Cats

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Required activities must be completed before record sheet is approved.

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to teach the basic care, health, grooming and showing of your cat or kitten.

RULES:

1. The Cat project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair, which can advance to State Fair. Refer to the Animal Poster section and contact the Cat Project Leader for more details. See Poster Guideline section below for Poster Requirements.

2. Each member may show only his or her own cat (or the family cat). Siblings cannot show the same cat.

3. A 4-H Member may exhibit one cat.

4. The cat may be either purebred or a household pet.

5. To be eligible for the county show, the cat must be born by March 1, and in the 4-H member’s possession by May 1.

6. The cat must be fed and cared for by the 4-H member.

7. All cats 8 months or older must be spayed or neutered.

8. All cats to be shown must, within one year of exhibition:

a. Be vaccinated for feline panleukemia

b. Be vaccinated for feline rhinotracheitis

c. Be vaccinated for calcivirus

d. Test negative for and be vaccinated for feline leukemia

9. All cats over 4 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed, accredited veterinarian within one year of exhibition.

10. Each cat must be accompanied by a certificate of vaccination or other statement, signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian, that indicates the vaccinations the animal to be shown have been given.

**POSTER PROJECT**

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Poster exhibits must have the standardized exhibit card in the lower right-hand corner with the 4-H member’s name, project and club. Allow room on your poster for the exhibit card. The exhibit cards will be available at check-in time at the fair.

* + - 1. Posters must be 22” x 28” and DISPLAYED HORIZONTALLY ▀ and not vertically▐.
			2. POSTER MUST BE SELF-SUPPORTING (remain standing when leaned at a slight angle). Use heavy cardboard or foam board. For foam board, contact the Extension Office.
			3. All posters must be covered with clear plastic (NOT SARAN WRAP). Contact the Extension Office to purchase acetate poster sleeves.

4. All poster type projects must have a title or theme on the poster. Check your manual for specifications. Be sure the poster accurately meets the guidelines and objectives of the activities in the manual.

5. All items must be securely mounted on the poster or display board

6. When designing your poster, you should consider: lines, shapes, textures, colors and placement of items.