

CAT

EXHIBIT GUIDELINES

1. Project completion.
2. Entry form, project books, a copy of their General Animal Record Sheet and vaccination certificates are due to the Project Leader at the June Cat Club meeting prior to the Cat Show.
NOTE: Showing your cat is optional.
3. A 4-H Cat member may enter and show a maximum of two cats in the Cat Show. Each may be shown in only one Cat Class.
4. Cat may be mixed breed or purebred, and these two categories may be shown separately.
5. No cats will be left overnight during the 4-H Cat Show.
6. All cats will come to show either in a carrier or with collar and leash and must be under control at all times.
7. All cats will be benched during the 4-H Cat Show.
8. Cage Decorating: the top, sides and back of the cage must be covered. The single cat cage measures 22" deep x 25-1/2" wide x 22" high.
9. Cat members may exhibit in any or all of the following classes:
 - a. Cat Class
 - b. Showmanship
 - c. Action Demo
 - d. Costume
 - e. Cage Decorating
 - f. Classes added as need arises
10. Cat Show is scheduled prior to the 4-H Fair. All classes will be judged and ribbons awarded at the Cat Show.
11. The 4-H member will stay and watch while his/her cat is being judged.
12. Questions or problems concerning these guidelines should be addressed to the Cat leader.

CAGES & CAGE DECORATING AT THE 4-H CAT SHOW

1. Cat cage decoration is an optional activity. If a 4-H'er chooses not to decorate the cage, he/she must plan to bring sheeting or material to cover the inside of the cage.
2. The following judging criteria will be used to evaluate each entry:
 - a. Color coordination
 - b. Originality/imagination
 - c. The 2 sides, top and back are covered (front of cage should not be covered). Do not use copyright figures such as Garfield, Mickey Mouse, etc. in decorating the cat cage.
 - d. Health/safety/comfort of the 4-H cat (to include: water dish, litter, appropriate continuation of the theme)
 - e. One cage per cat entered.
 - f. All decorating must fit through standard door of show entrance.

CARE AND MANAGEMENT

1. SEE GENERAL FOR ALL SPECIES.
2. Each cat presented for exhibition must be accompanied by a certificate of vaccination or other statement that is signed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian and that indicates the vaccinations each animal has been given. A health certificate may be used to document vaccinations but is not required.
3. All cats must, within one year of the exhibition date:
4. Be vaccinated for feline panleukopenia
5. Be vaccinated for feline rhinotracheitis
6. Be vaccinated for calicivirus
7. All cats must be tested for feline leukemia within 180 days of show or vaccination within 1 year of show.
8. All cats over 4 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed and accredited veterinarian within one year of exhibition.
9. The Board of Animal Health recommends, but does not require:
 - a. Exhibitors consult with their veterinarian about a preventative program for heart worms for all their cats
 - b. Cat have a negative fecal exam for parasites not more than 30 days prior to exhibition
 - c. Exhibitors consult with their veterinarian about vaccination for feline leukemia prior to exhibition
10. No kittens under 4 months of age and no pregnant or lactating females may be shown.