

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.



Photography Contest

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

Themes

- Careers with companion animals
- Animal health and/or nutrition
- Good husbandry/grooming
- Training and showing
- Human-animal bond
- Companion animal service or citizenship

Rules

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. Exhibits cannot be the same photo at different angles.
4. Photographs may be taken with a film, digital cameras, or smartphone.
5. Photos must be shot by the 4-H member during the current 4-H year.
6. Exhibits must be submitted digitally.
7. As youth are able to submit more than 1 entry, they are eligible to win multiple placings depending on judge scoring.
8. Submit a small 2-3 sentence story of your photograph.

Submission

Save documents as .pdf or .jpg files and name per below instructions. Mail to Yakima.4h@wsu.edu.

Name documents as:

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

Evaluation Criteria – Sharp focus, Color Quality, Strong Center of Interest, Unique or interesting subject, Creative techniques/angles/viewpoints, Overall appeal, Photo story.