ADAMS COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

Project Tips - *Pocket Pets*

Important Dates

February 1:
4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline
April 1:
4-H Enrollment Deadline
(New Members)
June 1:
Animal ID due on 4HOnline
Animal Care (Primary Care) Form Due
Mid June:
Animal Record Book Interviews
Late June/Early July:
Fair Entries Close
Early August:
Adams County Fair
September:
Record Books Due
(Friday before Labor Day)

View the 4-H Calendar:
http://adams4h.org/4-h-events/

Project Considerations

Difficulty:
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Cost:
$

1. Do you have a pet at home that you want to show in 4-H?
2. Are you unable to house large livestock or other 4-H project animals?
3. Are you allergic to dander, which prevents you from owning certain animals?

Project Timeline

Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept.

About the Project

	Project Skills	Life Skills
Head	• Care for, train, and socialize your animal • Select a species based on disposition, care requirements, & your interests. • Track animal health, feed costs, training etc.	• Goal Setting • Decision Making • Keeping Records
Heart	• Present to a judge how to handle and care for your animal. • Teach another member how to handle your animal • Vote on 4-H club decisions using parliamentary procedure	• Communication • Sharing • Cooperation
Hands	• Learn how to handle and groom your animal to exhibit. • Recognize and serve community needs • Teach the public about animals and citizenship	• Self-motivation • Community service volunteering • Leadership
Health	• Practice handling my animal regularly • Feed and care for my animal daily • Learn from mistakes or failures.	• Self-discipline • Self-responsibility • Character

Project Requirements

Pocket Pets Project members who intend to exhibit their animals at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:

1. Enroll in the Pocket Pets Project by the enrollment deadline.
2. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form (Primary Care) on 4HOnline
3. ID all animals in 4HOnline by June 1 deadline (project animal must be owned by ID deadline).
4. Attend Animals Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
5. Enter fair classes online by deadline
6. Complete and turn in the Companion Animal E-Record & supplement pages the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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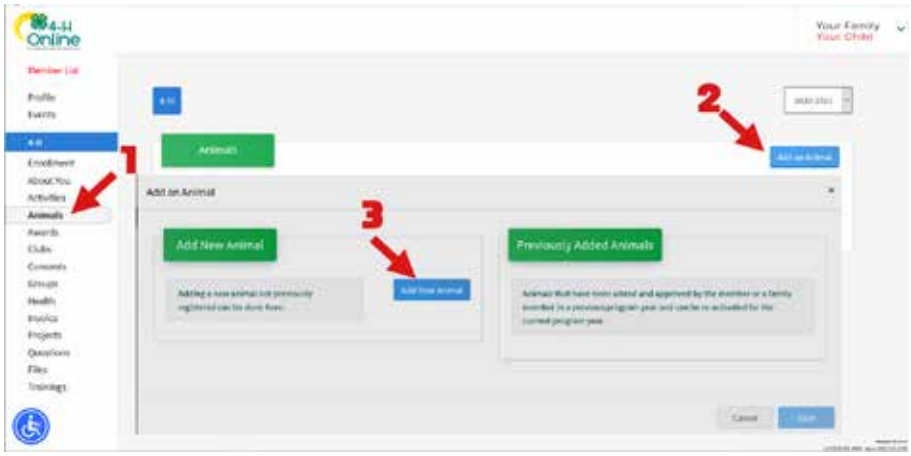
Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4hOnline

1. 4-H members are required to enter their animals in the 4hOnline enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All pocket pet project animals must be entered in the 4hOnline system no later than June 1st of the current project year.
3. Pocket pet project Members will enter their animals under the 'Small Pet' tab.
4. All "bold" items are required in 4hOnline.
5. It is highly recommended any and all animals with the potential of attending Fair have ID in 4hOnline. If an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.

Log in to 4hOnline
Select the 4-H member
1 - Click Animals
2 - Click Add an Animal
3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window



Required Information:
Breed - animal type
Animal Name
Purchased or Leased Date - date acquired
Photo
Color + Markings (list specific animal type - ex: ferret)

Possible Pocket Pet Projects Include:
Aquatic Animals or Amphibians: Fish, Salamanders, Frogs, Turtles
Birds: Finches, Parrots and other Non-Poultry eligible birds
Mammals: Mice, Rats, Hamsters
Reptiles: Snakes, Lizards
And Beyond!

Steps for Success:

1. Sign up for 4-H Fourcast Newsletters
2. Attend club meetings & meet your club's Pocket pet leader & other PP members
3. Order the PP project manual through your Club Leader to help you learn
4. Download the Companion Animal E-Recordbook
5. Review Fair premium book to understand show rules and classes
6. Attend required and optional club and county workshops to learn
7. Work on Companion Animal E-Recordbooks regularly.
8. When in doubt, contact the 4-H office with questions

Resources

- *Adams County Fair Premium Book - www.adamscountyextension.org*
- *Pocket Pet project book - OSU - Pocket Pets Resource Handbook*
- *4-H Pocket Pet Project Leader or Superintendent*
- *Adams County Extension Staff*

Stay up to date!
News/Events/Social Media Posts
http://adams4h.org/4-h-news-events/

Record Book

Pocket Project Members complete the 4-H Companion Animal E-Record:
http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/

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