
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.

CAT SHOW SCHEDULE

Judging – 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 1, 2022, Ogle County Farm Bureau

CAT COMMITTEE

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Cathy Anderson Dixon, Asst. Superintendent, 815-823-4976

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CAT RULES

1. All *General Rules* and *Animal Department Rules* apply.
2. Consult the *2022 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, 2021.
Intermediate Showmanship will be for youth ages 12 – 14 years old as of September 1, 2021.
Senior Showmanship will be for youth ages 15 – 18 years old as of September 1, 2021.
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

- 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