

220 POCKET PETS

Project Description

In this project, you will learn to feed, care, and manage one of the following small animals: hamsters, gerbils, mice, or rats.

To Complete the Project

1. Identify 1 or more goals with 3 objectives each on page 7.
2. Select and study 1 or more topics from the Pocket Pets Resource Handbook. List them on page 8. Complete the Topic of Interest Summary on page 9.
3. Select at least 5 activities from the Pocket Pets Resource Handbook and record them on page 11 of your project book. See suggestions for age levels on page 10.
4. Take part in at least 2 learning experiences each year.
5. Take part in at least 2 citizenship/leadership activities.
6. Complete the “Animal Care & Welfare” and “Animal Records” sections in your project book.
7. Take part in 4-H project judging. If you choose not to participate in judging, plan to discuss and review completion of your project with your 4-H Advisor.

Judging of this Project

Interview judging for this project will be on Non-Livestock judging day at the Jr. Fair building. Please refer to the 4-H calendar for judging dates.

*Requirements for Judging:

1. Completed project book.
2. Display of something learned in the project.
3. Small animal in a cage.

Project Display

Prepare a display that shows the judge and fair visitors what you learned and accomplished in your project. For example, something you made, visuals or other items used to complete project activities, or a poster to share learned information.

Your project book cannot serve as your project display.

Display Areas

At the Wood County Fair, your 4-H project will be displayed in the Wood County Jr. Fair building in your 4-H Club assigned booth.

Project Pick-Up

You must pick up your project display at the end of the fair or arrange for someone to get it for you. Please refer to the Wood County Fair book or the 4-H Newsletter for project release times.

Projects not picked up by 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair will be disposed of.



***Ohio State Fair Opportunity**

Every 4-H'er who wishes to compete with this project at the State Fair can do so by submitting an Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Day Entry Form to The Ohio State Fair Livestock Entry Department. Entries must be postmarked by (to be announced). Entry fee.

The entry form and rules may be viewed and printed at this website:

<https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/companion-animals/companion-animal-resources>