



ON FRIDAY, Cassidy Gillespie (above) held up her dog Marley for Amy Rehm to pet during the pet parade at the Good Samaritan Center. Timber (below right) wore a pink ribbon to the parade. She belongs to Dr. Shannon Addleman and her kids.



WITH HER KITTEN, Juju, in her arms (above), Kelli Bryan walked around the courtyard at the Good Samaritan Center. Jamie Soderlund (right) held her dog Chance.

Dogs, kittens and kids parade through center

Kids of all ages presented their pets Friday to the judges and the residents at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

It was the annual Pet Parade for the Decatur County Fair, open to 4-Her's, kids and adults. Anyone who wanted to bring a pet to the parade was welcome.

While in past years, people brought a variety of pets, from stuffed animal snails to snakes, lizards, cats and dogs, entries this year included two cats, plus about 17 dogs of all ages.

Each of the pets was checked in on the front porch of the center, with their owners, before walking through the center to the courtyard.



Residents who wanted to attend the parade were already outside waiting for the furry critters.

The kids and adults took their turn introducing their pets and the qualities each had.

Jared Marcuson served as this year's judge, and used his imagination to give each pet a unique award.

Some were dressed in costumes, one was wrapped in a blanket and the rest were ready for someone to pet them and then find some shade.

Four poodles arrived cradled in their owner's arms. Each wore a brightly colored dress or shirt.

Each of the animals received an award, anything from best trick, to furriest, to friendliest to best talker.

