

Project Title: Cat

Description:

Youth will learn 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.

State Fair Entries:

Entry may be made by 4-H members at <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/>.

Exhibit Guidelines:

1. Open to any 4-H member. Member may exhibit cat, poster or both.
2. Each member may show only his or her own cat or family cat, but no more than 1 per class.
3. To be eligible to be shown, the cat must be born by March 1 and in your possession by April 15th of current year.
4. The cat may be either a purebred or a household pet.
5. The cat must be fed and cared for by the 4-H member.
6. A 4-H cat project record sheet must be maintained and submitted at check-in before the show.
7. No cats will be left overnight at the show. Animals must be taken home immediately after completion of the show. No cats are to be left unattended at any time.
8. Cats will be classed according to their predominate characteristics:
 - a. Short Hair Kittens (4 to 8 months)
 - b. Long Hair Kittens (4 to 8 months)
 - c. Short Hair Cats (over 8 months)
 - d. Long Hair Cats (over 8 months)
9. The 4-H member will place his or her cat in the cage and the judge will remove the cat and judge it.
10. Each 4-H member must exhibit their own animal at the cat show. Each cat shall be under the restraint of the owner. Leashes may be used if needed.
11. All cats will come to the show in a carrier and leave in their carrier. The only time the animal should be removed from the cage is when they are showing or for last minute grooming.
12. The same cat may be exhibited more than one (1) year.
13. 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 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. Any animal showing signs of illness will be sent home.
14. All cats exhibited must have their toenails clipped, trimmed or declawed. If you exhibit an outdoor cat, please file the nails to assure safety for the exhibitors and judge. This is for safety reasons.

15. 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

Cat Poster Educational Exhibit

All cat educational exhibits should be exhibited under the "Animal Education" project. These projects should be entered and judged the week prior to the fair. These must be accompanied by a cat record sheet to complete the cat project.

Cage Decoration Contest

Class Description

Beginner (Grades 3-5)

Intermediate (Grades 6-8)

Senior (Grades 9-12)

Cage Decoration Terms and Conditions:

1. The cat cage decoration is an optional activity for 4-H members with a cat entered in the cat show. If a 4-H member chooses not to decorate the cage, he or she must plan to bring a sheeting or material with which 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) Are the 2 sides, top and back appropriately covered? (Front of cage should not be covered.) Please do not use copyright figures such as Garfield, Mickey Mouse, etc. in decorating of your cat cage.
 - d) Health/Safety/Comfort of the 4-H Cat (to include: water dish, litter, appropriate continuation of the theme.)

Note: 4-H Cat Cages are decorated and displayed sitting on show tables. The cages are connected in groups of two.