



## **CAT EDUCATION**

(2023 State Project)

### **Description:**

Youth can learn about livestock and companion animals through a variety of experiences.

### **State Fair Entries:**

3 Cat entries per county; one per level.

### **Exhibit Guidelines:**

Owning or showing an animal is not required. Members enrolled in any 4-H animal or livestock project can exhibit in this project and are to contact their county 4-H educator to learn if they are to also be enrolled in animal education.

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 way references are listed.

Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right-hand corner to place an [Exhibit Tag](#) provided by Purdue Extension staff.

Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this document as a guide rather than a requirement.

### **Exhibit Class Guidelines:**

- **Beginner (grades 3-5)**

Create an educational poster, notebook or display about any Cat project book activity or on any cat related topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate. Check with the Purdue Extension office in your county to determine if enrollment is required in the species project you want to learn about. Owning or possessing an animal is not required.

- **Intermediate (grades 6-8)**

Create an educational poster, notebook or display about any Cat project book activity or on any cat related topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate. Check with the Purdue Extension office in your county to determine if enrollment is required in the species project you want to learn about. Owning or possessing an animal is not required.

- **Advanced (grades 9-12)**

Create an educational poster, notebook or display about any Cat project book activity or on any cat related topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate. Check with the Purdue Extension office in your county to determine if enrollment is required in the species project you want to learn about. Owning or possessing an animal is not required.

**Clay County Requirement:**

You will need to have a filled-out project record sheet to turn in with your project at judging.

**[General Project Record Sheet](#)****Manuals:**

Find these project books for **FREE** at the Extension Office!

- **[Cat Level 1: Purr-fect Pals](#)**
- **[Cat Level 2: Climbing Up!](#)**
- **[Cat Level 3: Leaping Forward](#)**

**References:**

**<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-animal-education.html>**