

# CAT

## OBJECTIVES

Members will

- Learn about cats and care for them.
- Teach each other about cats.
- Learn the responsibilities of pet ownership.
- Learn how to work with their cat to achieve desired behavior
- Make new friends.
- Learn to achieve goals.

## RULES FOR EXHIBITION

1. Exhibitor must be enrolled in a 4-H cat project.
2. Cats must be property of 4-H'er making entry by May 1 before the Fair.
3. All cats must be brought in a carrier and must wear harness or collar and leash.
4. Females in heat will not be shown.
5. Only one entry per member.
6. Members will stay with their cat during judging.
7. Members should have completed record book, club presentation, paid dues (if applicable) and attended 70% of all regular club meetings by August 1 of current year.
8. Proof of rabies inoculation must be shown before cat judging.
9. Any animal not having proof of inoculation signed by a veterinarian will not be permitted to be shown.
10. Any obviously ill or flea-infected animal will not be permitted in the show.
11. Cats will be removed in their carriers at the end of the show.

## CLASSES

### 1. Cat Show

Cats will be judged by a veterinarian prior to the Fair on health and condition indicating the cat is well cared for. Certificate of rabies inoculation must be present at competition. When the cat show takes place outdoors, cat must be on a harness and leash at all times.

There are two main categories:

- a. Showmanship - Each 4-H'er will show his/her cat to its best advantage. 4-H'er will show all parts of the cat. S/he will narrate loudly enough for the judge and audience to hear. 4-H'er will answer questions from the judge(s) on their particular animal, but may also be asked general questions about cats and cat breeds. 4-H'er will be judged on their handling and control of the cat, ability to communicate to the judge and audience and knowledge of their animal and cats in general.
- b. Animal - Each cat will be judged independently of its owner. Judge will base decisions on conformation condition and health of the animal, adherence to breed standard (where applicable), behavior and personal preference. 4-H'er must be able to answer questions about the animal, and will remain next to the judging table, but not interacting with the animal.

### 2. Novelty

- a. Costume- Cat and handler will dress in costume.
- b. Agility- Cat and handler will negotiate a timed agility/obstacle course. Cat must wear harness.

3. **Oral Presentations** – 4-H member will speak on a feline-specific theme

### 4. Project Book

5. **Crafts** - limit to three entries per category

- a. Needlework
- b. Drawings/Paintings
- c. Stuffed animals

- d. Wood
- e. Decorations
- f. Ceramics
- g. Painted T-shirts
- h. Others

6. **Cat Photo** - limit to four entries

#### AWARDS

All entries receive Danish ribbons  
Best in class, Rosette

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