## 2023 TRUMBULL JUNIOR FAIR POCKET PETS RULES

Pocket Pets: Include gerbils, hamsters mice and rats.

**Project Judging/Skillathon:** Pocket pet projects will complete project judging during Animal Project Judging during the specified time (June 7, 2022 at the Trumbull County Fairgronds). Project books and animal knowledge will be evaluated at this time prior to fair. All pocket pet project members must complete in order to be eligible to participate at the Trumbull County Fair.

## Fair

- 1. Cages shall be completely enclosed and suitable for each specific species.
- 2. Cages shall be kept cleaned at all times. Cleaning should be done before 10 a.m. each morning.
- 3. Exhibitors must supply their own feed, bedding, dishes, etc. Frozen ice bottles are advisable to help keep animals cook during the hot summer days of fair.
- 4. Tattoos or ear tags are not required. However, animals must be registered with the club and county on or before registration deadlines (April 1st).
- 5. Animals must be health checked on arrival at fair. All animals must be in place by 11:59 pm on Monday, July 10, 2023. If your species requires a rabies vaccine you must have the vaccination certificate available.
- 6. All animals must remain in place until 8:00 p.m. the last day of fair unless excused by the veterinarian and Senior Fair.
- 7. Exhibitors will be judged at fair on:
  - Proper handling of the animal
  - Appearance of showman (Showman should be neat, clean, and appropriately dressed.)
  - Cleanliness of cage
  - Animal knowledge

## **Pocket Pet Show**

- Judging of individual animals (per species guidelines)
- Awards will be given in each species area.
- All first-place animals will compete for Grand and Reserve Champions.

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