

DEPARTMENT O-51 Small Animal Dress Up

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Entries must be completed on line 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 2025 4-H/FFA Fair.

• The exhibitor-either 4-H or FFA member must be enrolled in a cat, dog, rabbit, poultry, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep, swine, or small pet project to enter the Small Animal Dress Up Department. Absolutely NO MINATURE HORSES, CATTLE, OR ALPACA may be entered.

• Narration Form must be received NO LATER than 48 hours prior to the contest start time, or the exhibitor will **NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE**. Narration forms can be turned in at the Fair Office (Shipley Arena Office #2), or emailed to Clare Linfield at Dancerdo@hotmail.com. Emailed narrations are subject to the same time criteria as the forms turned into the office. If no response; please resend. **Bring a copy of your narration with you to the contest.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS – Small Animal Dress-Up Contest

1. Exhibitors must enter the animal they use as their project-entry may not be just any animal or pet.
2. Contestants in Classes 1-4 are limited to individual contestants showing one animal only. If you want to show more than one animal, call the superintendent for permission.
3. Contestants may enter only one class.
4. Judges for each class will select a class winner and a class reserve winner as appropriate.
5. All class winners are eligible for overall Grand Champion. 2nd place winners may be eligible for Reserve Grand Champion.
6. Each animal will need required health papers as appropriate. Attach a copy to entry form and/or narration.
7. Contestants will be judged on originality, workmanship, and overall effect. Sample score sheets are available upon request from the 4-H office.
8. Both the animal and the contestant need to be dressed to complement each other and the narration.
9. Premiums – Class Winner - \$2.50; 2nd Place- \$2; All other placing's - \$1; Grand Champion -\$10, Reserve Grand Champion - \$7.50

Section 001 – Small Animal Dress-Up

- Class 4001 Most Original
- Class 4002 Funniest
- Class 4003 Prettiest
- Class 4004 Fairy Tales (Contestants must choose a children's fairy as the guideline for their costume and narration should follow the theme "Once Upon A Time")
- Class 4005 Group-Please list all members of the group on the entry form.

Section 002 – Small Animal Dress-Up Special Awards

- Class 4011 Grand Champion & Reserve Small Animal Dress-Up (Selected from Classes 4001-4005)

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NARRATION FORM DUE WITHIN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE CONTEST START TIME.
Please drop off in the Fair Office located in the Shipley Arena, or email to Clare Linfield at Dancerdo@hotmail.com

Narrations must be neatly typed or written and are limited to one side only of 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper double spaced.

- Please use this narration form to help guide you with your narration. Please write your narration in 3rd person. The narration should only be approximately 3 minutes long in length. Please be sure to include your name, age, club, your 4-H interests, hobbies, activities, community services, etc., and a description of the outfit.

Name: _____ 4-H Age: _____

4-H Club(s): _____

Species of animal _____ Breed (if dog) _____

In 75 to 100 words, “Why did you choose to enter this category? What is the story” as to how / why you chose the outfits you and your pet are wearing? How do these outfits fit the category you have entered?

IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE GROUP CATEGORY – Choose a “theme” for the group; for example sports, characters from a story, movie, or book. This in NOT to be a “parade type” narrative.
