

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.

Exhibitor Check list:

- Enroll in 4-H, pay annual program fee, and enter project in V2.4honline by May 15
- Return Vaccination form to office by June 8th, 2026
- Show will be Wednesday, June 24th at 9 am in the Showbarn

Exhibit Guidelines:

- 1) Each member should be enrolled online in a local 4-H club or through the County Extension Office by May 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 4th 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.
- 12) 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.
- 13) 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.
- 14) 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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