



The Catlins Area School - Pet Day 2025 Information

Friday 14 November 2025 - from 11.00 am

Pet Day will be held on the school grounds. Please follow the signs for designated areas for pets. We welcome Little Hoiho children joining us this year.

Students can enter ONE animal, plus the crafted animal, inspired tray, and baking sections. Judging of the animals will be in the **Junior** (Year 0-6) and **Senior** (Year 7-13) sections.

Students will be placed first, second or third in different pet categories, with judging decisions being made on set criteria. Lapels, ribbons or rosettes will be awarded at the end of each category.

CRAFT pet could be a pet rock, stick or any sort of crafted animal! Students who don't have a traditional pet at home can participate by being creative and using their imagination in the CRAFT pet section. Students should not bring borrowed pets. Please choose the 'craft pet' category instead.

We also have an OUTDOOR-themed cake raffle. This is the chance for families to bake and decorate an OUTDOOR-themed cake and submit it for a \$2 raffle, drawn at the end of the day.

There will be a BBQ available for lunch up at the canteen - \$2 for a sausage and \$1 for a piece of baking or an ice block. Students wear uniforms to school, but may change after judging if they are entering the best dressed.

ANIMAL CATEGORIES

The animals will be judged on the following, but judges will also question the child on the care of their pet eg. gender, breed, who feeds it, what it eats/how often and any other special requirements.

Categories - Junior is Year 0 to Yr 6 and Senior is Year 7-10.

RING 1 - Horses and Ponies (All Year Levels)

Horse/Pony - Care and Effort

Horse/Pony - Best rider competition

Horse/Pony - Best behaved pony or horse

RING 2 - Senior (Year 7 and up) Lamb, Goat or Calf

Senior Lamb/goat - Care and Effort

Senior Lamb/ goat - Handling

Senior Calf - Care and Effort

Senior Calf- Handling and leading competition

RING 3 - Junior (NE - Year 6) Lamb, Goat or Calf

Junior Lamb/goat - Care and Effort

Junior Lamb/goat - Handling

Junior Calf - Care and Effort

Junior Calf- Handling and leading competition

RING 4- Dogs (Senior Year 7 and up and Junior NE - Year 6)

Senior Dog - Care and Effort

Senior Dog - Handling and leading competition

Senior Dog - Best Trick

Junior Dog - Care and Effort

Junior Dog - Handling and leading competition

Junior Dog - Best Trick

OTHER PETS AREA - IN GYM- Open to all other pets (Senior Year 7-10 and Junior NE - Year 6)

Senior Other pets - Most affectionate

Senior Other pets - Care and Effort

Junior Other pets - Most affectionate

Junior Other pets - Care and Effort

NOVELTY CLASSES

Senior Pet best-dressed pet and owner

Junior Pet best-dressed pet and owner

CRAFT CATEGORIES

Senior Year 7-10 and Junior Year 0-6

CRAFTED ANIMALS - IN GYM

CRAFT pet could be a pet rock, veggie animal, LEGO animal, recycled-made animal, stick or any sort of crafted animal!

Senior Most creative 'pet'

Junior Most creative 'pet'

OUTDOOR THEMED DIORAMA (EG., Shoe box)

Create an OUTDOOR-themed diorama. See example photos.

Senior Most Inspiring Outdoor diorama.

Junior Most Inspiring Outdoor diorama.

OUTDOOR THEMED BAKING

Outdoor-themed baking, such as a decorated cupcake, cake, and slice.

Senior Best outdoor-themed baking

Junior Best Spring Outdoor themed baking

OUTDOOR THEMED SAND SAUCER

Outdoor-themed sand saucer

Senior Best outdoor-themed sand saucer

Junior Best Spring outdoor themed sand saucer



RULES

- During the day, all animals must be in a cage or suitable container, or secure on a lead at all times. Horses are to be tied to floats.
- Cats and dogs need to have up-to-date vaccinations. Young puppies and kittens that are not fully vaccinated are not able to attend, and large dogs must be accompanied by an adult at all times. When not being judged, we ask that dogs be left tied up in their designated area and **not taken to the small pets area and have a container available for water.**
- **Lambs, Calves and Goats must have been born after 1 June 2025, and please bring a lead or rope to secure your animal.**
- Please ensure that you remove any animal droppings left by your pet (please bring your bags/buckets for this purpose).
- Calves may be washed and groomed. Lambs are not to be washed or brushed.

SCHEDULE

The programme for the day will be as follows: Please note that times may change and you need to listen to the loudspeaker for any announcements.

- 8.50am-11am - Normal school morning - students to wear uniform. No pets before 11 am. However, craft/baking section entries can be brought to school before 11 am, taken to the school gym and put on the designated tables.
- 10.45am- Judges arrive.
- 11.00am- Pets can arrive on-site (no pets before this please) and be taken to their designated area. Map attached.
- 11.00am - 11.20am- Morning tea
- 11:30am- Judging Commences
Ring 1, 2 and 3- Judging commences in designated areas
Novelty Category Junior in Gym
Novelty Category Senior in Gym
- Once judged, students who are entering the best dressed can get into their costumes.
- 11.30am- BBQ, baking, coffee cart and ice blocks will be available.
- Approx 12:30pm- Best Dressed Junior and Senior in Ring 3. Please listen for the announcement. This will be followed by the Grand Parade in Ring 3 for all students and pets.
- Grand Parade will be followed by thank you's and drawing of the cake raffles in front of the gazebo.
- Approx 1:30pm - Pets leave. Please let your Whānau teacher know you are leaving and then sign out at the office.
- BBQ Sausages, baking, coffee cart and ice blocks will be on sale from 11.30 am, but you must ensure you are in your area for judging. You are welcome to bring your own picnic, chairs, rugs, etc.
Don't forget to bring money for the cake auction!

There is no postponement or cancellation day.

Pet Day Entry - Pre-entry required by completing a Google form. The link is below-
[Pet Day 2025 Registration Form](#)

Please also note that we do not want ANY animals arriving at school before 11 am.
Please ensure you listen to the announcements for category times throughout the day.

Disclaimer:

We agree that by bringing a pet to The Catlins Area School Pet Day, we will take full responsibility for the pets and their welfare throughout the day. The Catlins Area School is not responsible for watching or caring for animals during Pet Day.

You must have visibility of your animals or have your animals in a safe place throughout the day. We recommend that you provide adequate water and shade for your animals. By bringing a pet to Pet Day, you agree to abide by the competition rules and information on this schedule.

We look forward to seeing you and your pets on November 14th.

If you have any questions, please contact

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PET DAY MAP

