

## CATS

Any Cat project member may exhibit at the State Fair if he/she has completed the county requirements.

### **Manual Information**

1. The Cat Manuals are divided into levels according to the following breakdown:

<b>Level 1</b>	Grades 3, 4, & 5
<b>Level 2</b>	Grades 6, 7, & 8
<b>Level 3</b>	Grades 9 and above

2. Manuals may be purchased, if desired. Members will use the same manual for more than one year.
3. Members are strongly encouraged to attend activities and participate in the learning experiences offered for their level each year.
4. The Cat Record Sheet (CO-254a), signed by your 4-H leader, and Certificate of Vaccination (4-H 777-W), signed by your veterinarian, must be checked at the time of Cat Show registration.
5. Record sheets will then be placed in your green folder and turned in at the county fair. 4-H leaders may grade record sheets.

**Exhibit Requirements:** Do one or more of the following:

1. Exhibit your cat in the 4-H Cat Show.
2. Exhibit a Cat Educational Poster. (Refer to page 44 in this handbook for details.)
3. Do an Interactive Demonstration.

### **Cat Show Rules**

1. 4-H cats must be cared for by the 4-H member and owned by him or her, and/or their family by May 15.
2. Members may enter and show a maximum of two cats.
3. The cat may be either a purebred or mixed.
4. Cats that are pregnant or have a litter will not be permitted to show. Exhibitors may still complete the project by having their 4-H leader verify the cat's physical condition, and by bringing the completed record sheet to the 4-H Cat Show.
5. Cats must have required vaccinations to participate in the 4-H Cat Show.
6. Cats are brought to the fair on the day of judging, exhibited, and are taken home the same day.
7. Cats should be brought to and taken from the show in carriers.
8. Since the Cat judging is held in an open arena, harnesses or leashes and collars **must** be used, and will **not** be removed for judging.
9. Cats must be free of fleas, fungus, ear mites, or other communicable diseases.
10. Exhibitors must have water available for their cats during the show.
11. The same cat may be exhibited more than one year.
12. Judging will be on the following criteria: health, cleanliness, grooming, personality, "star" quality (if all other categories are equal).
13. Judge may ask questions of exhibitor.

### **Classifications:**

**Junior** - 4-H members in grades 3-5 on January 1 of the current year.

**Intermediate** - 4-H members in grades 6-8 on January 1 of the current year.

**Senior** - 4-H members in grades 9 or above on January 1 of the current year.

**Kittens** - Cats ages 3-7 months on day of show.

**Cats** - Cats 8 months of age or older on day of show.

**Household** - Mixed, crossbred, or kittens/cats without registration papers.

**Purebred** - Kittens/cats with registration papers.

### **Awards**

**Overall Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Cat** (Kitten or cat) will be chosen among all 4-H member divisions.

**Champion & Reserve Champion Household, and Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Cat** (kitten or cat) will be chosen for junior, intermediate, and senior divisions.

**Classes** (Males and females will show in same class unless numbers warrant a split.)



**A. Household Kittens/Cats**

1. Short Hair Kitten
2. Long Hair Kitten
3. Short Hair Cat
4. Long Hair Cat

**B. Purebred Kittens/Cats**

1. Purebred Short Hair Kitten
2. Purebred Long Hair Kitten
3. Purebred Short Hair Cat
4. Purebred Long Hair Cat

**General Rules For Interactive Demonstrations**

1. Interactive Demonstrations may be given on any topic related to cats and will be presented at an appointed time during the 4-H Fair.
2. Refer to "Verbal Communication Events and Activities" in this handbook for details.

**Manuals:**

Level 1: *Purrr-fect Pals!* BU-8148

Level 2: *Climbing Up!* BU-8149

Level 3: *Leaping Forward* BU-6150

*Common Cat Diseases and Health Problems* 4-H 851-W

**Record Sheet:** CO-254a

Certificate of Vaccination: 4-H 777-W



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