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Dear State Fair Companion Animal Day Exhibitor;

We look forward to your participation in this year's Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Day Judging on Friday, August 1 at the College Advantage Youth Center, located north of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Enclosed with this letter you will find the following: 1) one (1) Single Day Participant admission ticket; 2) one (1) Reserved North Lot parking permit; 3) one Companion Animal Walk Pass; and 4) a map of the Fairgrounds.

The Reserved North Lot parking permit allows you to enter the Fairgrounds off of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and park in the Reserved North Lot. You must pay a \$5.00 parking fee. Once parked you must carry everything in through the Cardinal gates just northeast of the Youth Discovery Center. As you enter the Fairgrounds through these gates you will see the Youth Discovery Center to your right. Enter the building through the closest doors, as the Companion Animals Judging will be held in the 4-H area of the building that is at the north end.

The *Judging Schedule* is as follows:

**Cat 1 (Level 1) Projects, Jrs. 8 – 13**

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.  
Judging begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Cat 1 (Level 1) Projects, Srs. 14 – 18**

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.  
Judging begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Cat 2 (Level 2) Projects, Jrs. 8 – 13**

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.  
Judging begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Cat 2 (Level 2) Projects, Srs. 14 – 18**

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.  
Judging begins following Cat 1 Seniors

**Cat 3 (Level 3) Projects, Jrs. 8 – 13**

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m.  
Judging begins following Cat 2 Juniors

**Cat 3 (Level 3) Projects, Srs. 14 – 18**

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.  
Judging begins following Cat 2 Seniors

**Guinea Pig Projects, Jrs. 8 – 13**

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.  
Judging begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Guinea Pig Projects, Srs. 14 – 18**

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m.  
Judging begins following Guinea Pig Juniors

**Pet Rabbit Projects, Jrs. 8 – 13**

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.  
Judging begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Pet Rabbit Projects, Srs. 14 – 18**

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m.  
Judging begins following Pet Rabbit Juniors

**Reptiles & Amphibians, Jrs. 8 – 13**

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m.  
Judging begins at 10:30 a.m.

**Small Animal Projects, Jrs. 8 – 13**

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m.  
Judging begins at 10:30 a.m.

**Health Requirements** – For those of you showing cats, you must bring a 2008 Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Day Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets signed by your veterinarian. Some of you sent the certificate in with your entry form, and I will have them at registration. All animals will be checked for any signs of sickness, disease or parasite infestation. Please refer to the 4-H Companion Animal Day Rules found at: [http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/sm\\_animal](http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/sm_animal) for ownership, age, and health requirements.

**Cat Project Exhibitors** – Have a harness and leash on your cat. A harness is preferred to a collar as it is usually harder for a cat to slip through a harness. It is a good idea to have a pet identification tag on the harness. Also, bring some kitty litter in a covered container so your cat will have that to use if needed during the day.

Questions will be asked from the sections of the project book that you completed for this year.

**All Exhibitors** – Bring your animals to judging in a humane cage or carrier. Traveling cages or carriers are fine. We will not be providing any cages for your pets. Bring water from home so your pet will drink. Bring any other items needed for your pet throughout the day. Once the awards are presented, exhibitors are free to leave. Pets will not be kept on display. However, once you are through being judged, you can leave your pets in the judging area and enjoy the fair, provided you return for the announcement of awards.

**Evaluation Process** – Refer to the website for the evaluation criteria. Bring your completed project book, or the section of your book you completed (if applicable). All participants must bring project records. If they are not included as a part of your book, you must bring completed records that you have kept on your project. Also, bring an educational display such as pictures, scrapbook, poster, or something you've made (including pictures of how you've made the item).

I am enclosing information about cat, guinea pig, and pet rabbit showmanship to those respective exhibitors. Youth showing pet rabbits should refer to Chapter 10, Show Preparation, in the *Rabbit Resource Handbook*. Refer to your Small Animal Project Book about showing and handling the other projects. Refer to information you have researched in preparation for showing Reptiles and Amphibians.

**Skillathon Stations** – Cat 1 project members will be asked to identify external parts of a cat. Cat 2 project members will be asked to identify breeds of cats. Cat 3 project members will be asked to identify systems of the cat (physiology). Junior Guinea Pig project members will be asked to identify external parts of a guinea pig. Senior Guinea Pig project members will be asked to identify breeds of guinea pigs. Junior Pet Rabbit project members will be asked to identify external parts of a rabbit. Senior Pet Rabbit project members will be asked to identify breeds of rabbits. Small Animal project members will be asked to identify external parts of their respective species. Reptile and Amphibian project members will be asked to identify anatomical parts of their respective projects.

### **Information to Remember**

#### **Participant to Bring**

1. Animal
2. Adequate cage and accessories
  - Cats and ferrets must wear a harness, as well as an attached leash, during activities out of their cages

3. Health certificates for cats
4. Completed project book (if applicable)
5. Completed project records
6. Educational display, such as pictures, scrapbook, poster, or something made

**Awards** – The Awards Presentation will take place once the judging is completed and scoring is tallied for all Companion Animal projects. All participants will receive participation ribbons. “Outstanding of the Day” rosettes will be awarded to participants scoring 90% or higher. A clock trophy will be awarded to each overall class winner.

**Web Site** – For information about Companion Animal Day Judging please refer to:  
[http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/sm\\_animal](http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/sm_animal).

If you have any questions, please call my cell at 740.708.0359. My email address is [miller.78@cfaes.osu.edu](mailto:miller.78@cfaes.osu.edu). **If you are not coming to this activity please call or email me as soon as possible.** We look forward to you and your pet being part of the Companion Animal Day Judging Event at the Ohio State Fair!

Sincerely,

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