

**#220 – POCKET PETS**

General 4-H Project

**This project is only for: Hamsters, Gerbils, Mice, & Rats**

- ✿ Member **MUST** participate in County Project/Interview Judging or 4-H Project will be **INCOMPLETE**.
- ✿ Member must attend **General 4-H Project Judging Day** to be eligible for County Placement and State Fair Selection (if applicable).
- ✿ If the member cannot attend Project Judging, your project can be judged at Early Judging. However, Early Judging participants will not qualify for County Placement or State Fair.
- ✿ Project must be displayed at the Ross County Fair to receive fair premiums.
- ✿ **For Project Judging Dates & Times & Details:**  
 ASK your Club Advisor  
 READ the *May Family HOTLINE* sent to every 4-H family  
 LOOK on the 4-H website <http://ross.osu.edu>

**Notes:** The questions and activities in this project book are based on content from the "Small Animal Resource Handbook" 220R. Use a separate record book for each species taken.

**Skill Level:** All Ages

**Completion:**

1. Project goals and objectives
2. Member Project Guide, animal care and welfare activities, and animal records
3. At least 5 of the learning activities
4. At least 2 learning experiences
5. At least 2 leadership/citizenship activities
6. Prepare an educational exhibit based on this project (item made from project book, photo exhibit, notebook, scrapbook or poster (minimum 14" x 22" and maximum 22" x 28").

**Judging:**

1. Interview based on skills learned, activities completed, and educational display.
2. Bring to interview on General 4-H Project Judging Day:
  - a. Completed project book
  - b. Record Supplement (for members with more than two years in the project)
  - c. Educational exhibit
3. **DO NOT BRING POCKET PET** to county judging. Due to potential animal stress (heat, transporting, etc.), please do **NOT** bring animal to judging.

**County Fair Exhibit:**

An educational display relating to project work.

**State Fair Competition:**

1. State Fair participants selected during county-level competition on General 4-H Project Judging Day.
2. Event: Companion Animal Day.

Completed project book, educational display, interview

**NOTE:** Live Animals are NOT allowed to be brought to the OSF Companion Animal Day

