



March 15, 2024

Dear 4-H Cat Members,

We are excited that you have decided to be a part of the 4-H Cat project! Enclosed is information regarding the 4-H Cat project, including a vaccination form and show information for the Clay County 4-H Fair and the State Fair.

4-H Cat Terms and Conditions: Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H cat requirements in the county terms and conditions for further rules and policies. The Clay County Terms and Conditions can be found on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/22kwjted>.

Cat Vaccination Form: The 4-H Cat Vaccination form for 2024 is enclosed. This form will need to be completed by a veterinarian *before* you can bring your cat to the Clay County Fair. Read the requirements on the form and please be aware that the vaccinations must be given at least 2 weeks prior to and within one year of the show date. The show is scheduled for July 19th.

Cat Poster: If you plan on exhibiting a Cat Poster at the Clay County Fair, please make sure that you have selected the Cat Poster (animal education) as a project on your 4-HOnline profile.

State Fair Entries: 4-H'ers who plan to show their cat at the Indiana State Fair can view the project and entry requirements via their website at www.indianastatefair.com. Please refer to their website for updates and deadlines as well. Currently, the project information has not been updated for 2024, but will be available soon. When the entry information becomes available, more information will be sent out.

The dates of the 2024 Indiana State Fair are August 2 - 18. You can find the livestock schedule here: <https://bit.ly/36o6vcf>

If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office at 812-448-9041 or email Natalie at korniak@purdue.edu.

Sincerely,

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CLAY COUNTY 4-H CATS

*Updated for 2024

OBJECTIVE:

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.

ENROLLMENT:

- a) All 4-H cats and/or kittens must be owned and cared for by 4-H member by May 15th of the current year.

HEALTH:

- a) Each cat presented for exhibition must be accompanied by a [certificate of vaccination](#) (4-H 777) that is signed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian. This form will indicate the vaccination dates and the date and test results of the feline leukemia test.
- b) Claws must be clipped before participating in the Cat Show.
- c) 4-H cats must be free of fleas, fungus, ear mites, internal or external parasites or other communicable diseases. No cats may be exhibited that test positive for or show any symptoms of any communicable diseases.
- d) Vaccinations must be given within 1 year of show date and at least 2 weeks prior to show date:
 - Feline panleukopenia
 - Feline rhinotracheitis
 - Calcivirus
 - Rabies
- e) All cats must have a negative Feline Leukemia TEST within one hundred eighty (180) days of the show or the Feline Leukemia vaccination within 1 year of show and at least 2 weeks prior to show. The Feline Leukemia vaccination is not a requirement, but is recommended.
- f) It is recommended but not required to consult your veterinarian about a heart worm program. It is required to have a Negative fecal exam for parasites not more than 30 days prior to exhibition.
- g) All cats over 3 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed and accredited veterinarian within 1 year of the cat show.
- h) It is recommended that all 4-H cats, other than pedigreed breeding stock, be neutered or spayed.
- i) Pregnant or lactating female cats will not be permitted to show.

GROOMING:

4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), legal guardian, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Please contact the Extension Office with questions on how to be approved or to see if you are already on the approved groomers list.



SHOW:

- a) All kittens must be at least 4 months of age by the day of the show.
- b) No cats will be left overnight at the fairgrounds!
- c) A 4-H member may enter and show a maximum of 2 cats in the 4-H cat show.
- d) The cat(s) may be purebred or household pets. Cats do not need to be registered or pedigreed in order to be in the 4-H cat show.
- e) Cats will be classed according to their predominant characteristics.
- f) All 4-H cats must be brought and taken from the show in carriers. Cats on leashes without pet carrying cases will not be accepted. Please do not use paper/cardboard boxes as carriers. A plastic laundry basket with a lid makes a secure carrier. The only time the animal should be removed from the carrier is when they are showing or for last minute grooming. Leashes and collars should be used.
- g) The cat will be removed from its carrier during judging. The member will stay and watch his or her cat being judged, then return it to its carrier. 4-H cats must not be left unattended at any time. If a cat is not on the judging table at the time the class is judged, they will not be judged. The member is not allowed to speak with the judge unless so required by the judge.
- h) Each 4-Hers cat will be judged on (a) health, (b) cleanliness, (c) grooming, (d) personality, and (e) if all categories are equal, the judge will choose a winner by its “star quality.”
- i) 4-H exhibitors are asked to read the General Terms & Conditions printed in the front of this catalog regarding other 4-H related policies and information.
- j) Classes offered
 - Kitten
 - Adult short hair
 - Adult long hair
 - Purebred (must have registration papers)
- k) Household Kittens ages should be between 4 to 8 months on day of show. Any kitten becoming 8 months old on show day will be considered an adult cat.
- l) Household adult cats 8 months of age or older on show day.
- m) Purebred cats of a recognized breed, kept pure for many generations. They may be registered. If the cat is registered, it must have a current registration number from one of the national cat registries, such as the Cat Fanciers Association.
- n) Longhaired cats whose coat has long top hair, with a thick wooly undercoat. The length of hair on a cat's tail is often used as a determining factor. Hair length is normally 1 1/2" or more.
- o) Short hair cats whose coat has only short hairs, a smooth, textured coat. Cat tail hair is usually less than 1 1/2" in length.

SHOW AWARDS

Champion Showmanship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior • Intermediate • Senior 	Grand Champion Cat
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4-H CAT SHOWMANSHIP KNOWLEDGE PROGRAM

- a) The purpose of this optional 4-H cat activity is to help the members learn and become more aware of current cat fanciers knowledge, techniques and related management and show procedures.
- b) All questions for showmanship test are taken from 4-H Cat Manuals for appropriate grade level.



- c) There are three parts to the Showmanship Knowledge Program
 - 1. Part 1 written quiz about cats
 - 2. Part 2 handling cat, removing from cage, etc.
 - 3. Part 3 oral quiz with judge about their cat
- d) There will be three divisions:
 - 1. Junior: Grades 3-5
 - 2. Intermediate: Grades 6-8
 - 3. Senior: Grades 9-12

STATE FAIR:

Special entry required by July 1 or date set by the [Indiana State Fair](#).

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:

- [Purdue Extension Cat Project](#)
- [Indiana State Fair Book – Cat Show](#)



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 # (_____) - _____

**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 # (_____) - _____

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 or vaccination within 1 year of show.)</small>	
Fecal parasite exam or deworming by veterinarian (required within 6 months of exhibition)	_____
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.	

X _____ (Date)
Veterinarian (Signature)

(Address)

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

(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.**

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)