



IN A SMALL GLASS BOWL, Cassidy Gillespie held onto her pet crawfish during the annual pet parade at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center on Friday afternoon. The crawfish was one of only a few pets not on a leash during the parade.



Adults and youngsters parade pets at center

Pets of all shapes, sizes and colors received awards Friday during the annual Decatur County Fair pet parade at the Good Samaritan Center.

There was a little green lizard, a crawling critter with a long tail; a brown crawfish with pinchers in a small glass bowl, dogs of all shapes and sizes with their tongues hanging out, a green, fuzzy monkey, one cat and the hedgehog from the third grade class at the Oberlin Element-

tary School.

The animals were supposed to be on leashes, and with the exception of Ivy Rose, the hedgehog, who crawled from one of teacher Carol Wasson's hands to the next; the green fuzzy stuffed monkey which a little guy had a tight hold on; the crayfish contained in the bowl; and one very small puppy, they were. Even the lizard had a long, black leash with a harness around him.

The owners and their pets checked

in on the front porch of the center Friday afternoon. They met with the judges, who asked them a few questions and sent them inside.

In the courtyard, residents waited for a chance to give the pets a pat and talk with the owners.

Britta Noren handed out the awards which included ribbons for fluffiest, best dressed, smallest and many other categories.



IN PINK-AND-BLACK skirts, two little dogs (left) waited in Chloe Withington's arms for the parade to start. John Ready (above) held a puppy while he waited in the courtyard at the center for the parade to start while Aspen Gallentine (right) checked in her green leashed lizard.

