



# Showing Your Cat in 4-H

## ***How to prepare:***

1. Veterinary visit.
  - Your cat is required to have rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, & feline leukemia vaccinations
  - Must have veterinarian signed "Nebraska 4-H Certificate of Vaccinations" form
2. Check for external and internal parasites
  - Look for fleas or signs of fleas on your cat
  - Check ears for signs of mites
  - Recommended that a flea and tick preventative be used on any cat you plan to show
  - You will not be allowed to show if parasites present
3. Prepare your showmanship presentation
  - Start on this a few weeks before the fair
  - Practice handling the cat so its comfortable
4. Study for showmanship exam
  - Use your 4-H Cat Manuals
5. Groom 2-3 times per week
  - This prevents mats in hair and keeps your cat used to being handled
6. Bathe your cat 2-3 days before the show
  - By doing it early, you allow the natural oils in your cat's hair to return
  - Also some cats will shed more after bathing and this will keep your cat from shedding in the show
7. Trim toenails
  - All cats should have their nails trimmed
  - Best if done 2-3 days before show
8. Clean around ears and eyes
  - To make sure there is no build up around eyes or in ears, wipe with moist cotton ball to clean

## ***What to bring:***

1. Cat
2. Carrier
3. Food and water
4. Litter pan with litter
5. Towel or blanket
6. Cage cover
7. Grooming supplies



## ***What to include in your showmanship presentation:***

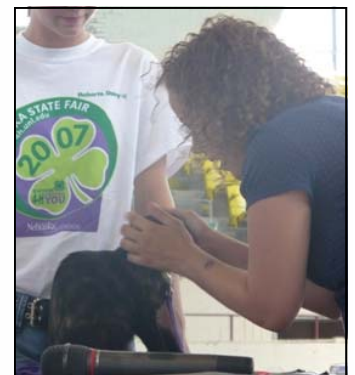
1. Your name and age
2. Cat's name, age, and breed
3. If your cat is spayed/neutered
4. How you care for your cat
5. What vaccinations your cat had
6. What health treatments your cat gets
7. What your cat eats and how much
8. How often do you groom
9. How did you prepare for show
10. Something special about your cat

You are also judged on the appearance of your cat's space and cage and your own personal appearance. Make sure you are neat and tidy!



## ***What to wear:***

- White long sleeve shirt with 4-H emblem, tucked in
- At the state fair, official State Fair 4-H T-shirt provided
- Long pants (dark blue jeans)
- Closed toed shoes



For more information, contact your County Extension Office.

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