

CAT

This is a State Fair project. There will be one State Fair entry for each level. There will be NO Best of Show selected for Cat Poster.

NOTE: All cats must be in member's possession and properly enrolled on the county cat enrollment form by May 15.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete the Grant County 4-H Livestock Record Sheet (one record sheet, per specie, per member).
2. Complete the Certificate of Vaccination for the 4-H Cat project (4-H 777). This form should be brought to the 4-H Cat show.

The Cat project has three exhibit options of which you can do one or all of these options:

1. Live cats
2. An educational poster about cats (No Best of Show will be selected)
3. An interactive demonstration

Live Cat Exhibit

A 4-H member may enter and show a maximum of two cats in the 4-H Cat Show. All 4-H Cats shall be judged as Household Pets, including Purebreds.

4-H'ers will demonstrate their ability to present their cats that are clean and healthy, trained and manageable, along with the ability to competitively demonstrate ones knowledge and skill in raising and related management and show techniques of the cat.

RULES:

1. Pregnant or lactating females will not be permitted to show.
2. All 4-H cats will be brought and taken from the show in carriers. A leash and collar may be used for judging.
3. 4-H cats must be free of fleas, fungus, ear mites, or other communicable diseases. See the health terms and conditions section printed in the front of this book for the details.
4. Each 4-H'ers cat will be judged on a) health b) cleanliness c) grooming and d) personality.

**** ALL CATS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE 4-H FAIR IN A CARRIER.****

CLASSES: Divided by cat's age and hair length

Kittens

Kittens up to 8 months on day of show. Any kitten becoming 8 months old on show day will be considered an adult cat.

Adults

Cats 8 months to 7 years on day of show.

Seniors

Cats 7 years plus on day of show.

Long Haired

Cats whose coat has long top hairs, with thick wooly undercoat. The length of hair on the cat's tail is often used as a determining factor. Hair length is normally 1-1/2" or more.

Short Haired

Cats whose coat has only short hairs, a smooth textured coat. Cat tail hair is usually less than 1 1/2" in length.

Champion and Reserves will be selected for each group winner, i.e., Short Haired Kitten, Long Hair Adult. These Champions will then compete for Best of Show and Runner-Up Best of Show.

*Refer to the Rules for 4-H Livestock State Fair Entry for State Fair Entry.

SHOW RING DRESS CODE:

Every 4-H member must bear in mind the following while showing and selling his/her livestock project through the 4-H program at the Grant County Fair.

- Your attire is portraying an image of yourself.
- You are representing your club.
- You are representing the Grant County 4-H program.

Therefore, you should be as neat and clean as possible. Judges will be directed to consider appropriateness of show ring attire while evaluating placings and showmanship skills. **It is recommended that you wear a shirt with a collar, long pants, or fingertip length shorts while showing. It is suggested that you NOT wear tank tops, T-shirts with writing (other than approved 4-H shirts), midriffs, halter-tops, excessively baggy pants, cut-offs, or baseball caps.**

Class 1 – Senior Showmanship, Grades 9-12 during the current school year (September–August).

Class 2 - Intermediate Showmanship, Grades 6-8 during the current school year (September–August).

Class 3 -Junior Showmanship, Grades 3-5 during the current school year (September–August).

Educational Poster Exhibit

Refer to the poster information page located in the handbook for poster requirements and suggestions. Use 22" x 28" poster board with a stiff backing and a clear protective covering. Posters should be displayed horizontally.

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list including where the 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, display board, be the last page of a notebook, or include as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which reference are listed.

Exhibit Topics: The following suggestions are ideas for development of educational cat posters. 4-H'ers need not be limited by or to just these mentioned topics.

Junior: Cat Care, Cat Breeds, Litter Training, Treating My Cat With Care and Respect, Cat Responsibilities, Grooming Skills, Training My Cat, Neutering/Spaying, Determining Cat Costs, Traveling With My Cat, My Cat's Safety.

Intermediate: National Cat Fancier Associations, A Cat Clinic, Training With Extra Praise, Careers Related to Cats, Should My Cat Have Kittens?, Feeding My Cat, Things I've Learned, Insect Pests, Symptoms of Ill Health, My Visiting Pet Therapy Program, Cats Get Old Too!, Saying Good-Bye.

Senior: Understanding A Cat Show, Planning A Cat Business, Cat Genetics, Cat Organs and Systems, Exploring Careers, Learning About Leadership, Teaching Others, Having Fun Learning,

Protecting Our Environment, Issues of Animal Welfare/Rights.

State Fair Exhibit: There will be three (3) entries, one from each level.

Interactive Demonstration

An interactive demonstration is not like regular demonstrations where the audience sits and listens to you give a prepared talk. In an interactive demonstration, your job is to interest them in your topic so that they will want to stop and hear what you have to say. In an interactive demonstration you want to involve your audience. You may want them to talk with you, try to do what you are doing, sample something you are making, judge something or play a game.

Some suggested topics for cats include:

- How to handle a cat safely
- How to prepare a cat for showing
- How to train a cat for exhibition
- How to make a carrying cage
- How to select a nutritional diet
- How to select a cat as a pet

CAT – Check-in and judging

Check-in: Tuesday, June 20, 4-5 p.m., (bring vaccination papers)

Judging: Tuesday, June 20, 5 p.m.

After check-in of **all** projects, put current year's record sheets in Green Record Book and turn in at designated boxes in the Community Building.

You have until **May 15** to add or drop this project from your current year's enrollment.