

DEPARTMENT – I-24 – Small Pets

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Entries must be completed online at www.carrollcountyfair.com Entry fees need to be paid by credit card only. No late entries will be accepted.

Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair Board, Inc., the Board reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitors earned premium payment, for the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair.

- Exhibitors in the Small Pets Department must be enrolled in a small pet's project or veterinary science project in order to enter this department at the Fair.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – Small Pets Department

1. ALL SMALL PETS WILL BE RELEASED AFTER ALL JUDGING IS COMPLETED.
2. Display may only contain one species per display.
3. NOTE: DOMESTIC ANIMAL EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS (posters, etc.) will be shown in General Department.
4. Entries will be judged on actual species displayed, with a focus on the exhibitor's knowledge of the animal's care and husbandry. The small pet must be taken care of majority by the exhibitor. The pet should have been in the exhibitor's care for at least three months before entry day. Accuracy of habitat will be considered for consultation judging only.
5. Animals shown in past years are still eligible to be shown if project growth is evident. Project growths include but is not limited to upgrading the animal's home enclosure, breeding projects. Enrichment/training projects, etc.
6. The exhibitor will be responsible for feeding, watering, supplying ice to cool animals down in case of extreme heat.
7. Exhibits that require electricity must provide their own extension cord.
8. Exhibitors should bring a half page poster of their project which will stay on the shelf during the fair after the small pet goes home. The poster should contain photos of the animal, it's home enclosure, and any other pertinent photos. Posters should have a minimum of two photos, but no more than six photos. (Additional data may be displayed in the General Department.)
9. No poisonous or dangerous animals, reptiles, or threatened (controlled) species, etc., are to be on live exhibit. Exhibit must follow "A Guide to Processing, Breeding and Selling Native Reptiles and Amphibians in Maryland."
10. Cage doors and openings should be tightly secured to keep pets housed.
11. Pets are not to be taken from cages for handling by the general public. Pets maybe used for demonstrations with permission from the Superintendent.
12. Superintendents can request pets carrying diseases or parasites to be removed from the Fair.
13. Mammals and Bird Divisions – exhibitors must display animals in wire cages only. No habit trails or glass containers will be allowed.
14. Reptiles & Amphibians divisions – all terrariums must have secured wire covers.
15. Aquarium and Pond Divisions—If feasible, fish/inverts may be brought to the fair in an appropriate travel container. If the exhibitor is unable to bring their fish/invert due to undue stress on the animals (s), the exhibitor should instead bring a short 5- minute video of the animal (s) in their home enclosure. This video may be recorded on a phone/tablet/other device that the exhibitor is responsible for bringing in and sharing with the judges. Half page poster is still required in these divisions.
16. Premiums – Class Champion - \$5; Blue Award - \$4; Red Award - \$3.75, White Award- \$3.50

Section 001 – Small Pets

| <u>Jr. (8-10)</u> | <u>Int. (11-13)</u> | <u>Sr. (14-18)</u> | |
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| 1001 | 2001 | 3001 | Animals – Mice |
| 1002 | 2002 | 3002 | Animals – Hamsters |
| 1003 | 2003 | 3003 | Animals – Gerbils |
| 1004 | 2004 | 3004 | Animals – Domestic Rats |
| 1005 | 2005 | 3005 | Animals – Hedge Hogs |
| 1006 | 2006 | 3006 | Animals – Sugar Gliders |
| 1007 | 2007 | 3007 | Reptiles & Amphibians – Lizards |
| 1008 | 2008 | 3008 | Reptiles & Amphibians – Snakes |
| 1009 | 2009 | 3009 | Reptiles & Amphibians – Turtles |
| 1010 | 2010 | 3010 | Reptiles & Amphibians – Frogs & Toads |
| 1011 | 2011 | 3011 | Birds – Canaries & Finches |
| 1012 | 2012 | 3012 | Birds – Parakeets |
| 1013 | 2013 | 3013 | Birds – Exotic Birds |
| 1014 | 2014 | 3014 | Aquariums – Tropical |
| 1015 | 2015 | 3015 | Aquariums – Coldwater (Goldfish, etc .housed in aquarium |
| 1016 | 2016 | 3016 | Aquariums – Saltwater |
| 1017 | 2017 | 3017 | Aquariums – Invertebrates (crayfish, hermit crab, species with more than four legs) |
| 1018 | 2018 | 3018 | Pond – Pond (Goldfish, Koi, etc. housed in an outdoor maintained pond |
| 1019 | 2019 | 3019 | Animal – Guinea Pig, no pedigreed Guinea pig, if you have a purebred, pedigreed Guinea pig it needs to be entered in Rabbit & Cavy Dept. |
| 1020 | 2020 | 3020 | Animals – Ferrets |

Section 002 – Small Pet Special Awards

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| Class 1029 | Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Small Pets Exhibit Jr. – rosette & rosette |
| Class 2029 | Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Small Pets Exhibit Int. – rosette & rosette |
| Class 3029 | Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Small Pets Exhibit Sr. – rosette & rosette |
| Class 4029 | Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Small Pets Exhibit – rosette & rosette |