

## Department NO. 650: Pocket Pets Pet Rabbits/Cats/ Guinea Pigs/ Hamsters/Gerbils/Mice/Rats/ Poultry/Rabbits/Self-Determined Animals

### Rules Governing This Department: Please Read All Rules Carefully

#### A. Fair Dress Code:

- Pants or Capri's; long-sleeved shirt and/or lab coat (shirts must be collared and buttoned appropriately); closed toe shoes.

#### B. Pre-Fair Dress Code:

- Long pants (jeans or dress pants), skirt or dress, and collared shirts, buttoned appropriately.

\* 5 Points will be deducted if dress code is not met.

### Cats: 9 Years & Older

\*Awards will be on Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 @ the Awards Ceremony Located in the Event Center

- ⇒ All exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Cat Project.
- ⇒ Cats must show at the pre-judging unless they are in season. Cats will not be on display at the fair.
- ⇒ Cats must have certification of rabies and distemper inoculation.
- ⇒ Exhibitors must make something to go along with their cat project or a poster and exhibit this item in the Small Animal Building in a booth during the fair. Bring project book and be able to answer questions about the project.
- ⇒ Cats must be on a harness or collar and leash or in a cage at all times on the Fairgrounds.

**#216 Cat 1** – Purrfect Pals – beginning level

**#217 Cat 2** – Climbing Up – intermediate levels

**#218 Cat 3** – Leaping Forward – advanced

**#214R** – Small Animal Record Book – Please order this book to keep records of your cat project.

Description:

Learn about the history of cats, feeding, watering, and caring for an animal. Make a carrying case, scratching post or some other toy for your pet.

### Hamsters, Guinea Pigs, Reptiles & Amphibians

### Pocket Pets-Mouse, Rat, Gerbils, Pet Rabbits

\* Show: Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 9:00 a.m. in the Event Center

- ◆ Members will bring their project in for judging and leave only the exhibit item for display during the week of the fair.

- ⇒ All animals must be owned by May 1st of the current year.
- ⇒ All exhibitors are responsible for their animals at the judging and must be prepared to present their animals to the judge on the table.
- ⇒ Members must exhibit a poster about their project to leave on display in the Youth Exhibit Building
- ⇒ Awards will be given on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023 at the Award Ceremony Multipurpose

### **#215 – Guinea Pig I (9 years and older)**

#### Description:

Start with one animal. Learn to feed, care and manage guinea pigs. Raise one litter if possible. Complete member project guide. Bring an exhibit or poster from one area.

#### Requirements:

Bring one or two guinea pigs to judging; exhibit fair poster.

### **#220 – Pocket Pals Project Book**

\*Complete member project guide. Bring an exhibit or poster from one area. (gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats, chinchillas, ferrets, hedge hogs)

### **#227 Pet Rabbit**

\*Members will participate in judging on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>, one week prior to the fair at the Small Animal-judging contest. Participants must bring a rabbit(s) and a poster to judging. Pet rabbits must be healthy and show no signs of aggression. Pet rabbits are not exhibited at the fair. Small Animal Record Book (214R) and Small Animal Resource Book (220R) recommended.

#### Requirements:

Bring small animal to judging; exhibit a poster during fair week

### **#230 Pet Pals**

\* For judging, members can bring in your pet (must be on a leash or in a cage). Please bring in your PetPals activities and accomplishments records along with a poster or a scrapbook.