

Section J-1126
4-H Companion Animal Day
Friday, August 1, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
Youth Discovery Center
Entry Deadline: July 11 postmark

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Refer to the following website for Ohio 4-H Companion Animal information:

http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/sm_animal

General Rules

Age of Participants

1. Participation is open to boys and girls ages 8 and in the third grade as of January 1, 2008. The last year of eligibility, or participation, in 4-H is the year in which the individual turns 19.

Companion Animal Day Participation

1. Participants can be enrolled in companion animal projects through any type of 4-H membership (i.e. community club, school enrichment, special emphasis, etc.) and through FFA.
2. Any youth enrolled in one or more of the following Companion Animal projects may enter Companion Animal Day without being judged at the county level: *Cat 1 – Purrr-fect Pals*, Project No. 216; *Cat 2 – Climbing Up*, Project No. 217; *Cat 3 – Cat Connections*, Project No. 218; *Guinea Pigs*, Project No.215; *Pet Rabbits*, Project No. 227; *Small Animals*, Project No. 220, and *Reptiles and Amphibians Idea Starter*, No. 365.13.
3. Any youth enrolled in a Self-Determined Project taking a companion animal not listed as a project in Participation Rule 2, such as caged birds, pot-bellied pigs, hermit crabs, etc., may enter Companion Animal Day without being judged at the county level.
4. Participants may have a maximum of one entry in each of the Companion Animal projects listed above in Participation Rules 2 and 3, *with the exception of Small Animals, Project No. 220 and Reptiles and Amphibians*. For those two projects, participants *may enter two animals* provided they are *different species*. (For example, youth taking the Small Animals Project may enter a mouse and a chinchilla, or a ferret and gerbil, etc; and youth taking the Reptiles and Amphibians Project may enter a turtle and snake, or a frog and lizard, etc.)
5. For the *Small Animals*, Project No. 220, only the seven Small Animals represented in that project will be permitted to be shown, which are mice, rats, hamsters, gerbils, chinchillas, ferrets, and hedgehogs.
6. Youth taking other companion animals must be enrolled in the Self-Determined Project.

Entry Procedure

1. Youth must enter by completing the *2008 Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Day Entry Form* and mail entries directly to the Ohio State Fair Entry Department. **All entries must bear a postage stamp and be postmarked no later than July 11, 2008.**

2. Entry fees are \$2.00 per companion animal entered.
3. Classes for each project will be divided into Junior (age 13 or under as of January 1, 2008) and Senior (age 14 or over as of January 1, 2008) age divisions.

Ownership, Age and Health Requirements of Animals

1. All Companion Animals must be in the continual care of the junior fair exhibitor on or before May 1, 2008. Therefore, all entries, except cats, must be a minimum of 12 weeks old by August 1.
2. Cats must be a minimum of 15 weeks old by August 1, 2008. Kittens less than 15 weeks old are not permitted on the Fairgrounds.
3. Cats must be immunized against Feline Panleukopenia (FPL), Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis (FVR), Feline Calicivirus (FCV), and Rabies. All vaccinations must be **current through August 1, 2008**, and given by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. Proof of vaccinations must be on the *2008 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Companion Animal Day Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets*, and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.
4. Ferrets must be immunized against Rabies and Canine Distemper. All vaccinations must be **current through August 1, 2008**, and given by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. Proof of vaccinations must be on the *2008 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Companion Animal Day Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets* and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian.
5. Any companion animal taken through the Self-Determined Project must meet the health requirements of the Ohio State Fair for that species. Applicable health certificates, signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian, must be presented at registration.
6. Any animal exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. If an animal is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment. Decision of show personnel is final.

Evaluation

1. Participants will have a personal interview evaluation with at least one judge.
2. The judge(s) will evaluate participants on the following basis (refer to Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Day Evaluation Form found on the South Centers 4-H website): Knowledge of Project – 45 pts; Skillathon Station Knowledge – 5 pts; Interview – 20 pts, and Exhibit – 30 pts. Sample score sheets can be found on the website.
3. Each youth will participate in one skillathon station respective to his/her project.

Participant to Bring

1. Animal and adequate cage and accessories;
 - Cats and ferrets must wear a harness, as well as an attached leash, during activities out of their cages. Other animals must be appropriately harnessed or caged.
2. Health certificates for cats and ferrets, and applicable Self-Determined Project animals;

3. Completed project book (if applicable); completed project records; and
4. Educational display, such as pictures, scrapbook, or poster.

Classes

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| J-1 | Cat 1 – Junior | J-9 | Pet Rabbits - Junior |
| J-2 | Cat 1 – Senior | J-10 | Pet Rabbits - Senior |
| J-3 | Cat 2 – Junior | J-11 | Small Animal - Junior |
| J-4 | Cat 2 – Senior | J-12 | Small Animal – Senior |
| J-5 | Cat 3 – Junior | J-13 | Reptiles & Amphibians - Junior |
| J-6 | Cat 3 – Senior | J-14 | Reptiles & Amphibians - Senior |
| J-7 | Guinea Pigs - Junior | J-15 | Self-Determined - Junior |
| J-8 | Guinea Pigs – Senior | J-16 | Self-Determined - Senior |

Judging Schedule

1. The schedule for judging will be determined after receiving entries, with 4-H Educators and participants notified by Monday, July 21.

Awards

1. All participants will receive participation ribbons sponsored by **The Ohio State Fair**.
2. “Outstanding of the Day” rosettes, sponsored by **The Ohio State Fair**, will be awarded to participants scoring 90% or higher.
3. A clock trophy will be awarded to each overall class winner.

**4-H Companion Animal Day
You and Your Dog Judging
Friday, August 1, 2008, 1:00 p.m.
Youth Discovery Center
Entry Deadline: July 11 postmark**

RENEE CLARK, State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee.....You and Your Dog Superintendent
 PATTIE STOVER, Miami Co. 4-H Volunteer, State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee.....Director
 TRACY WAITE, Washington Co. NR/4-H Program Assistant.....Assistant Director
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 STEVE PROEHL, Ross Co. 4-H Volunteer, State 4-H Dog Advisory Comm.....Show Secretary

Note: You and Your Dog (formerly Dog Care) used to be judged during the Junior Fair Dog Show. However, youth who show at the State Fair in the You and Your Dog project are not permitted to show the same or different dog in any other dog classes, because this project is meant to be for youth who just want to enjoy the companionship of their dogs without the competitiveness of obedience, showmanship, agility, etc. Therefore, the State 4-H Dog Committee felt moving this project to Companion Animal Day Judging would be a logical and positive move.

Refer to the following websites for You and Your Dog information:

http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/sm_animal

or

<http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog>

for You and Your Dog and additional Dog Project information

General Rules

Age of Participants

1. Participation is open to boys and girls ages 8 and in the third grade as of January 1, 2008. The last year of eligibility, or participation, in 4-H is the year in which the individual turns 19. Participation is also open to FFA members.

You and Your Dog Participation

1. Youth must be enrolled in the *You and Your Dog* Project (201D) to show in this class. (*Note: You and Your Dog was formerly the Dog Care 200 project.*)
2. Dogs participating in *You and Your Dog* judging must either be owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family. Leasing is not permitted. Sharing a dog is not permitted.
3. A youth may enter **one** dog in *You and Your Dog* judging.
4. Dogs must be in the continual care of the junior fair exhibitor on or before May 1, 2008.
5. Youth showing in a *You and Your Dog* class cannot enter any other dog show class (August 2 and/or August 4-8) with any dog.
6. Only domestic dogs can be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
7. All dogs exhibited must be **six months of age** by August 1, 2008.

Entry Procedure

1. Youth will enter directly to the Ohio State Fair Entry Department. Entry fees are \$2.00. All entry fees must accompany the official 2008 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Entry Form. All entries must bear a postage stamp and have a legible cancellation date. Metered entries will NOT be accepted. **All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, July 11.**
2. Youth showing in *You and Your Dog* may also enter the Ohio State Fair Dog Poster Contest. Each youth must complete an entry form and send the completed entry form along with poster to Lucinda B. Miller, OSU Extension Center at Piketon, 1864 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.
3. Poster entries must be postmarked by Friday, July 11. Posters received after this deadline will not be judged. Refer to the *Rules for 2008 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Participation* for Poster Contest rules and information.

License and Health Requirements

1. All dogs must be currently licensed in the exhibitor's county of residence. The exhibitor must bring a certificate of license to health check. The dog license tag alone is not sufficient.
2. The *2008 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate* **completed and signed** by a licensed, accredited veterinarian **is required for exhibition**. This certificate must include **ALL** information requested in the Identification Form section, completed and signed by the exhibitor. The administering veterinarian must complete the information requested in the Vaccination Certificate section. *Other certificates of vaccination, computerized vaccination records, pet record cards, or kennel records will not be accepted.*

3. The Ohio Department of Agriculture requires dogs to have current Rabies vaccinations. Veterinarians must document on the *2008 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate* whether the exhibitor's dog's rabies vaccination is current for 1 year or 3 years by filling in the "date expires" blank.
4. All vaccinations must be administered by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. If the veterinarian (1) does not administer certain vaccinations to older or other dogs, (2) vaccinates according to the American Animal Hospital Association recommendations, or (3) titer tests, that information must be noted by the administering veterinarian, either on the vaccination form or letterhead. **All vaccinations must be current through August 8, 2008.** (Note: Vaccination deadlines for county fairs may differ.)
5. Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation as determined by the health check officials will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment. Decision of the health check officials is final.
6. Each dog must go through a health check where all females will be checked for signs of heat. *Bitches showing ANY signs of heat are not permitted on the Fairgrounds. They are not permitted to show!*
7. Pregnant and/or lactating (nursing) bitches are not permitted on the Fairgrounds, and are not permitted to be shown.

Evaluation

1. The *You and Your Dog Score Sheet*, found at <http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog>, will be the form used to evaluate youth and their dogs. This score sheet is also included in the *Dog Project and Record Book*.
2. Refer to the *You and Your Dog Score Sheet and Explanation* for a complete explanation of evaluation criteria.
3. ***Criteria to be evaluated in all You and Your Dog classes include:***
 - a. *Member's Interview (60 pts.):* Age-appropriate questions will come from specific chapters and/or sections of the *Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook*. The chapters/sections from where questions will be asked, along with sample questions, will be posted on the website by June 1;
 - b. *4-H Dog Project & Record Book (40 pts.):* All sections in the *4-H Dog Project & Record Book* that apply to the *You and Your Dog* project must be filled out completely including photographs. The animal records section may **NOT** be photocopied for the *You and Your Dog* project dog.
 - c. *Member's Appearance and Attitude (50 pts.):* Exhibitors should be neat and clean in appearance. Appropriate clothing must be worn.
 - d. *Dog's Appearance and Manners (40 pts.):* Dogs should be clean and well-groomed. They should show good manners and be able to be controlled by the handlers. Dogs should allow examination without resistance or aggression.
 - e. *Creative Achievement of Member and Dog (40 pts.):* The youth and dog must demonstrate some level of achievement gained as a team this project year. Examples are included in the score sheet explanation.

4. A You and Your Dog Skillathon will be available for all You and Your Dog exhibitors. Pre-registration is not required.
5. The American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Test will be offered to You and Your Dog participants. Testing is \$5.00 per dog. Refer to www.akc.org for test criteria.

Participants to Bring

1. Youth must bring their dogs.
2. Youth must bring their completed *4-H Dog Project & Record Books*.
3. Youth must bring dog license certificates and completed *2008 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificates*.
4. Youth may bring pictures, poster, scrapbook, toys, etc. used to demonstrate Creative Achievement of Member and Dog.
5. Dogs may be shown in plain buckle or quick release collars, slip collars, head halters or harnesses.
6. Pinch collars, prong collars, electronic collars, or any other special training collars, or muzzles are not permitted on dogs anytime on while on the Fairgrounds.
7. A complete list of what to bring will be sent to participants prior to judging, along with a dog walk pass, parking pass, admission ticket, and other pertinent information.

Classes

J-YD1 Junior You and Your Dog This class is for 4-H members 8-11 years of age as of January 1, 2008 enrolled in *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class each year. Youth scoring 200 points and higher will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy.

J-YD2 Intermediate You and Your Dog This class is for 4-H members 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2008 enrolled in *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class each year. Youth scoring 200 points and higher will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy.

J-YD3 Senior You and Your Dog This class is for 4-H members 15-18 years of age as of January 1, 2008 enrolled in *You and Your Dog*, Project No. 201D. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class each year. Youth scoring 200 points and higher will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy.

Judging Schedule

1. Health check will be open at 12:00 noon.
2. Registration will open at 12:30 p.m. for counties Adams – Lucas.
3. Registration will open at 1:00 p.m. for counties Madison – Wyandot.
4. You and Your Dog entries will begin showing at 1:00 p.m.

5. A You and Your Dog Skillathon will be offered from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
6. Canine Good Citizen Testing will be offered from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Awards

1. All participants will receive participation ribbons sponsored by **The Ohio State Fair**.
2. “Outstanding of the Day” rosettes, sponsored by **The Ohio State Fair**, will be awarded to participants scoring 200 points or higher.
3. A trophy will be awarded to each overall class winner.
4. Skillathon awards will be presented in each age division.
5. Youth showing in You and Your Dog classes and the You and Your Dog Skillathon are eligible for points toward an Ohio State Fair Dog Championship Title.