

CAT

STATE FAIR ENTRY: Yes

EXHIBIT BY: Classes. Project manuals only are by division.

All * items must come to animal check-in.



Division	Project Book	Record Sheet	Certification of Vaccination needed for every cat.
Beginner (grades 3 - 5)	BU-08148	CAT1-12/11*	4-H 777-W*
Intermediate (grades 6 - 8)	BU-08149	CAT2-12/11*	
Advanced (grades 9 - 12)	BU-08150	CAT3-12/11*	

- Complete 3 activities in your project book each year.
- Reference book – 4-H-851-W – Common Cat Disease and Health Problems will be distributed by family the first year someone is in the project.

JUDGING TIME: Wednesday, July 21 at 8:30 a.m. Check in your cat on Wednesday, July 21 between 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. Judging will take place in the Learning Center.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

4-H'ers will learn how to care and groom their cat. Plus, tips for showing your cat will be explained.

OWNERSHIP:

1. All animals must be fed, trained and cared for by the 4-H'er and owned by the 4-H member by May 15.
2. All animals must be in the 4-H member's possession by May 15.

RECORDS:

1. Cat record books must be started by May 15.
2. All cat project record sheets and proof of vaccination will be turned in when the animals are checked-in at the fair. A committee will review the records and they must be at least 50% complete to show.
NOTE: 4-H'ers are required to do 3 activities in the record book and then record the activities on the record sheet.
3. A cat record sheet and proof of vaccination must be turned in at the time of project check-in even if the 4-H'er chooses not to exhibit.

RULES - GENERAL:

1. Only show officials and exhibitors are permitted at the judges table.
2. All questions should be directed to the Project Leader. Protest guidelines are outlined on page 19.

REGISTRATION:

1. Cats do not need to be purebred.
2. Registration papers must accompany all registered animals exhibited at the county fair.

HEALTH VACCINATION CERTIFICATE: Veterinarians must list dates not "" on each line requesting date information.

Any animal that exhibit symptoms of disease that may be infectious or contagious must be treated by following the veterinary procedures process, outlined on page 24 in "Animal Policies".

1. Domestic animals which are under quarantine are not eligible for exhibition in Indiana. No cats may be exhibited showing any symptoms of any communicable diseases.
2. All cats must be accompanied by a certificate of vaccination, or statement signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian indicating that within one (1) year of the date of exhibition cats have been vaccinated for feline panleukopenia, feline rhinotracheitis and calicivirus. This certificate shall be attached to the 4-H Cat Record Sheet.

3. All cats must be tested for the feline leukemia virus within one hundred eighty (180) days of exhibition.
4. All cats over 3 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed, accredited veterinarian within one year of exhibition.
5. The Board of Animal Health recommends, but does not require, that:
 - a. Exhibitors consult with their veterinarian about a preventative program for heart worms for all of their cats.
 - b. Cats have a negative fecal exam for parasites not more than thirty days prior to exhibition.
 - c. Exhibitors consult with their veterinarian about vaccination for feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) prior to exhibition.
6. Any questionable animal must be treated using the veterinary procedures process outlined on page 24.

For more information on cat health requirements, call the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 877-747-3038.

EXHIBIT:

1. 4-H livestock shows are open to all Carroll County 4-H club members.
2. All livestock shown at the Carroll County 4-H Fair must be shown by a Carroll County 4-H member. A 4-H'er must show his/her own animal as designated on enrollment papers unless permission is obtained at least 24 hours prior to the show from the project leader.
3. Each 4-H'er may show a maximum of 2 cats (not in the same class).
4. All cats must be at least 6 months old by May 15.
5. The cat is to be brought to the fairgrounds in a suitable cage or pet carrier. All cats must be collared, leashed or harnessed at the fair.
6. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to provide water for their cat during the fair.
7. The cat show will be held during the fair. Cats will be brought in only ½ hour prior to the start of the show and released immediately afterwards.
8. Cats fouling in the ring, biting or scratching the judge will be disqualified.
9. If cat is sick, in heat, or not feeling well it should not be shown. Cats under the influence of medication can not to be exhibited.
10. CAT CLASSES: Long-Haired and Short-Haired Classes for the following divisions: Beginner (grade 3-5), Intermediate (grade 6-8) and Advanced (grade 9-12). There will also be a cat costume class and a decorated cage class after the Grand Champion is picked.

STATE FAIR REQUIREMENTS:

For information on State Fair entries and classes contact the Extension Office.