

May 1, 2024

Dear Cat Member,

Please review the handbook requirements for cat exhibition. **Don't forget to have your cat vaccinated by a veterinarian and include the form in the notebook.** Bring the notebook to the Cat Show Thursday, June 20, immediately following the pocket pet show beginning at 10 am, in Agner Hall. Please arrive early to check in.

I have included in this mailing the vaccination form and the record sheet. You can find additional resources on the State 4-H Cat project page: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-cat.html>

If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-926-1189.

Cat Journal Required-provide day of judging.**Exhibit requirements:**

Each cat exhibitor must have a journal for the judge to review at the time of the show. Members without journals will be allowed to show; however, they will not place higher than members with journals will.

The journal will need to provide more information about your cat. Items that may be included in your journal are pictures of your cat, background information and daily, weekly, or monthly observations of your pet. Your journal will be judged with your cat.

1. Each member may only show his/her family cat.
2. To be eligible, the cat must be in the member's possession or born by May 15 of the year it is shown.
3. Health certification forms may be picked up at the extension office, or downloaded from <https://extension.purdue.edu/dearborn> and completed by your veterinarian.
4. Cats must be free of fleas, fungus, ear mites, or any other communicable diseases.
5. Pregnant or lactating female cats will not be permitted to show.
6. The 4-H member may exhibit one entry in the Cat Show. This one exhibit may enter only one class.
7. No cats may be devocalized.
8. The 4-H member will stay while his/her cat is being judged. Each member must exhibit at the Cat Show and submit a Cat Record Sheet in order to complete.
9. All cats must come to the show in a carrier or on a leash. The only time it should be removed is for showing or last-minute grooming.
10. The owner must take the cat home immediately following the Cat Show.
11. All cats must have their nails clipped. This is a safety factor for both the member and the judge.

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12. The cat must be fed and taken care of by the 4-H member.
13. Health papers should accompany your cat on the day of the Cat Show.
You cannot show your cat without health certification.

Cat Classes:

Kitten 4-8 months
Long Hair
Short Hair

Showmanship:

Junior-grades—3-5
Intermediate— grades 6-8
Senior—grades 9 and above

Any member wanting to show at the State Fair is eligible, as long as they have properly completed the state animal enrollment form by the due date. Members must make their own entries and pay exhibitor fees to the State Fair by the published entry date. Registered cats will be placed in the appropriate class.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Beiersdorfer
4-H Youth Development Educator

Enclosures



2024 Certificate of Completion of Indiana 4-H Program Requirements for Exhibition of Cats

(these vaccinations are required at all 4-H cat shows)

4-H-777-W
(10/23)

4-Her's Name _____

Grade in School _____ County _____
(as of January 1, 2024) (County you are enrolled in 4-H)

Address _____
(Street or P.O. Box)

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

X _____ (Date) _____
Extension Educator (Signature)
(Verifies county of 4-H Cat Membership for Indiana State Fair only.)

Educator's office phone # (_____) - _____

This section is to be completed by veterinarian whose signature appears below.

Name of cat _____

Color and Markings _____

Vaccination tag number _____ Weight _____

Breed _____ Date of Birth _____

Sex: ___ Male ___ Castrated ___ Female ___ OVH (spay)

<u>Required Procedures</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rabies vaccination	_____
Panleukopenia vaccination	_____
Rhinotracheitis vaccination	_____
Calicivirus vaccination	_____
Feline leukemia vaccination or test _____ 1 yr _____ 3 yr	_____
<small>(Negative test within 180 days of show <u>or</u> vaccination within 1 year of show.)</small>	
Fecal parasite exam or deworming by veterinarian (required within 6 months of exhibition)	_____
<small>Vaccinations must be given at least 2 weeks prior to and within 1 year of show date. Contact the State 4-H Office with questions about exhibition requirements.</small>	

**To be filled in by 4-H Cat Project Leader or
County Extension Educator**

This cat should be shown at the following class(es):

X _____ (Date) _____
4-H Cat Project Leader (Signature)
(Verifies level of showing)

Leader's phone # (_____) - _____

Recommended Procedures _____ **Date** _____
Heartworm consultation

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus Test _____

- For disability needs, please notify your Extension Educator, 4-H leader or the show chairperson.
- This original form **MUST** be brought by the 4-H member to all 4-H cat shows.
- Cats will be examined by a veterinarian at time of exhibition: any sign of a communicable disease will result in cat being sent home. Female cats in season will not be admitted.
- **All signatures must be completed prior to exhibition.**

X _____ (Date) _____
Veterinarian (Signature)

(Address)

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

(Phone) (_____) - _____

I hereby certify that the cat described on this has been vaccinated by a licensed/accredited veterinarian.

X _____ (Date) _____
4-H member (Signature)

X _____ (Date) _____
4-H Parent or Legal Guardian (Signature)
(Verifies the above is complete and accurate)