

Division 32 – Herpetology

OBJECTIVES

Members learn how to select the right reptile as a pet and become knowledgeable in its care and maintenance. They learn about reptiles and amphibians in domestic and exotic environments and develop presentation skills as they educate the public about their pets.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT COMPLETION

1. Members must be enrolled in a Somerset County 4H Herpetology project by January 1.
2. Members must have 70% attendance.
3. Members must complete a Project Record Book.
4. Members must perform a public presentation (club, county, etc).
5. Members must sell a Holiday Wreath and a Business Card ad.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION

1. Members must have completed a Somerset County Herpetology project.
2. Members and parents must have read, signed and agreed to the Herpetology Fair Requirements prior to the start of the 4H Fair.
3. All exhibits must have been prepared by exhibitor and well maintained during the 4H Fair.
4. No living venomous snakes are permitted.
5. Specimens of value should be kept in a locked container.
6. Members that elect to be judged must present their Herpetology project to an assigned judge at the appointed time.
7. Members will be respectful and complete assigned tasks during the designated times (cleaning tables in Food Tent, assisting with Milk Shakes, etc.).
8. Members will keep the Herpetology Tent clean and free of debris at all times.

CLASSES

1. Snake
2. Lizard
3. Turtles and tortoises
4. Amphibians

If there are a large number of entries in any one category such as lizards then that category will be broken into subcategories.

AWARDS

Judging will take place at the predetermined time. Due to the nature of the activity the exhibit will be closed during judging. First, second and third place awards will be given to each class that shows an entry. All entries will receive a ribbon. Best of Show will receive a trophy.