

This last Thursday night Railroad Park was full of dogs, cats, and some other very unusual creatures. It was that time once again for the annual 4-H pet show. This year we were very excited to have the Louisiana Tech Cheerleaders come out to help us with the pet show. Cheerleaders emceed the event, handled judging the pets and even took the opportunity for several photo ops with the 4-H members and their pets. I believe that the 4-H members really enjoyed the opportunity to spend some time with the Tech Cheerleaders and I really want to send a big thank you to them for coming out and being a part of our pet show.

There were 70 4-H members who registered and entered the pet show. In the dog competition 4-H members were able to enter in the ugliest, the cutest, the best dressed, the best trained, the smallest, and the biggest. For cats they had best longhaired, best shorthaired, best dressed, biggest, and ugliest. There was also a category for Most Unusual Pet and Best Pig. Prizes for the show were donated by Walmart and consisted of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place items for the pets.

The overall winner of the pet show went to Julia Romero from Choudrant Elementary with her Biggest Dog entry Piper. Jessica Upshaw from Choudrant Elementary School took home the title of Smallest Dog. Cutest Dog went to Logan Stevenson from Choudrant Elementary. Bethany Milligan from I.A.Lewis won Ugliest Dog. Best Trained Dog went to Sean Palmer from I.A. Lewis. Presley Fortenberry of Choudrant Elementary won Best Dressed Dog. Briley Jones of Choudrant Elementary won Biggest Cat. Morgan Gary of Ruston Elementary won Best Shorthaired Cat. Best Longhaired Cat went to Nathaniel Mayfield of Cypress Springs Elementary. Zaid Ashlak of Choudrant Elementary won Best Dressed Cat. Most Unusual pet went to Skylar Donald. And the Best Pig went to Christopher May from Choudrant Elementary.

Once again I would like to thank Louisiana Tech's Cheerleader for helping us have such a successful pet show. Many of the parents and kids have commented on how much fun they had.