

CAT

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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.

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Cat			
Division/Level	Grades	Completion Activities Needed*	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	Check IN St Fair Website
Level 2	Grades 6-8	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	Check IN State Fair Website
Level 3	Grades 9-12	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	Check IN State Fair Website

*"Activities" are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Cat Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit guidelines are listed below.

GUIDELINES:

- Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Livestock and Animal Section for General Guidelines related to all livestock projects. See 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.***
- Each 4-H Member may show a maximum of two (2) cats in the 4-H cat show. Each cat may be shown in only one cat class. The member or their immediate family must own the cats shown. Each 4-H member that participates in the show may also enter one (1) cat in Showmanship. Each 4-H member may also exhibit a poster. Posters must be educational and follow the guidelines listed below.
- To be eligible to show, the cat must be in the possession, care and feeding of the 4-H Member by May 15 of the year shown.
- The cat may be either a purebred or a household pet.
- All cats must have a valid certification of vaccination for the 4-H Cat Project (4-H 777-W) including a fecal parasite exam with results that are required within six (6) months of the show. The certification of vaccination must be signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian and it must be provided to the Cat Superintendent at show check-in. Vaccinations must be at least two weeks before the show but within one year of the show. 4-H Cats must be free of fleas, fungus, ear mites, or other communicable diseases. A Veterinarian will examine each cat at check-in, prior to being penned and entered in the 4-H Cat Show. Any animal showing signs of illness will be sent home. Pregnant or lactating female cats will not be permitted to show.
- The Cat Show Entry Form should be submitted via FairEntry by the designated date if intending to bring cat to the fair for exhibition.***
- Each 4-H'er may show ONLY two (2) cats within the 4-Hers age level. For instance, a 4-H'er may show a long hair AND a short hair in their level OR the 4-H'er may show any combination of two (2) of the following as long as they are not in the same category: a long hair cat, a short hair cat, a kitten, OR a purebred. Example: two (2) longhaired cats, two (2) shorthaired cats, two (2) kittens or two (2) purebreds WILL NOT be permitted. Notice the Kitten and the Purebred category includes all levels combined.
- The Purebred Category will be judged differently than the other categories. Purebreds are a recognized breed, kept pure for many generations; if the cat is registered, papers must be presented the day of the show. The purebred cats will be judged mainly on how they fit their specific breed standard according to the Cat Fanciers Association, as well as grooming and presentation of the animal.
- The cage-decorating contest is an optional class for the Cat Show. Cage dimensions are 22" X 22" X 25" for

- a single cage.
10. 4-H'ers must provide appropriate draping whether or not they are entered in the cage decorating class to prevent cats from coming in contact with one another. Cats must be caged in the cages furnished. Exhibitors must provide water/feed containers, carrier, towels or curtains to drape their cage, litter box and litter, and other appropriate grooming aids.
 11. All 4-H cats must be brought and taken from the show in carriers. Cats on leashes without carrying cases will not be accepted. Please do not use paper/cardboard boxes as carriers. Harnesses should not be used because they interfere with judging. A leash and collar may be used but the leash must be removed for judging.
 12. 4-H cats will be removed from their cages during judging. The 4-H member is responsible for bringing their 4-H cat to the show area and will stay and watch while their cat is being judged, and then return the cat to its cage. Only 4-H members may show cats at the judging table. Any cat not on the judging table at the time the class is judged, it will not be judged.
 13. Each cat must be kept under control at all times. Do not leave your cat unattended either in the show arena or in an automobile.
 14. Each 4-H member's cat will be judged on
 - a. Health,
 - b. Cleanliness,
 - c. Grooming,
 - d. Personality,
 - e. Knowledge,
 - f. How you present your cat, and
 - g. If all categories are equal, the judge will choose a winner by its "star quality."
 15. The 4-Her and/or his/her parent(s) should not speak with the judge unless conversation is initiated by the judge.
 16. It is recommended that all 4-H cats, other than pedigreed breeding stock, be neutered or spayed, but not required.
 17. All 4-H cats must have the claws clipped or be de-clawed.
 18. NO PROFESSIONAL GROOMING PERMITTED - grooming must be done by exhibiting 4-Her.
 19. It is strongly recommended that all members show their own cats. 4-Hers who are unable to show their cat must receive prior permission from the Cat Project Superintendent in order to have another 4-Her show the cat. Only another 4-H'er may show a 4-Her's cat.
 20. No cats will be allowed to stay overnight and must be taken home following the official release at the end of the 4-H cat show.
 21. ***If wanting to exhibit a poster/display/notebook related to this species, 4-H members may do so under the "Animal Education" Project. (see page 22 for details)***

4-H CAT SHOW CLASSES:

4-H Cat Project members will be grouped and show their cats or kittens according to the following classes:

- Kittens - 4-Hers All Ages
- Purebred - 4-Hers All Ages
- Short Hair Cats - Junior 4-Hers
- Short Hair Cats - Intermediate 4-Hers
- Short Hair Cats - Senior 4-Hers
- Long Hair Cats - Junior 4-Hers
- Long Hair Cats - Intermediate 4-Hers
- Long Hair Cats - Senior 4-Hers
- Cage Decorating - 4-Hers All Ages (*optional*) - The cage-decorating contest is an optional class for the Cat Show. The cage dimensions are 22" X 22" X 25" for a single cage. Only one (1) cage decorating entry (single or double pen) allowed. See terms and conditions below. No lighting of any kind allowed.
- Senior Excellence Award - The Senior Excellence is for long term overall performance in the Cat Project. The award will consist of a permanent trophy engraved with the winner's name and year, to be placed in the 4-H Trophy Case and a smaller trophy will be given to the winner to keep. Applications are available in the Extension Office and must be turned in by July 1st.

4-H CAT SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS:

- Junior (Grades 3 thru 5 on January 1st of current year)
- Intermediate (Grades 6 thru 8 on January 1st of current year)
- Senior (Grades 9 thru 12 on January 1st of current year)

Adult: cats 8 months of age or older on show day.

Kitten: cats 4-8 months of age by day of show.

Long haired: cats whose coat has long top hairs, with a thick wooly undercoat. The length of hair on cat's tail is determining factor. Hair length is normally 1.5" long or more.

Purebred: cats of a recognized breed, kept pure for many generations. 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.

Short haired: cats whose coat has only short hairs, a smooth, textured coat. Cat tail hair is usually less than 1.5" in length.

4-H CAGE DECORATING CONTEST:

Classes:

- Junior (Grades 3 thru 5 on January 1st of current year)
- Intermediate (Grades 6 thru 8 on January 1st of current year)
- Senior (Grades 9 thru 12 on January 1st of current year)

Rules:

1. The 4-H cat cage decorating contest is OPTIONAL. It is an optional activity for 4-H members with a cat or cats entered in the cat show. If a 4-H member chooses not to decorate a cage, he/she must plan to bring a towel or sheet to cover the outside of the cage.
2. If a 4-H member chooses to decorate the inside of their cat cage, the single cat cage measures 22" H x 22" D x 25" W. 4-H members with two cats may decorate one (1) or both cages however, only 1 may be judged. Two (2) members of the same family may share one (1) double cage for 2 cats but this will only count as one (1) cage.
3. The following judging criteria will be used to evaluate each entry:
 - a. Color coordination
 - b. Originality/imagination
 - c. Are the 2 sides, top, and back appropriately covered? (The front of the cage should never be covered.)
 - d. Please do not use copyrighted figures such as Mickey Mouse, Garfield, etc., in decorating your cage.
 - e. Health/Safety/Comfort of the 4-H Cat. This includes water dish, litter, etc. Absolutely no lighting of any kind in the cages (violators will be disqualified).
 - f. Appropriateness to theme.

SHOWMANSHIP:

A 4-H'er may only enter one cat in showmanship.

Classes:

- Junior (Grades 3 thru 5 on January 1st of current year)
- Intermediate (Grades 6 thru 8 on January 1st of current year)
- Senior (Grades 9 thru 12 on January 1st of current year)

Rules:

1. Reference material may not be used during the activity by participants.
2. Questions for the activity will be taken from one or more of the following publications based on 4-Hers entry class above.
 - a. Juniors – Purrr-fect Pals! (BU-6146 – designated project book)
 - b. Intermediates – Purrr-fect Pals! And Climbing Up! (BU-6146 and BU-6147 – designated project books)
 - c. Seniors – Purrr-fect Pals!, Climbing Up!, Cat Connections, and Your Cat and You. (BU-6146, BU-6147, BU-6148, and Purina Cat Chow) EACH of these books may be obtained from the local Purdue Extension Office.
3. Showmanship Judging includes scoring in each of the following
 - a. Written quiz
 - b. Showing your cat
- c. Oral interview about the cat.

LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL SECTION

General *Guidelines*

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If you plan on exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair, be sure to check Indiana State Fair Handbook for additional guidelines and information.

1. 4-H Livestock members are required to read and complete seven activities they choose from their appropriate age grouped 4-H livestock manual per year or general record sheet. The manual must be turned in to your 4-H leader in order to complete your project. Once you have completed the project, you then have the privilege of exhibiting at the 4-H Fair. As part of the seven required activities, youth may choose to participate in Hendricks County 4-H livestock meetings/workshops. For example, a Beef Member may choose to attend three Beef Club meetings/workshops and do four activities in the Beef manual for a total of seven activities. Youth must be able to prove to their club leader that they attended the workshop/meeting in order for it to count toward the seven activities.
2. ***Members are eligible to exhibit their project via Interactive Demonstration during the County Fair, but will not qualify for State Fair. Additionally, Interactive Demonstrations will be a non-judged exhibit option where members may showcase what they have learned in the project to the general public. All projects have the option for Interactive Demonstration exhibit at the county level.***
3. ***Members are also eligible to exhibit in livestock projects through the Animal Education project by creating a poster or display or exhibit. See page 22 for details.***
4. 4-H Livestock must be enrolled via the online enrollment website before the following dates:
 - ***May 15th – Beef Steers and Dairy Steers, Registered, Commercial, and Market Beef Heifers, Dairy Heifers/Cows, Horse & Pony, Sheep, Dairy & Fiber Goats, Meat Goats, Llama, Alpaca, Rabbits, and Swine.***
 - 4-H members in any livestock project must also indicate their projects on their individual 4-H Member Enrollment by May 15th on 4-HOnline. This includes Born and Raised in Hendricks County for select species.
 - Poultry and Pigeons must complete a hard copy enrollment form and turn it in to the Extension Office by May 15th. (also available in PDF to submit electronically to the Extension Office).
5. To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, dairy & fiber goats, meat goats, poultry, and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. For more information about in-person trainings, please contact the Hendricks County Extension Office. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org>. The goals of having 4-H members complete the YQCA program include ensuring that
 - Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors.
 - Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care.
 - 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply.In-person training is available in Hendricks County and surrounding counties. Please contact the Extension Office for dates/times or visit the Hendricks County Extension website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/hendricks>.
6. 4-H animals are expected to be in the possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns/leases them (unless other arrangements have been agreed upon by the County 4-H Extension Educator) from the animal ID deadline until the conclusion of the county and/or state fair. Llamas, Alpacas, Horses, Ponies, and Dairy heifers are the only animals eligible to lease their animals.
7. ***4-H market animals and commercial animals must be individually identified and verified under the supervision of the county 4-H program at county identification events by May 15th. These species include market lambs and commercial ewes, commercial meat-type does, dairy wethers, dairy feeder steers, dairy beef steers, beef steers, market and commercial heifers, meat goat wethers, and market wether dams.***
8. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the **ID** deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (***including animals that have gone through a “Premium Only Auction”***) shall not be eligible to show at the

State Fair. ***Sale of products of animals (milk, cheese, wool, etc.) in lieu of the animal are considered equivalent to a "Premium Only Auction."***

9. ***4-H animals exhibited after the animal enrollment deadline at any show by anyone other than the individual whose 4-H enrollment record is connected to the ID of the animal in Indiana 4HOnline will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the county or Indiana State Fair. The term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing state fair eligibility. 4-H animals that are selected by 4-H Extension Staff or 4-H Adult Volunteers for use in supreme showmanship contests (Master Showmanship, Round Robin, etc.) may be used in those county events without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without state ID deadlines, the person who enters them in the Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the owner of the animals.***
10. 4-H animal projects that require registration papers in 4-H breeding classes will NOT be accepted which are registered in a parent/guardian's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", "John Doe & William Smith", "Long Oak & William Smith", etc.). Acceptable registrations are (1) in the 4-H member's name, (2) John Smith & Sons, (3) John Smith, Sons & Daughters, (4) John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only), (5) Mark Smith (brother) & Mary Smith (sister), (6) Family Corporations, where the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date, (7) Family Partnership where the 4-H'ers father, mother brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H'ers name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be completed and turned in to the Extension Office prior to May 15th.
11. All breeding animals must be registered in their respective breed associations and earmarked or tagged to coincide with their individual registration papers. The barn director will check registrations.
12. Animals are automatically co-enrolled with siblings of the same 4-H family as long as they are entered on at least one child's 4-HOnline profile by specified date. 4-H family must be under the same 4-HOnline family profile. Animals being exhibited will need to be declared by 4-H member by designated date. Example: Sister enters Goat 1 and Goat 2 on 4-HOnline. Goat 2 may be shown by Brother as long as declared by designated date ***in FairEntry.***
13. Required registration certificates must be presented to the barn director at the time tattoos are checked during check in at the County Fair, stating that the exhibitor owns the animal exhibited as per ownership terms and conditions on or before the enrollment deadline and continuously until show date. No exception to this condition will be allowed. An original certificate of registration, or a FAX or Email with attachment directly from the national breed association will be accepted.
14. The breed associations reserve the right to have a qualified veterinarian check all questionable animals for their correct age and insure that all animals have a legible tattoo. Any altered tattoos will be disqualified. Any misrepresented animals will be disqualified from the show and will be reported to the national associations.
15. Submission of an entry to the Hendricks County 4-H Fair expressly binds the exhibitor to all terms, conditions, rules and regulations contained in any and all parts of the 4-H Handbook and supplemental notices.
16. All sponsors, farm names, or family names and logos are to be covered or removed from clothing, tack and tags while exhibiting.
17. Only one (1) livestock entry may be shown in a particular class by an individual club member except in beef, dairy steer, barrow, gilt, meat and dairy goat and single lamb projects where two are permitted.
18. Every attempt will be made to provide a class for any Indiana State Fair Breed of Livestock. For other breeds not established by the State Fair, please refer to the individual species for classes offered.
19. 4-H animal exhibitors who plan to exhibit an animal in a class at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair are expected to show their animals. ***Substitute showman*** requests will only be granted to those exhibitors who have medical emergencies or conflicts with showing other animals. These requests need to be approved by the barn superintendent or the designated superintendent of the show ***and 4-H Extension Educator.*** Any other circumstances that are deemed unavoidable must be approved by the Hendricks County 4-H Youth Council or 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator. Failure to be excused from a job and/or participation in a ***non 4-H related creative arts*** or sporting event or practice will not result in a substitute showman being granted. In addition, the substitute showman must be a Hendricks County 4-H'er.
20. All 4-H Livestock exhibits must meet health guidelines set by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Animals that don't meet these health guidelines will not be permitted on the fairgrounds during the fair. The Indiana State Board of Animal Health guidelines can be found on the Extension Office website under the 4-H Handbook link or you can refer to the Indiana Animal Health Guideline for Exhibition of Domestic Animals via the Indiana State Board of Animal Health Website.
21. 4-H Market Animals shall not contain any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs,

- steroids, or chemicals greater than those standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on the day of show and on day of shipment to market from the Hendricks County 4-H Fair. All withdrawal times must be adhered to for those animals being sold in the auction.
22. The Hendricks County 4-H and Agricultural Fair Association assumes no financial responsibility for any condemned carcasses of any animals sold at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair.
 23. Fraud deception, any prohibited activities (of general or departmental rules), or any activity determined to be improper or unethical by the 4-H Fairboard or 4-H Youth Council, a 4-H Fair Director and/or the 4-H Youth Educator shall not be allowed. Any exhibitor found in violation is subject to sanctions and/or disqualification.
 24. TAMPERING, ALTERING, and/or MISREPRESENTATION relative to any 4-H exhibit is prohibited. This prohibited activity includes but not limited to breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion. (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to, coloring which alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, attaching hair/hair substitutes, or filling.
 25. UNETHICAL FITTING OF ANIMAL EXHIBITS is **prohibited and** defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical or non-surgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption. Exceptions which are allowed in the rules above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normal attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine, and coloring which does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics.
 26. 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family who are no more than two (2) generations removed from the exhibitor, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from approved 4-H Adult Volunteers that participated in the 4-H Livestock Volunteer Conference who are from the 4-H member's county of enrollment. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. We recognize that all family structures are different and the relatives assisting the 4-H member with their animal project may be different depending on the family so a very specific list of acceptable relatives may not be appropriate in all situations. Thus, we have worked on an adaptation to the grooming rule. This is meant to be inclusive while recognizing that 4-H family structures differ greatly depending on the situation. Obviously, the intent is to include step, half and in-law relatives. Approved Hendricks County 4-H Livestock Species Leaders are also eligible to assist 4-Hers with grooming of that species. Example: Approved Sheep Leaders may help groom Sheep on day of the Sheep Show. Any person that does not meet the guidelines listed above may assist with grooming if they have completed and pass the Hendricks County 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program paperwork and application by June 15th of the current year. Those who are a part of the Grooming Assistance Program agree to follow the rules and guidelines listed in the handbook and program paperwork. The Hendricks County Fair Officials reserve the right to request identification from any individual grooming any animal(s).
 27. Temporary guardianships established for the intent of animal exhibition or grooming purposes are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.
 28. A Showmanship Contest will be conducted in the Judging of Beef, Dairy, **Meat Goat, Dairy Goat**, Sheep and Swine. All members showing these livestock species are eligible to participate in the Beginner, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship Contest. Each participant must show the same animal throughout the entire showmanship competition. **It must be their own animal.** Beginners are those who are in Grades 3 through 5 in January of the current year. Intermediates are those who are in grades 6 through 8 in January of the current year Seniors are those who are in grade 9 and up in January of the current year through their last eligible year in 4-H. Before the livestock show begins, each 4-H exhibitor interested in participating in the Showmanship Contest must register on **Fair Entry**. All previous Beginner Showmanship Champions in the listed species must show in the Intermediate Class. All previous Intermediate Showmanship Champions must show in the Senior Class. There shall be an Honor Group of five (5) in showmanship selected from which the Champion will be chosen.
 29. 4-H'ers who win Junior or Intermediate Showmanship move up the next level the following year. Winners of the Supreme Showmanship Contest are not eligible to continue to participate in Showmanship.
 30. Judges will be announced on or around June 1st. Their decisions will be final.
 31. All exhibitors will receive ribbons. Exhibits in the livestock classes will receive ribbons designated first to tenth places with all exhibits below tenth receiving achievement ribbons.
 32. A Champion and Reserve Champion may be given in each section provided there are blue ribbon entries (judge's discretion). In livestock classes, if only one (1) animal is shown in a particular breed, Champion will

- be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
33. Placing of 4-H exhibits will not be adjusted after placings become official.
 34. No 4-H exhibitor may take exception to the decisions of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or public manner nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official.
 35. 4-H members enrolled in livestock projects must complete a "Stall/Cage Reservation Form" indicating the number of animals they plan to exhibit at the 4-H Fair via FairEntry or hardcopy (dependent upon species).
 36. All exhibitors of livestock are required to have stock accessible to visitors for inspection by 9:00 a.m. each day and to keep the stalls in clean condition. The exhibitor and their helpers should dress neatly. Any obnoxious or repulsive articles will be excluded from the grounds.
 37. All members with livestock are to bring their own feed, feed trough, watering equipment, hay and bedding. He/she must be responsible for transporting his/her own exhibit to and from the show.
 38. All livestock trucks and trailers are to remain off of the Fairgrounds during the 4-H Fair.
 39. Overnight stays by 4-H members are not permitted on the Fairgrounds.
 40. All livestock stalls and tie-outs must be cleaned out before animals can be released.
 41. **Only animals to be exhibited are allowed on the grounds. If animals are not entered in 4HOnline, they will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.**
 42. Violation of the rules may result in the removal of one or all the 4-H'ers livestock from the show or other penalties as determined by the Barn Director and Extension Educator or 4-H Youth Council Representative.
 43. The Indiana State Fair Board is requiring all Indiana Exhibitors to provide the Indiana State Board of Animal Health required Premises ID number on all entry forms for many animals. To obtain a Premise ID #, please contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2381. Information can be found on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website at <http://www.in.gov/boah/2328.html>.

FAIR CHECKOUT FOR ALL SPECIES:

Penalty for early departure for animals:

- *4-H member will not be eligible to exhibit that species the balance of the current year and the subsequent year*
- *4-H member will not be eligible to sell any species in the auction*

Only exception for early release:

- *Proof of State Fair entry for each animal and during designated state fair animal release day and time for that species; and*
- *You must leave at least 1 animal for each species on the fairgrounds until regular check-out time*

***subject to change based on fair schedule of the year**

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The below table lists the different individual types of animals and their respective form of identification that is required to be eligible for the 4-H animal shows at the Indiana State Fair (and Hendricks County 4-H Fair). It is these ID types that are required to be in Indiana 4-HOnline by the respective deadline. Any of these IDs that are missing, incomplete, or incorrect will result in state fair (and county fair) ineligibility.

Hendricks County 2022 Required Animal ID Per Species		
Animal	Hendricks County ID Guidelines (follow these guidelines if you plan to exhibit at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair)	IN State Fair ID Guidelines (follow these guidelines if you plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair)
Cattle		
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag AND 5-digit County Tag	County Guidelines & DNA Hair Sample
Commercial and Market Heifers <i>and Dairy Feeders</i>	840-RFID Tag AND 5-digit County Tag	County Guidelines & DNA Hair Sample
Registered Heifers	840-RFID Tag AND Tattoo	County Guidelines & DNA Hair Sample
<i>Starter Calf</i>	<i>840-RFID Tag AND 5-digit County Tag</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID Tag AND animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number)	Same as County & DNA Hair Sample
Goats		
Dairy Goat Females	Breed Registry Tattoo	Same as County
Dairy Goat Wethers	5-digit County Tag OR Tattoo administered/recorded at county tag-in*	Same as County
Meat Goat Wethers	5-digit County tag*	County Guidelines & 840-RFID Tag & DNA Hair Sample
Market Goat Does (<i>Wether Dams</i>)	<i>5-digit County tag AND one of the following Official IDs: USDA Scrapie ID** OR Tattoo or microchip that matches registration papers</i>	County Guidelines & 840-RFID Tag & DNA Hair Sample
Boer Goat Females	Registered: Breed Registry Tattoo Unregistered/Commercial: Official USDA Scrapie Identification AND 5-digit County tag	Registered: County Guidelines & DNA Hair Sample Unregistered: N/A
Pygmy Goats, Myotonic Goats, and Fiber Goats	Registered: Breed Registry Tattoo OR Microchip that Matches Registration Papers Unregistered: Official USDA Scrapie Identification Tag OR Official Scrapie Tattoo	Registered: Same as county Unregistered: Same as county Fiber Goats: N/A - Fiber Goats are not exhibited at State Fair
Horse & Pony		
Horse & Pony	Color Picture	Same as County
Llama/Alpaca		
Llama/Alpaca	Color Picture	Same as County
Rabbits		
<i>Rabbits</i>	<i>Tattoo</i>	<i>Same as County</i>
Sheep		
<i>Market Lamb Wethers</i>	<i>5-digit County tag*</i>	<i>County Guidelines & 840-RFID Tag & DNA Hair Sample</i>
<i>Market Lamb Ewes</i>	<i>5-digit County tag and Official USDA Scrapie Identification**</i>	<i>County Guidelines & 840-RFID Tag & DNA Hair Sample</i>
Commercial Ewes	Official USDA Scrapie Identification** AND 5-digit County tag	County Guidelines & 840-RFID Tag & DNA Hair Sample
Registered Ewes	Official USDA Scrapie Identification** AND ID that matches registration paper	County Guidelines & 840-RFID Tag & DNA Hair Sample
Swine		
Swine	840-RFID Tag AND Ear Notch	County Guidelines & DNA Hair Sample

*Wethers over 18 months would require Official USDA Scrapie Identification as well

****NOTE: 840-RFID tags count as Official ID for sheep and goats in place of scrapie tag. Scrapie tags do not qualify as an 840-RFID tag though.**

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN INDIANA 2022

This document describes the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) requirements for all animal exhibitions in the state. However, exhibition organizers may impose additional requirements as a condition of exhibition. **BOAH recommends contacting the exhibition organizer for specific information about requirements for each event.**

Please call the Indiana State Board of Animal at (317) 544-2400 with questions concerning exhibition requirements in Indiana.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

A. Limitations on Exhibition

This section describes limitations on exhibiting animals in Indiana. Other exhibition limitations may be described in the species-specific requirements that follow.

1. Failure to meet all animal health requirements will result in removal of animals from the exhibition premises.
2. The following animals are not eligible for exhibition in Indiana:
 - a. Animals that originate from a herd that is under quarantine.
 - b. An animal prohibited from exhibition under any law or order.
 - c. Any animal classified as a brucellosis "suspect".
 - d. Animals showing signs of any infectious or communicable disease or that are a health hazard to people or other animals.
 - e. Any animal that does not meet state animal health requirements.
3. Any animal that develops or shows signs of any infectious or communicable disease during exhibition must be removed from the premises, including the surrounding exhibition grounds. An owner who is disputing the exclusion of his/her animal(s) from exhibition may not exhibit the animal in question pending any appeal.
4. The State Veterinarian is authorized to make the final determination as to an animal's eligibility for exhibition. The state veterinarian may order removal of any animal from the exhibition grounds.
5. Exhibition organizers may impose health requirements in addition to those prescribed by BOAH. Added requirements may not contradict requirements imposed by BOAH.
6. Exhibition organizers may have a licensed and accredited veterinarian review animals and animal health documentation during the exhibition.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

B. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

1. **For animals that originate within Indiana**, a certificate of veterinary inspection (commonly known as a “health paper”) is not required by BOAH for exhibition. Contact the exhibition organizer to determine if a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) is necessary to meet the organizers exhibition requirements.
2. **For animals that originate outside of Indiana**, the exhibitor must have a properly completed CVI for all animals prior to entry. This requirement applies to all domestic animals (except fish and poultry).
 - a. CVIs must be completed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian who has personally inspected the animals.
 - b. A CVI for any animal is valid for 30 days from the date it is issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian. *NOTE: Animal(s) must be inspected by a licensed and accredited veterinarian no more than ten days prior to the date in which the CVI is issued.*
 - c. CVIs must clearly include a description of each animal including the age, sex, and breed of the animal, and the official individual identification.
 - d. CVIs must accompany the animal while on the exhibition premises.

C. Pre-Entry Movement Permit (REVISED)-

Effective January 1, 2022:

1. **For swine and cattle that originate within of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is not required.
2. **For swine and cattle that originate outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is **not required** when an **electronic** certificate of veterinary inspection is issued.
3. **For swine and cattle originating outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit **is required** when a **paper** certificate of veterinary inspection is issued.
 - a. The 2022 Indiana State Fair pre-entry movement permit number is “**INSF22**” and must be noted on all **paper** certificates of veterinary inspection.
 - b. The 2022 National Swine Registry Open and Junior Exposition pre-entry movement permit number is “**EXP22**” and must be noted on the **paper** certificate of veterinary inspection.
4. **For farmed cervids that originate outside of Indiana**, a BOAH approved pre-entry movement permit number must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection. Permit applications are available online at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cervids-deer-elk/

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

- a. The pre-entry movement permit application must be received by BOAH at least 5 business days before moving into Indiana.
- b. The Indiana State Board of Animal Health must authorize any proposed movements **prior** to entry into the State.

D. Indiana State Fairgrounds

1. The Federal Premises Identification Number for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: **00C6T69**
2. The physical address for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: **1202 E 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46205**

E. Identification

All exhibition animals must be permanently and individually identified unless otherwise noted. Official ear tags are tags approved by the USDA that bear the US shield. All official identification and any additional identification devices should be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

F. Testing

1. All tests required for exhibition must be conducted at the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) at Purdue University, a laboratory approved by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, or a state or federal-approved laboratory.
2. All animals, including Indiana animals, that are to be offered for sale to out of state buyers should have the necessary testing completed prior to the sale date. The destination state should be contacted to ensure all pre-entry movement requirements are met prior to the planned movement. www.in.gov/boah/movements-out-of-indiana/

SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

A. Cattle

For more information on cattle health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cattle-sheep-and-other-ruminants/cattle-dairy-and-beef/

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**
2. Identification (**ONE** of the following)
 - a. 840 tags
 - May or may not be an RFID (radio frequency device)
 - 15 digits, beginning with "840," with US shield
 - b. NUES (brite) tags
 - National Uniform Ear Tagging System
 - Steel or plastic acceptable, with US shield
 - c. Official USDA Program tags
 - Orange calfhood vaccination tags, with US shield
3. Testing
 - a. **Cattle that originate within Indiana** do not need a brucellosis test or a tuberculosis test for exhibition in Indiana.
 - b. **Cattle that originate outside of Indiana** do not need a brucellosis test or a tuberculosis test for exhibition in Indiana as long as the state of origin is classified as brucellosis free **AND** tuberculosis free by the USDA.
 - Cattle from states that are NOT designated as free by the USDA must meet additional requirements for entry into Indiana. Contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health for specific information.

B. Swine

For more information on swine health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 554-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/swinepigs/

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**
2. Identification (**ONE** of the following)
 - a. 840 tags
 - May or may not be an RFID (radio frequency device)
 - 15 digits, beginning with "840," with US shield
 - b. NUES (brite) tags
 - National Uniform Ear Tagging System
 - Steel or plastic acceptable, with US shield
 - c. Official Premises ID Number ("PIN") tag
 - Official PIN tags **MUST** include a premises number **and** unique animal ID imprinted by the manufacturer. (Standard PIN tags usually do not include an individual ID number; therefore, owners need to specify when ordering.)
 - d. Ear notch
 - Ear notch must be recorded in the book of record of a purebred registry association.
 - e. Tattoo
 - Tattoo must be registered with a swine registry association.
3. Testing
 - a. **Swine that originate within Indiana** do not need a brucellosis test or a pseudorabies test for exhibition in Indiana.
 - b. **Swine that originate outside of Indiana** do not need a brucellosis test or pseudorabies test as long as the state of origin is classified as brucellosis **AND** pseudorabies free by the USDA.

C. Sheep and Goats

For more information on sheep and goat health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cattle-sheep-and-other-ruminants/sheep-and-goats/

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**
 2. Identification (**ONE** of the following)
 - a. Official Scrapie identification tag, with US shield
 - b. Official Scrapie tattoo
 - Must begin with the state postal code along with a unique individual animal ID number
 - c. Registration tattoo
 - Tattoo must be noted on the registration paper and accompany the animal
 - d. Registration microchip
 - Electronic implant must be noted on the registration paper and accompany the animal
- NOTE: Wethers younger than 18 months of age must bear a unique and permanent form of identification*
3. Testing - No testing is required on any sheep or goat for exhibition in Indiana.

D. Horses

For more information on horse health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/equinehorses/

NOTE: Indiana State 4-H may impose vaccination requirements for horse show participants beyond the minimum requirements of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Contact your local 4-H Purdue Extension educator for these additional requirements.

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**
2. Identification (**ONE** of the following)
 - a. Physical description of the animal including: name, age, breed, color, gender, distinctive markings, cowlicks, scars, blemishes, biometric measures, brands, tattoos, etc.
 - b. Digital photographs sufficient to identify the individual animal
 - c. USDA-approved electronic implant (microchip)
3. Testing
 - a. **Horses that originate within Indiana** do not need an equine infectious anemia (EIA, Coggins) test for exhibition in Indiana.
 - b. **Horses that originate outside of Indiana** must meet the following requirements prior to entering Indiana:
 - Each horse must test negative for EIA within 12 months of the date of exhibition. Each horse must be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection that indicates the date and results of the EIA test.

NOTE: Suckling foals that are accompanied by their dam, when the dam has tested negative for EIA within the last twelve months, are exempt from the EIA testing requirement.

SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

E. Llamas/Alpacas (Camelids)

For more information on llama/alpaca health requirements call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cattle-sheep-and-other-ruminants/camelids/camelid-entry-requirements/

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**
2. Identification (**ONE** of the following)
 - a. Physical description of the animal including: name, age, breed, color, gender, distinctive markings, cowlicks, scars, blemishes, biometric measures, etc.
 - b. Digital photographs sufficient to identify the individual animal
 - c. Official ear tag
 - d. Tattoo
 - e. USDA-approved electronic implant (microchip)
3. Testing - No testing is required on any llamas or alpacas (camelid) for exhibition in Indiana.

F. Poultry

For more information on poultry health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/avianbirds/

Indiana defines poultry as: chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl (domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks, geese and swans), and game birds (domesticated fowl such as pheasants, pea fowl, partridge, quail, grouse, and guineas) but **NOT** doves and pigeons.

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**
2. Identification - No individual identification is required on any poultry for exhibition in Indiana.
3. Testing

All poultry presented for exhibition, except waterfowl, must meet **ONE** of the following requirements:

- a. Test negative for pullorum-typhoid within 90 days prior to the date of the exhibition.
- b. Hatched from eggs that originate from a certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean parent flock.
- c. Originate from a flock that is certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean.

G. Farmed Cervids

For more information on farmed cervid health requirements call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cervids-deer-elk/

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**
2. Identification - Farmed cervids must be identified with an **official ear tag** containing the US shield **AND** one of the following:
 - a. Tattoo
 - b. Electronic identification implant (microchip)
 - c. Farm/Management ear tag
3. Testing
 - a. **Farmed cervids that originate within Indiana**, 12 months of age and older that are to be exhibited in Indiana must meet **ONE** of the following **tuberculosis** testing requirements:
 - Test negative for tuberculosis within 90 days prior to the date of the exhibition.
 - Originate from a herd that is accredited under a state tuberculosis accreditation program. 345 IAC 2.5-5-4.
 - From a herd that meets other herd testing standard described in 345 IAC 2.5-5-3(1).
 - b. **Farmed cervids that originate within Indiana**, that are from a species known to be susceptible to chronic wasting disease (CWD), that are to be exhibited in Indiana must originate from a Certified CWD program herd defined under Indiana requirements 345 IAC 2-7-4.
 - c. **Farmed cervids that originate outside of Indiana** must be from a CWD non-susceptible species (i.e. fallow deer) **AND** meet one of the following requirements as outlined in 345 IAC 1-3-29:
 - Originate from a tuberculosis free accredited herd.
 - Have two tuberculosis tests, 90 days apart, with the last test within 90 days of entry to Indiana.

H. Dogs

For more information on dog health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/companion-animals-dogs-cats/

NOTE: Indiana State 4-H may impose vaccination requirements for dog show participants beyond the minimum requirements of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Contact your local 4-H Purdue Extension educator for these additional requirements.

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**
2. Identification - Physical description sufficient to identify the individual animal.
3. Vaccination
 - a. All dogs 3 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in accordance with the state rabies vaccination law.
 - b. A certificate of vaccination or other statement, signed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian, that indicates the vaccinations each animal has been given must accompany the animal to the exhibition.
 - c. A certificate of veterinary inspection may be used to document vaccinations.

I. Cats

For more information on cat health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/companion-animals-dogs-cats/

NOTE: Indiana State 4-H may impose vaccination requirements for cat show participants beyond the minimum requirements of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Contact your local 4-H Purdue Extension educator for these additional requirements.

4. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**
5. Identification - Physical description sufficient to identify the individual animal.
6. Vaccination
 - a. All cats 3 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in accordance with the state rabies vaccination law.
 - b. A certificate of vaccination or other statement, signed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian, that indicates the vaccinations each animal has been given must accompany the animal to the exhibition.
 - c. A certificate of veterinary inspection may be used to document vaccinations.

4-H Livestock Auction

Minimum Weights: Beef -900 pounds, Swine -190 pounds, Lambs – 80 pounds, Cheviots – 60 pounds
Auction Charges: \$5.00 for all entries

Sale Entries: 4-H'ers exhibitors who want to sell animals in the 4-H Animal auction are required to submit their submissions as listed in the Fair Schedule.

- Entries for Beef, Dairy Steers, Goats, Cheese Baskets, Poultry Baskets, Rabbits and Sheep must be submitted by **specified date of Fair**.
- Entries for Swine must be submitted on **specified date of fair**.

GENERAL RULES:

1. The Hendricks County 4-H Fair Livestock Auction is a terminal sale. This means that all animals going through the auction will not be returned to the 4-H'er. In this case, all animals going through the auction must be market ready on the day of the auction. The definition of market ready is all animals should be free of any drug residue and meet the required withdrawal times.
2. For advertising purposes, firms or others may bid on beef, dairy steers, lambs, hogs, rabbits, goats, poultry baskets, or cheese baskets to support the 4-Her's. Buyers will bid on animals and pay the bid premium to the 4-Her's. Persons or firms buying animals under these conditions will not be responsible for the disposition of the animals, since the packer-buyer who established the appraised value will be present at the livestock auction with trucks and personnel. The 4-H Fairboard is only responsible for the total appraised amount. They will mail that amount to the 4-H member following the fair. Additional information regarding the sale process will be available during the fair before the sale. Please feel free to contact any member of the sale committee for additional information.
3. A group of people, firms, buyers whom wish to purchase an animal together is asked to register for a number. The person in charge of the group buy is responsible for getting the information to the group. (ex. 4-Hers name, address and amount owed) At the time of the registration, the buyer will need the list of the names in the group for recognition at the time of sale. This list will also be used to add the buyer name to the board in the NSSB arena.
4. All animals will be sold on weigh-in weights.
5. Each 4-H member must sell his own livestock in the sale ring. In case of sickness, etc. the owner may have the animal shown by another Hendricks County 4-H Club member, but must have prior approval by the Fairboard barn director.
6. All animals to be sold must be ear notched or tagged for positive identification before sale sign-up.
7. During the 4-H Fair, 4-H Livestock members will be informed concerning the time for weighing, appraising, and numbering of animals to be sold. Once animals are entered in the auction, they cannot be withdrawn.
8. A 4-H member may sell only one animal. Animals can be of either sex. Animals to be sold should be designated to the auction committee, who will number them and compile the order of the auction.
9. Animals shall be "sound" before entering arena before sale. Any decisions on questionable animals will be by the Fairboard barn director.
10. A maximum of ten (10) meat pens of rabbits will be sold throughout the auction.
11. Only 4-H members will be allowed in the auction ring while selling their animals.
12. Sign up deadlines will be observed - refer to fair schedule for times.
13. Any problems will be reviewed by the sale committee.
14. Hendricks County 4-H members will thank the buyers for their support at the Livestock Auction.
15. Any animals that are condemned at market will be at the 4-H'ers expense.
16. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the **ID** deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (**including animals that have gone through a "Premium Only Auction"**) shall not be eligible to show at the State Fair. **Sale of products of animals (milk, cheese, wool, etc.) in lieu of the animal are considered equivalent to a "Premium Only Auction."**

ROBERT SCOTT COOPER MEMORIAL SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

RULES:

1. The Supreme Showmanship contest will consist of the following species; beef, dairy, meat goats, dairy goats, horse & pony, sheep and swine.
2. Senior Champion from each of the seven (7) species listed above will be eligible to participate.
3. The judge for the respective species will be responsible to select the Senior Showman and first alternate.
4. If any 4-H'er wins more than one Senior Showmanship contest in the same year, they must choose which area they will represent.
5. Winners of the Supreme Showmanship Contest are ineligible to participate in future Supreme Showmanship Contests.
6. Fair Directors from each area will be responsible to select animals to be used during this show.
7. Fair Directors shall not use any 4-H member's animal who is in the contest.
8. All animals to be used are to be clean and show presentable. Nothing elaborate. This is the responsibility of the owner of the animal.
9. Contestants will be judged on showmanship and general knowledge of the animals.
10. Show order will be meat goats, dairy goats, sheep, swine, beef, dairy, horse & pony. **Show order subject to change based on fair schedule.**
11. Contestants will draw for numbers and animals to be used. Time to be announced.
12. The Hendricks County 4-H and Agricultural Fair Association, Inc., Purdue Extension Service or the Hendricks County 4-H Youth Council nor any other sponsor of this contest will assume responsibility for accidents. All precautions will be taken.