
DIVISION: CATS

4-H'ers in a cat project may do one or both of the following:

- Participate in the cat show (details on this page).
- Prepare an Animal Study Exhibit (Division: Animal Science) for display in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES:

Ogle County 4-H will be adhering to the following guidelines developed by the University of Illinois, Illinois 4-H, and approved by the Ogle County Health Department. Changes to these guidelines will be sent to families if Illinois reaches Phase 5 or goes back to Phase 3.

1. Families who are not comfortable with attending in person judging should plan on submitting a poster in the animal science division. Exhibit building projects can be dropped off with a project report to be judged without the 4-H member in attendance. Please follow Exhibit Building judging policies for rules and directions.
2. Adhere to 25 people maximum at the Ogle County Farm Bureau Auditorium.
3. Phase 4 Safety Protocols are as follows:
 - Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside).
 - Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
 - Handwashing and/or sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
 - Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191. We can discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

CAT SHOW SCHEDULE

Judging – 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 26, 2021, Ogle County Farm Bureau

CAT COMMITTEE

Bonnie Hagemeyer, Esmond, Superintendent, 815-761-5430 Cathy Anderson Dixon, Asst. Superintendent, 815-823-4976

CAT RULES

1. All *General Rules* and *Animal Department Rules* apply.
2. Consult the *2021 Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements* for information about health papers.
3. **ATTENTION ALL 4-H'ers:** All 4-H'ers planning to exhibit in this department, must complete the Quality Assurance and Ethics certification once during their 4-H career in order to be eligible to show. Certification must be completed by May 1st.
4. Exhibitors **MUST** check-in at least 15 minutes before judging begins.
5. Exhibitors must bring their cat's health certificate at judging time.
6. Cats must have their claws clipped before the show.
7. All cats must be brought to the show in some type of cat carrier or cage.
8. Cats must remain in carriers/cages or on leash until show time.
9. Health certificates will be checked by the committee prior to judging.
10. Ratings will be assigned based on the 4-H'ers knowledge about the care and grooming of his/her entry and the cat itself. Cats will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a. **Physical condition** - condition of eyes, ears, body, teeth, gums, and leg structure.
 - b. **Cleanliness and presentation** - grooming to enhance beauty (e.g., clipped toe nails).
 - c. **Temperament** - calm and receptive to judging procedures.
 - d. **Appearance, good health, alertness, and graceful movement.**
 - e. **Feel** - size and shape of bone structure, muscle tone, and confirmation.
11. Each exhibitor will receive a ribbon immediately after showing his/her cat. After all cats are judged, Champion Feline will then be selected.
12. Kittens under 4 months of age are not eligible to be exhibited.

13. **Decorated Cage or Carrier** - special awards will be given to the 4-H'ers with the best decorated cages or carriers. Ribbons will be given to all entrants. Items that can be used to decorate include such things as towels for the bottom of the cage, ribbons, bows, cut-outs, streamers, etc. Cats may or may not be in the cage at time of judging. Food and water dishes **do not** need to be in cages during judging. Cages must be decorated by the start of the show. Cage judging will take place following the conference judging.
14. Problems not covered by these rules will be acted upon by the committee. The decision of the committee and judge will be final.
15. Each exhibitor may show one cat.
16. 4-H members are limited to receive one premium per class exhibited in premium-eligible projects.

Showmanship Rules

1. Cat showmanship awards will be given after the Champion Feline is chosen. Cat showmanship, care, and knowledge of cats during judging will be considered in determining winners.
2. Junior Showmanship will be for youth ages 8 – 11 years old as of September 1, 2020.
Intermediate Showmanship will be for youth ages 12 – 14 years old as of September 1, 2020.
Senior Showmanship will be for youth ages 15 – 18 years old as of September 1, 2020.
3. All 4-H'ers are eligible for showmanship.
4. Pre-registration is required in Fair Entry to receive a premium. Last minute entries may not receive a premium.
5. When an exhibitor wins showmanship, they may continue to compete in future years in the same class.

CAT CLASSES LISTING

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| 101 | Cat or Kitten |
| 102 | Decorated Cage or Carrier |

CAT AWARDS

- Champion Jr. Showmanship
- Champion Intermediate Showmanship
- Champion Sr. Showmanship
- Champion Feline
- Champion Cage or Carrier