

Pocket Pets (Junior)

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS | BARNYARD

SPECIAL ONE-DAY CONTEST | JULY 3, 2025



FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

MARIN COUNTY FAIR FAIR OFFICE	10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903
WEBSITE	www.fair.marincounty.org
EMAIL	FairExhibits@MarinCounty.Gov
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS	Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
FAIR OFFICE HOURS	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 8:00am to 8:00pm
MARIN COUNTY FAIR HOURS	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 11:00am to 11:00pm

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS STAFF

PRESERVED FOODS (JUNIOR)

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS MANAGER	Jennifer Olvera
ONLINE SUBMISSIONS COORDINATOR	Carole Sanders
DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR	Caryl Hodges

For a list of Sponsors, visit www.marinfair.org after June 1, 2025.

COMPETITION CALENDAR

ONLINE ENTRY FORMS DUE	JUNE 29, 2025 – 11:59 PM
COOP-IN (ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN) The Fur & Feathers Tent in the Barnyard	THURSDAY, JULY 3 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
MANDATORY MEETING FOR EXHIBITORS & PARENTS/GUARDIANS The Fur & Feathers Tent in the Barnyard	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
POCKET PETS COMPETITION Showmanship in Novice, Primary, Junior, & Senior.	12:30 PM
AWARDS CEREMONY The Fur & Feathers Tent in the Barnyard	4:00 PM

CAGE CLEANING

Immediately following the Award Ceremony.

ANIMAL COOP-OUT

Coop-out begins at 5:00pm. ALL animals MUST BE OUT by 7:00pm.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

5 PM – 7 PM

The full Competitive Exhibits Calendar is available on www.marinfair.org.

REGISTRATION

To register for the 2025 Competitive Exhibits, please visit <https://marin.fairwire.com/>

DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - Open to all California youth competitors (both 4-H and non-4-H) ages 5 - 18.

ENTRY INFORMATION

2. **ENTRY FEES** - \$5.00 per Animal.
 - a. Fees are NON-refundable.
3. **ENTRY LIMIT** - 6 Animals per Exhibitor.
4. **COOP-IN** - Please arrive between 8:00am and 9:00am on **Thursday, July 3**.
5. **REQUIRED MEETING** - Mandatory meeting for Exhibitors and their parents will be held on **Thursday, July 3** at 10:00am in the Fur & Feathers Tent.

CREDENTIALING FEES & RULES

6. **CREDENTIALING FEES** - Each Exhibitor will be issued one admission pass and one combined admission & parking credential for a parent and/or guardian.
7. **CREDENTIALING RULES** - Exhibitors, Parents, Guardians, or Volunteers who have been found giving away their Credentials will be sanctioned with revoked privileges and cash prizes withheld.

ANIMAL ROOM & BOARD

8. 1 animal per cage preferred. Small animals may be housed in pairs depending on adequate space for the animal's comfort.
9. Animals must be brought in their own cages.
 - a. CAGE MUST HAVE SOLID BOTTOM.
10. Food AND Water must be provided in the cage for the animal(s).
11. During coop-out, animals must be claimed and picked-up by the Competitor. Any other individual must have a signed letter of authorization from the Competitor.
12. The Pocket Pets area has fans and air coolers.

COMPETITION RULES

13. Competitors must have owned their animal at least 30-days PRIOR to the Competitive Exhibits Entry DEADLINE.

14. A Judge or Fair Management may remove a Pocket Pet from competition if it appears to be fatigued or out of condition.

PUBLICITY

15. The Marin County Fair reserves the right to photograph any exhibitor/animal/entry in the exhibition for educational, catalog, website, or publicity purposes.

LIABILITY

16. The County of Marin, Marin County Fair, and/or its contractors will not be responsible for loss or damage OR illness or death of a pet which may occur from any cause.

DIVISION 820 | POCKET PETS

Entry Fee - \$5.00

Please note that Birds, Fish and other aquatic pets are NOT accepted.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. Mouse
2. Hamster
3. Rat
4. Reptile
5. Amphibian
6. Any Other Pocket Pet

AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | POCKET PETS

Offered per Class at the Discretion of the Judges

FIRST PLACE	RIBBON	FOURTH PLACE	RIBBON
SECOND PLACE	RIBBON	FIFTH PLACE	RIBBON
THIRD PLACE	RIBBON		

SPECIAL AWARDS | POCKET PETS

BEST OVERALL POCKET PET	ROSETTE	BEST HAMSTER	ROSETTE
BEST RESERVE PET	ROSETTE	BEST REPTILE	ROSETTE
BEST MOUSE	ROSETTE	BEST AMPHIBIAN	ROSETTE
BEST OF RAT	ROSETTE	BEST ANY OTHER POCKET PET	ROSETTE

Additional Prizes may be awarded for:

BEST COSTUME	MOST SPOTS
BIGGEST	MOST UNUSUAL FUR
FUZZIEST	PRETTIEST
FUNNIEST	SMALLEST
LONGEST TAIL	MOST BEAUTIFUL SHELL