

Cat

Description: The 4-H Cat Project provides youth a fun and hands-on learning experience that develops life skills, as well as teaches valuable information about properly caring for their animal. Subjects such as general care, nutrition housing, and health care are presented in the curricular materials, through workshops and in preparation of an exhibit. Youth also have the opportunity to develop responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communication skills through active participation in the 4-H Cat Project.

State Fair Entries

- Enroll in 4-H, pay annual program fee, and enter project in V2.4honline by May 15
- Enter exhibit(s) in FairEntry by June 20, 2022. See Page 7 Rule #23.

1. Each member should be enrolled online in a local **4-H** club or through the County Extension Office by January 15.
2. Each member may show only his/her cat or the family cat in one class.
3. To be eligible you must have the cat by May 1 of the year it is shown and born before April 1 of that year. Kittens are defined as cats aged 4-8 months on day of show. Any kitten becoming 8 months old on show day will be considered an adult cat. Adult cats defined as cats 8 months of age or older on show day.
4. For show, the cat may be either a purebred or a household pet.
5. The cat must be fed and cared for by the 4-H member.
6. All cats/kittens are to have all vaccinations by June 30, current year as listed on the current Certificate of Completion of Indiana Board of Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition of Cats.
7. No cat will be left overnight in the show.
8. 4-H'er may exhibit two different animals if they are in two different categories. Show categories are: Kitten, Female Shorthair, Male Shorthair, Female Longhair, Male Longhair.
9. The cat costume class is optional.
10. Cats will be classed according to their predominant characteristics.
11. 4-H member will stay and watch while his/her cat is being judged.
4-H member should not leave before the final judging. If the 4-H'er must leave for another 4-H judging, inform the superintendent.
12. It is suggested that cats be collared and on a leash for show. It is suggested that cats be brought in a well-ventilated box or carrier.
13. At the Fair, ribbons will be awarded based on the judging of your cat and answers to questions asked at judging.

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- Exhibits checked-in Saturday, July 23 from 9am-12 noon, judging starts at 12:30 pm

The 4-H member should complete 2 activities in their Cat Resource Manual.

An Allen County 4-H General Record Sheet must be completed, signed and turned in at the beginning of check-in for All Exhibit Building Projects.

Member may choose to exhibit an educational poster on some aspect of cat science. This Exhibit is open to any 4-H member and is not limited to exhibitors of 4-H Cat. See Allen County General 4-H Rules: Poster Rule & Label Rule.

Exhibits will be judged by level:

Level 1 – Grades 3-4-5

Level 2 – Grades 6-7-8

Level 3 – Grades 9-10-11-12

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author when using outside sources, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.