# Small Animal\*

Description:

This project allows youth to learn about small pets through a variety of experiences. Small pets include white mice, rats, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, birds, lizards, and other animals, but no dogs, cats, poultry, or rabbits.

State Fair Entries:

# No state fair entries. *\*County project only*

Poster Exhibit Guidelines:

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member’s exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed.

Poster subject examples include selection, care, feeding, equipment needed, combination of others, or one of your choosing. The 4-H’er may complete the project each year, but providing information on a different topic.

Posters are to be 22”x28” and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36” of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff.

Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this document as a guide rather than a requirement.

Live Animal Exhibit Guidelines

1. Animals will be judged in their habitat (what they live in at home).
2. Habitats will be considered in judging (size, cleanliness, etc.)
3. Habitat should be fastened securely so no harm will come to animal.
4. You should keep a record and pictures of your animal. A written report can be made (feeding habit, cost of raising animal(s), etc.) to exhibit.
5. All small animals *must* be taken home after judging.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

*Beginner (grades 3-5 suggested)*

Create an educational poster about a small animal topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate or exhibit your live animal in their habitat.

*Intermediate (grades 6-8 suggested)*

Create an educational poster about a small animal topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate or exhibit your live animal in their habitat.

*Advanced (grades 9-12 suggested)*

Create an educational poster about a small animal topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate or exhibit your live animal in their habitat.

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