAN WATER PROVIDED, & ANIMAL KEPT CLEAN IN APPEARANCE.

JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL LIVESTOCK GUIDELINES

Exhibitors must complete a Junior Fair Entry Form online by August 1 to exhibit their animal. **If a Junior Fair Entry Form is not submitted, then the youth will NOT be permitted to exhibit their animal in the Junior Fair Show.** Members not able to participate in the Junior Fair must contact the Manager of Junior Fair prior to entry day. Exhibitors must have enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or Farm Bureau Youth by the organization enrollment deadline, and followed specified Junior Fair Guidelines to be eligible for exhibition.

Exhibitors should check in at the Junior Fair Office before unloading their project. Youth should bring one extra copy of their health paper for their animal to show at time of registration, and this health paper is to then be stapled on animal's pen. Small Animals will be checked prior to placing in pens. Youth must bring a verification of this health check with them to the Junior Fair Office to check in. **NO SMALL ANIMAL IS PERMITTED IN ASSIGNED PEN WITHOUT FIRST BEING HEALTH CHECKED.**

Exhibits are to be in place by 8:00 p.m. Entry Day, Tuesday. Exhibits will be released at 9:00 p.m. Monday evening. Anyone taking their animal from the exhibit area prior to 9:00 p.m. will forfeit their premium and may not be permitted to exhibit the following year.

Neither the Mahoning County Agricultural Society, nor any other youth organization involved in Junior Fair and their volunteers, assume responsibility for exhibits/projects, including livestock, any article lost or stolen, or any injury during the fair, or any damage of person or possessions on the grounds, or the neglect of any exhibitor, patron, or employee, nor providing liability insurance to cover the exhibitor nor livestock.

All livestock exhibitors are to be present to show their livestock at the time and place designated. Judges determine member grades based on knowledge of projects, animal appearance, and ability to handle animal. Members must show their own project, unless reviewed by designated committee and Junior Fair Manager. An exception is in championships where more than one animal may need to be exhibited. A youth member of the same specie may be asked for assistance with approval of the specified committee. See specific guidelines for each specie.

All exhibitors are asked to help provide an attractive and educational display for the public. **Members are expected to feed, water, and maintain cleanliness of their animal.** Awards will be presented daily for clean area. Please check with your livestock committee as to the specific guidelines in your livestock area.

All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate dress for both handling and showing of animals. Appropriate dress may vary according to each specie. For safety reasons, all youth should wear closed toe shoes/boots. As we are in the public view, dress code while working with animals should be reflective of the agricultural and/or equine industry. Those taking Market Projects should be reminded that pictures for buyers will be taken during weigh-in. **PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY!!!** No club shirts may be worn to show Market Livestock. If a member is not caring for their animal, and accused of animal neglect, they may be fined \$50, and prohibited from exhibiting in future Junior Fair Shows. Club shirts may be worn during the sale & for pictures. Saddle Horse exhibitors should see specific guidelines. Check species for specific show attire.

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