

each of the Fitting & Showmanship Classes shall compete for the Best 4H Fitting & Showmanship Exhibitor prize. .

After the judge has awarded the Best 4H Fitting & Showmanship prize, the second place winner from the class that the Best 4H Exhibitor was awarded Best Exhibitor is to return to the ring to compete for Reserve Best 4H Fitting & Showmanship Exhibitor.

#### PREMIUMS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$8	7	6	5	5

**CLASSES** - please read very carefully.

**First Year Novice:** Exhibitors who are in their first year of showing any dog in Montgomery County Fair Fitting & Showmanship classes.

**Novice:** Exhibitors (Handlers) who have previously placed 1st in a Novice Fitting & Showmanship class are not eligible for this class and must compete in the appropriate Open Fitting & Showmanship class. Exception -- 1st year Fitting & Showmanship Exhibitors who are regarded as Open Junior Handlers by the AKC, as of the day of the dog show are NOT eligible for this class.

**Open:** This class represents the Advanced Fitting & Showmanship class. Once an exhibitor competes in an Open Fitting & Showmanship class at a Montgomery County Fair, they may not compete in a Novice Fitting & Showmanship class at a future Montgomery County Fair.

**Dean's Champion Challenge:** Senior Open Fitting & Showmanship Champions from previous years may compete in this class.

#### CLASSES

1. First Year Novice - Junior (4H ages 8-10)
2. First Year Novice - Intermediate (4H ages 11-13).
3. First Year Novice - Senior (4H ages 14-18).
4. Novice - Junior (4H ages 8-10).
5. Novice - Intermediate (4H ages 11-13).
6. Novice - Senior (4H ages 14-18).
7. Open - Junior (4H ages 8-10).
8. Open - Intermediate (4H ages 11-13).
9. Open - Senior (4H ages 14-18).
10. Dean's Champion Challenge.

#### DIVISION 5: PROMOTION

#### PREMIUMS

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$8	7	6	5	5

#### RULES

1. See General Rules and Regulations for Promotion Classes.
2. Each exhibitor may only enter one Promotion class.
3. Each exhibitor must prepare a script or narration, 350 words or less (12 pt. Times New Roman), to accompany his/her exhibit. The script should be 1 page double spaced or hand written. It should include information about the exhibitor, the exhibitor's family, care of the dog, and theme of the costume. Provide 2 copies of script upon registration.
4. Dog and 4-H Promotion classes will be judged as one class for Grand and Reserve Champion.
5. Dog and exhibitor must be in costume.

#### CLASSES

1. Dog Promotion—Ribbons 1–15.
2. 4-H Promotion—Ribbons 1–15.
3. 4-H Promotion Champion—Ribbon and Award.
4. Dog Promotion Champion—Ribbon and Award.
5. Grand Champion—Rosette and Award.
6. Reserve Grand Champion—Rosette.

# 4-H PET SHOW Department 16

#### SUPERINTENDENTS

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**ENTRY DEADLINE: July 20, 2023**

#### ENTRY FEE

None required.

#### JUDGING

Wednesday, Aug. 16

- 7:30am Registration in the Cattle Show Pavilion
- 8:00am Registration ends and show begins  
*Enter through Dalamar St. entrance*

#### CATEGORIES

1 = Rabbits	5 = Cats
2 = Birds (Domestic and Poultry)	6 = Dogs
3 = Gerbils, Hamsters, Mice	7 = Promotion
Rats, and Cavies (Guinea Pigs)	8 = Hermit Crabs
4 = Fish, Reptiles & Unique Pets	9 = Overall Champion

#### PREMIUMS

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Divisions: 1–6, 8:	\$3	2	1.50	1	x
Division 7:	\$10	8	6	5	4

Ribboning through 5th Place

#### RULES and REGULATIONS

1. Only TWO pets TOTAL in the show per exhibitor.
2. Only ONE pet per exhibitor in any division. Any animal entered in a division should be entered in all classes within the division, with the exception of the Promotion division. In the Promotion division, one animal can be entered in either Pet Promotion or 4-H Promotion, but not both. An exhibitor can enter both Pet Promotion and 4-H Promotion classes as long as different animals are used for each.
3. All pets must be able to be handled by the exhibitor. Additionally, all dogs, cats, and rabbits must be able to be touched by the judges.
4. All dogs and cats must have a current rabies certificate. All poultry, rabbits, equines and livestock must have a self certification form. All poultry must have a certificate of current MDA test requirements and be banded. All rabbits MUST be tattooed. The rabbit club has generously offered to tattoo rabbits free of charge on the last Saturday workday before fair. All pets must be vaccinated, as appropriate, according to their species. Dogs should be vaccinated for DHLPP, Rabies and Parvo; cats should be vaccinated for RCP and Rabies. All equine species require a negative coggins. Copies of all veterinary health certificates must be presented at time of registration.
5. All pets, except dogs, must be confined to appropriate containers or pet carriers. All dogs must be on a 6 foot leash and controlled. No prong collars or Flexi-leashes allowed. No costumes except during the Promotion division.
6. All pets must have access to their own water dishes while at the show.
7. Cats and dogs must be four months of age or older. Other pets: three months of age or older.
8. Judging: 30% Health and Condition (coat, skin, eyes, weight, etc.); 20% Disposition, 20% Personality; 20% Appropriateness of age of 4-H'er; and 10% Individual Class specifications (see classes listed below).

9. Animals competing in other 4-H departments cannot compete in the Pet Department.
10. Pet owners will be held responsible for their pet's conduct while on the Fairgrounds.
11. Dogs will need a special pass to be allowed through the Fairground's gates. Exhibitors are to keep their pass with them while their dog(s) are on the grounds. Dogs must be off grounds by ending time on the dog pass.
12. Any dog requiring a muzzle will not be allowed in the Pet Show.
13. If a pet bites either a person or animal, it will be immediately disqualified. The owner must go immediately to the Fair Office to file a report and then promptly remove the animal from the premises.
14. Following the Pet Show, pet owners should take their animals home as soon as possible. If you want to return to the Fair, have your hand stamped before leaving for same-day free re-entry.
15. Ferrets, wild, non-domesticated, and animals deemed by the Superintendent to be inappropriate for use by a child as a pet will not be allowed.
16. Except as noted below, all pets shown must be owned by the 4-H'er or his or her immediate family, and must have been so owned for at least the preceding two months.

### **PROMOTION CLASSES**

See rules under "Promotion Classes" in the general rules and regulations 4-H Agricultural Department. A 4-H'er may enter in both Class 1 and 2 of Division 7 as long as a different animal is used for each class of the Promotion Class.

17. Promotion classes are meant to be fun classes for the participant and educational to the public. The 4-H members and their animal dress in coordinating or complementary costumes. Animals need not be owned by the exhibitor but must meet health regulations for that species to show.
18. Costumes to be created by the 4-H'er.
19. Each exhibitor must prepare a script or narration to accompany his or her exhibit. The script is limited to one page double space (12 pt.). The Script should promote the species or 4-H and its connection to the costume's theme. Participant's name, age, costume title, and Class (4-H or Pet) should appear at top of script. PLEASE NOTE: Scripts that do not adhere to this rule will be adversely affected in the judging of the entries.
20. A copy of the script should be emailed to the Superintendent prior to Sunday, August 13.
21. A hard copy of the script is to be turned in to the Superintendent at check-in time. The script will be read aloud by a person designated by the Superintendent as the 4-H'er strolls around the ring with his or her animal.

### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

1. The Righter Family offer an award to the overall Champion Prettiest Companion Pet.
2. Dr. Patrick K. Skipton offers an award to the overall Champion, Prettiest Pet.
3. Locust Springs Grooming offer an award to the overall Champion, Best Groomed Pet.
4. Ryan Watkins offers an award to the 4-H Overall Champion of the Promotion Class.

### **DIVISION 1: Rabbits**

#### **CLASSES**

1. Best Fur or Wool.
2. Friendliest.
3. Most Colorful.
4. Longest Ears.
5. Wiggliest Nose.

### **DIVISION 2: BIRDS (DOMESTIC and POULTRY)**

#### **CLASSES**

1. Most Unusual Feathers.
2. Most Vocal.
3. Longest Tail.
4. Most Personality.
5. Most Colorful Head.

### **DIVISION 3: CAVIES and RODENTS**

#### **CLASSES**

1. Best Fur or Hair.
2. Most Unusual.
3. Friendliest.
4. Largest.
5. Smallest.

### **DIVISION 4: FISH, REPTILES & UNIQUE PETS**

*Unique pets are pets not listed in other pet show sections, and not entered in any other Fair entry exhibit. This section can include livestock, and equine, providing all health certificates are approved by the Superintendent, and the animal is considered by the 4H'er as a pet. An animal that will be sold in the livestock auction or at the end of the Fair cannot be shown in this department.*

#### **CLASSES**

1. Colorful.
2. Most Friendliest.
3. Most Unusual.
4. Longest Tail.
5. Smallest.

### **DIVISION 5: CATS**

#### **CLASSES**

1. Longest Tail.
2. Shortest Natural Tail.
3. Most Vocal.
4. Best Markings.
5. Most Unique Face.

### **DIVISION 6: DOGS**

#### **CLASSES**

1. Most Personality.
2. Best Groomed.
3. Most Colorful.
4. Most Obedient.
5. Best Trick.

### **DIVISION 7: PROMOTION**

#### **CLASSES**

1. Pet Promotion.
2. 4-H Promotion.
3. Overall Champion—Award.

### **DIVISION 8: HERMIT CRABS**

*These do not count as a pet listed in Rule #1.*

#### **CLASSES**

1. Prettiest Shell.
2. Most Unusual Shell.
3. Fastest.

### **DIVISION 9: OVERALL CHAMPIONS**

#### **CLASSES**

1. Prettiest Companion Pet—Award.
2. Prettiest Pet—Award.
3. Best Groomed Pet—Award.
4. Best Handled—Award.