Virtual Companion Animal Challenge

The Virtual Companion Animal Challenge offers a variety of 4-H companion animal contests that don't require live animals, including an essay, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their companion animal knowledge through these contests.



Age Divisions

- Junior: 8 10 years of age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year
- Intermediate: 11-13 years of age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year
- Senior: 14-18 years of age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year

Contestants & Eligibility

- 1. Entrants do not need to be enrolled in the companion animal projects. However, participants must be enrolled 4-H members.
- 2. Participants may participate in all contests held as part of the 4-H Companion Animal Challenge.
- 3. Individuals may enter up to three exhibits. All exhibits are to be original works of the exhibitor and relate to companion animals.
 - 1. Works of art should may not have been used in previous years
 - 2. Should have been created within the year
- 4. Individuals may only submit one photo of each art item.
 - 1. Individuals may enter up to three items. Items cannot be the same item at different angles.
- 5. Media may include watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, chalk, charcoal, pen, ink, crayon, or pastels. Items may be made of wood, glass, metal, ceramic, tile, fabric, mixed media, felted wool, cotton linter, batik, weaving, fabric dyed by the exhibitor, clay, sculpted cardboard, plaster of paris, quilting, etc. Designs may also be influenced by another culture.
- 6. Art items may also be made from recycled items such as common objects or material combined in a creative way to depict companion animals.
- 7. As youth are able to submit more than 1 entry, they are eligible to win multiple placings depending on judge scoring.

Submission

Save documents as .pdf or .doc files and name per below instructions. Mail to <u>Yakima.4h@wsu.edu</u>. Name documents as:

- Contest-FirstName-LastName-Age-ClubName(Example: Art-Jane-Doe-13-Fantastic Pets 4-H Club.pdf)
- StatementOfAuthenticity-Contest-FirstName-LastName (Example: StatementOfAuthenticity-Essay-Jane-Doe.pdf)

Evaluation Criteria – Originality, Use of Imagination, Creativity, Composition, Balance, Harmony, Overall Design, Craftsmanship, Completed Appearance, Neatness, Use of Materials, Presentation