

## LITTLE CRITTERS

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any changes/updates from the previous year will be **BOLDED** and **ITALICIZED**! Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS** because they have changed from last year.

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Little Critters			
Division/Level	Grades	Completion Activities Needed	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entries
Level 2	Grades 6-8	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entries
Level 3	Grades 9-12	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entries

SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIALS (available for purchase in Extension Office or [shop4-h.org](http://shop4-h.org))

- Level 1: Pet Pals
- Level 2: Scurrying Ahead
- Level 3: Scaling the Heights

### GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Livestock and Animal Section for General Guidelines related to all livestock projects. See 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date.  
**2025 designated FairEntry Deadline is Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 p.m.**
3. Complete the Record Sheet (if not exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair).
4. The Little Critters Project includes all small animals which cannot be exhibited in any other 4-H projects, e.g., hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, white mice, fish, parakeets, salamanders, etc. A rabbit raised as a pet (not for meat) may be exhibited in this project.
5. 4-H Members must provide cages, food and water as needed.

### EXHIBIT CLASSES

- Level 1 - Grades 3 thru 5
- Level 2 - Grades 6 thru 8
- Level 3 - Grades 9 thru 12

NOTES regarding live animal exhibit

1. 4-H Members should be prepared to answer food and habitat questions, etc. if requested by the judge.
2. Little Critters must remain in cages and in the designated location of the show to be on display for viewing by the public during designated time.

### AWARDS

- All participants will be awarded ribbons according to the judge's decision.
- A Champion and Reserve Champion exhibitor will be selected from within each category.
- A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitor will be selected from the category champion and reserve champion exhibitors.