

## **230 4-H PET PALS**

**You must be a member of a 4-H PetPals Club with a Master 4-H PetPals Advisor. This is a leader-directed project not a self-guided independent project.**

### **Project Description**

4-H PetPals is an intergenerational program linking young people and their pets with senior adults. Master 4-H Volunteers Leaders teach youth the skills needed to interact with residents in health care facilities such as assisted living and nursing home facilities. Applying the power of human-animal bond, 4-H members learn to select, socialize, and train their pets to participate as a youth-pet team in animal-assisted activities. Youth and their pets, accompanied by adult volunteers, visit health care facilities.

### **To Complete the Project**

Use your project book as a guide to do the following:

1. Identify your 4-H Pet Pals goals and objectives.
2. Take beginning pictures of you and your pet.
3. Complete the pet information chart.
4. Draw or attach a picture of your pet's home.
5. Attend and participate in your 4-H Pet Pals Club meetings.
6. Take part in 2 or more Climbing Higher activities.
7. Take part in at least 2 Citizenship/Leadership activities.
8. Keep accurate Project Expense Records.
9. Participate in 4-H PetPals activities.
10. Plan 3 or more Activity Ideas for visiting to do with residents.
11. Summarize your 4-H PetPals visits and awareness activities.
12. Take ending project pictures of you and your pet.
13. Keep a journal throughout your project including after each animal-assisted activities visit.

Take part in a project review. If you choose not to participate in judging at the fair, make arrangements to discuss and review completion of your project with your advisor.

### **Judging of this Project**

This project will be judged as part of Special Interest Judging:

at the Union County Fair on Wednesday – Friday immediately prior to the start of the fair  
OR

at the Richwood Fair on Sunday immediately prior to the start of the fair

Your advisor will tell you a more specific judging time later in the summer. At the specific judging time assigned to you, **bring your completed project book, your animal and your project display. Bring your animal to judging in a safe traveling cage or on a leash.** Remember there will be other animals and lots of noise at judging. You will participate in an interview judging and then leave your exhibit (a display of your project) on display the entire week of the fair.

### **Project Display**

Prepare a display that shows the judge and fair visitors what you learned and accomplished in your project. For example: objects used or created, experiments performed, visuals, and other items used to complete project book activities, or a poster showing project activities and results. **If you choose to make a poster, it must be regular poster board (maximum 22 x 28), not foam board or tri-folds. Your project book cannot serve as your project display.**

### **Display Areas**

At the Union County Fair Special Interest Projects will be displayed in the Armory.

At the Richwood Fair these projects will be displayed in the Jr. Fair Building.

### **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. At Union County Fair Special Interest Projects will be released on Saturday of the fair from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Projects not picked up by 5 p.m. will be disposed of or donated to charities.

At the Richwood Fair all Special Interest Projects will be released at 3 p.m. on Monday of the fair and should be removed by 9 p.m.

### **Award Presentation**

Union County Fair Special Interest Project Awards will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program on Tuesday of the fair at the Armory. Richwood Fair Special Interest Project Awards will be presented at the Jr. Fair Awards Program during the fair. Check the fair paper for the day, time, and location of this program.

### **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>