

## CAT - 2022

Categories	-	Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (Grades 9 & above)
Manual	-	4-H Cat Project Unit 1 Manual, Washington State University Extension (Grades 3-5) 4-H Cat Project Unit 2 Manual, Washington State University Extension (Grades 6-8) 4-H Cat Project Unit 3 Manual, Washington State University Extension (Grades 9-12)
Record Sheet	-	Boone County Cat Record Sheet or No Exhibit Record Sheet
Exhibit	-	Grade

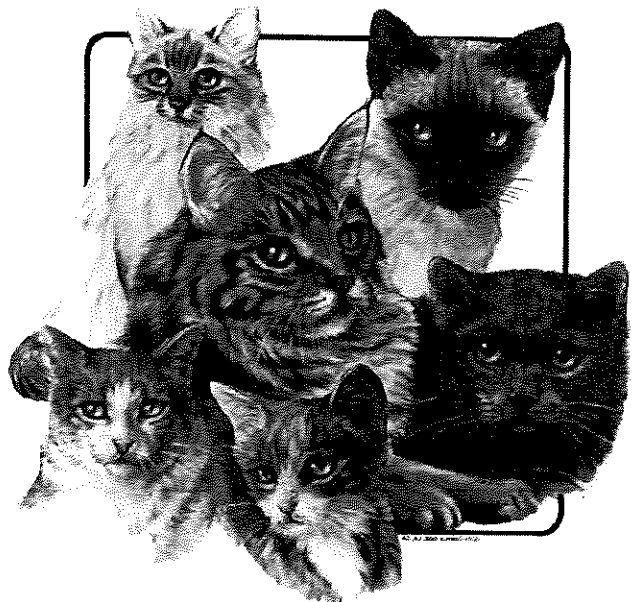
All POSTER exhibits must have a hard backing; such as foam board, plywood, plasterboard, etc., and all posters must have a see-through plastic covering and be displayed horizontally. The thickness of the poster backing should not exceed 5/16 inch. (22"x28"). If these guidelines are not followed, the exhibit will be judged then dropped one ribbon grade. Leave the area in the lower right hand corner of posters 3" high by 3" wide for a label. Labels will be provided by the Extension Office. The 4-H member's name and club should be permanently marked on the back side of each poster. 4-H members must cite all sources where information was obtained.

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, 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.

If an animal is being shown the Manual/Quiz/Alternate Activity & Record Sheet specific to their species will be due according to animal check in guidelines.

### General Guidelines

1. The Cat Project will be divided into three categories: Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (Grades 9 & above).  
All 4-H members should obtain the correct 4-H Cat Manual from their club leader, along with the 4-H Cat Club Record Sheet and the Certificate of Vaccination Form (4-H 777).
2. Each project member must have the cat(s) that they intend to show, in their possession and care by February 1st of the project year. A 4-H Cat Enrollment form is due to the Extension Office along with a picture of each cat you enroll. This is due by May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to exhibit that cat at the 4-H Fair Cat Show. The 4-H Cat Enrollment Form can be found on the Cat project webpage.
3. A 4-H Cat Record Sheet must be completed for each cat shown in order to complete the 4-H Cat Project. The 4-H Cat Record Sheet must be turned in by or before the County Fair Cat Show even if the 4-H member elects not to show his/her cat.
4. Any 4-H member wishing to show a cat at the County Fair must complete the grade appropriate cat worksheet and record sheet, which must be turned in with the project exhibit at project check-in.
5. 4-H Cat Project Members can participate in all or any of the following:
  1. Cat Show at the County Fair
  2. Fun Show
  3. Cat Poster Exhibit
  4. Cat Knowledge Contest
  5. Cage Decorating Contest



Point System for the project is as follows:

6.	1. Meetings Attended	10 pts. each
	2. Fun Show Attended	20 pts.
	3. Project Record Book	50 pts.
	4. Project Record Sheet	50 pts. Max. for the 1st record sheet and 10 pts. Max. for each additional record sheet
	5. Poster Exhibit Participation (20pts)	Blue - 15 pts. Red - 10 pts. White - 5 pts.
	6. Poster Picked for Champion or State Fair	10 extra pts.
	7. Honor Ribbon or Reserve Champion on poster	5 extra pts.
	8. Cat Show	Blue - 15 pts. Red - 10 pts. White - 5 pts.
	9. Champion in Cat Show	10 extra pts.
	10. Reserve Champion or Honor Group In Cat Show	5 extra pts.
	11. Participate in Cat Knowledge Contest	20 extra pts.
	12. Champion in Cat Knowledge Contest	10 extra pts.
	13. Reserve Champion in Cat Knowledge Contest	5 extra pts.
	14. Participate in Cage Decorating Contest	10 pts.
	15. Champion, Reserve Champion or Honor Group in Cage Décor.	5 extra pts.
	16. Special project (Nursing Home Visit, etc.)	15 pts.

There will be a special award presented to the 4-H member in each division with the highest total number of points at the conclusion of the County Fair Cat Show. In the case of a tie, an oral exam will be given.

#### County Fair Cat Show Guidelines

1. Each member may show only his or her own cat(s) or family cat(s). Animal must reside with the project child. The number of cats to be shown may not exceed three.
2. To be eligible to be shown, the cat must be at least four months of age by the day of the show.
3. Cats may be either purebred or a household pet. Purebred cats must have a registration certificate to show as a purebred. (Purebred cats without registration certificates may be shown in the non-purebreed classes). Household pets do not need to have registration certificates or be of any recognized breed or color classification.
4. Cats may be declawed. No devocalized cats may be shown. Neutering is encouraged and spayed or neutered cats may be shown.
5. Pregnant or lactating cats or females that are in season may not be shown. Female cats with kittens less than 8 weeks old are not allowed to show. No kittens less than four months old are allowed in the show hall.
6. All cats shall have current vaccinations (current means 30 days prior to and within one year) in order to be allowed into the show hall for the Fun Show and/or the County Fair Cat Show. The 4-H 777 form must be completed by your veterinarian and presented any time you bring your cat onto the 4-H fairgrounds.

7. All cats need to come to the show in a secured carrier (no baskets please) and leave in the carrier. The only time the animal should be removed from the cage is when they are showing or for last minute grooming. No cats will be left overnight at the show. Animals must be taken home immediately after completion of the show. No cats are to be left unattended at any time. No cats are to be left in vehicles.
8. No collars are allowed on cats at the show or during judging.
9. Classes will be as follows: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced (based on enrollment level of the 4-H member). Short Hair Tabby, Short Hair All Others, Long Hair (includes Medium Hair), Purebred. There will be no kitten class! If numbers warrant, classes may be broken up into multiple classes. There will be no more than 10 cats per class. Short Hair cats have hair that is less than 3/4 of an inch long on their tail. Medium Hair cats have hair on their tail longer than 3/4 of an inch and the hair around their neck is shorter than 2 inches. Long Hair cats have hair on their tail which is longer than 1 and 1/2 inches and the hair around their neck is longer than 2 inches.
10. The judge will judge all cats by the Danish system (Blue or A Group, Red or B Group, White or C Group). In addition, the judge may award Honor Ribbons if he/she deems an entry worthy. The decision of the judge is final.
11. Trophy or Plaque: Overall Short Hair Tabby Champion  
Trophy or Plaque: Overall Short Hair All Others Champion  
Trophy or Plaque: Overall Long Hair Champion  
Trophy or Plaque: Overall Purebred Champion  
Trophy or Plaque: Reserve Grand Champion  
Trophy or Plaque: Grand Champion
12. 4-Her's will bring their cat and their cage number to the judging area when their class is called. The 4-H Steward will help you place your cat in a judging cage and place your cage number on the cage. When the judge indicates that it is your turn, you are to take your cat out of the cage and place it on the judging table in front of the judge and facing you. You are encouraged to know as much as possible about your cat because the judge may ask you questions at this point about your cat.
13. No FLEAS, EAR MITES or other communicable parasites. Cats exhibiting infestation will not be allowed to show.
14. **STATE FAIR OPTIONAL.**



### Fun Show

1. 4-H 777 Form is required to show at the Fun Show. See guideline #6 for County Fair Cat Show.
2. The Fun Show is an optional activity. As the name implies it is just for fun. However, you will be given valuable advice for how to get your cat in the best possible condition for the County Fair Cat Show by the judge at the Fun Show.
3. Classes at the Fun Show will be determined by the 4-H'ers. At each meeting prior to the Fun Show project members will be given the opportunity to suggest possible classes for the Fun Show.
4. Classes will be fun categories such as: The Grouchiest Cat, The Cat that Looks Most Like Sylvester, Costume Class, etc.

### Cat Poster Exhibit

1. Posters will be judged in three categories - Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced according to grade as stated in number 1 of the general Cat Project guidelines.
2. Each member may exhibit one poster at the fair. There will be one poster from each category selected for State Fair.
3. Posters will be judged on the poster guidelines found in the 4-H Handbook under Boone County 4-H Exhibit General guidelines #8 Leave the area in the lower right hand corner of posters 3" high by 3" wide for a label. Labels will be provided by the Extension Office. The 4-H member's name and club should be permanently marked on the back side of each poster.
4. Suggested topics for posters include:  
Beginner: Basic Anatomy, Grooming, Coat Colors, Basic Feeding, Care of the Cat, Traveling With Your Cat, etc.  
Intermediate: Breeds of Cats, Cat Lore, Nutrition, Disease, Parasites, History of Cats, Coat Patterns, etc.  
Advanced: Genetics, Study of Cat Ailment or Disease, Advanced Nutrition, Advanced Study of a Breed or History of a Breed, First Aid, Study of Mutations and Breed Development, Raising Kitten, etc.  
These are only suggestions! Be creative and come up with your own topic! Any topic is acceptable as long as it relates to cats, is educational and not too broad of a subject.

### Cat Knowledge Contest

1. This contest is optional.
2. To be held during the County Fair Cat Show.
3. Awards presented at the conclusion of the County Fair Cat Show.
4. There are three parts to the Cat Knowledge Contest:
  - Part 1 - Written quiz about cats
  - Part 2 - Handling Cat (removing from cage, carrying properly, etc..)
  - Part 3 - Oral quiz with judge about cats
5. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion for each of the three divisions (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) for the Cat Knowledge Contest.

### Cage Decoration Contest

1. This contest is optional, however, all cages at the County Fair Cat Show must have the top, both sides, back and bottom of the cage covered. The front of the cages should not be covered.
2. Cage may be decorated in any fashion. You can use drapes, towels, poster board, etc. to cover the required 5 sides of the cage.
3. Cages measure: 22" height, top to bottom; 22" wide each side; 25 1/2" wide back.
4. You must decorate your cage immediately before the beginning of the County Fair Cat Show. All cages must be completely decorated by the time the Cat Show begins. Please leave your cat in its carrier until both sides of double cages are decorated.
5. Cages will be judged on the following criteria:
  - a. Creativity
  - b. Use of Color
  - c. All Covered (no gaps in corners, at top or bottom)
  - d. Overall visual
  - e. Cat's welfare (is kitty comfy?)
  - f. Carry through of theme (does water bowl, litter box, etc. match?)
  - g. Safety (cords used? flammable materials? etc.)
6. This contest will not be judged by division. There will be three champions selected and three reserve champions selected, one each for : Most Creative, Most Beautiful, Best Use of Theme.
7. Any cage decoration that has won champion in either the most creative, most beautiful or best use of the theme category may not be entered in the cage decoration contest may not be used again for the next 3 years.

