

# CAT

PREMIUMS: Purple-\$3.00; Blue-\$2.00; Red-\$1.50; White-\$1.00

- Only one entry per class number. Exhibitors are automatically entered in Showmanship. Kittens must be at least 4 (four) months old in order to be eligible to be shown.
- SHOWMANSHIP - Each exhibitor will be asked to give a short “showmanship” presentation on their animal. The characteristics, health, and care of the animal should be provided in this presentation. Following the presentation, exhibitors will be interviewed on knowledge of their animal and its care.
- The judge will evaluate the participant on the following basis: animal health and well being - 35 points, cage evaluation (appropriateness of travel housing as well as description of everyday housing) - 25 points, and overall knowledge and presentation skills - 40 points.
- Each exhibitor can show only in one division for each SPECIES of livestock. **An animal can be shown only once in a showmanship class.**

G690011      **SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP** (12 & above before January 1 of the current calendar year)

G690012      **JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP** (11 & under before January 1 of the current calendar year)

## CAT SHOW RULES

- Eligibility: To be eligible to show, the exhibitor must be currently enrolled in 4-H. Kittens under 4 (four) months of age will not be accepted. If the judge decides to judge the cat in the cage, no points will be lost by the cat; however, the cat will not be eligible for a top cat award and the showman will lose five points in the showmanship award.
- Health: **Cats should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworms, any internal and external parasite and infectious diseases.** Cats are required to be current on their vaccinations of rabies, distemper, panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis, and calici virus. Cats must either have a current feline leukemia vaccination or proof of a negative test within 180 days of the show. Exhibitors need to provide vaccination forms at the County Fair Cat Show.
- 4-Hers vaccinating their own cats must provide proof by including a statement from their vet on the Vaccination Record Form or by including the vaccination labels on the form and having it signed by a parent. A rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given by a Certified Veterinarian ONLY. This vaccination must be current and include a veterinarian signature on the Vaccination Record Form.
- If the cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. This will be a point of judging during the competition. No expectant or nursing mother cats may be entered.
- Dress Code - Exhibitors must be dressed at all times in official dress (See Dress Code—Page 6) during the contest. Long pants are required. While hard soled shoes are not required, exhibitors are required to wear closed toed shoes. No flip flops or sandals are allowed. 4-Hers will be judged on the neatness of their appearance. This includes but is not limited to: shirt tucked in, appropriate size of clothing, tied shoelaces, etc. Individuals not meeting these requirements will be lowered one (1) ribbon placing in showmanship. For concerns, contact the superintendent in advance.
- **All cats must be shown on a leash** and be on a leash at any time they are removed from the carrier/cage.
- Kittens are between the ages of four to eight months. Kittens under four months are considered too young to show and those over eight months are considered fully-grown and are judged as cats.
- Transporting cats in carriers is encouraged.

G690002      **LONG-HAIRED KITTENS**

G690003      **SHORT-HAIRED KITTENS**

G690004      **LONG-HAIRED CATS**

G690005      **SHORT-HAIRED CATS**

G690006      **CAT SCRAPBOOK** (to be entered on Tuesday, July 2)

G690007      **CAT POSTER** (to be entered on Tuesday, July 2)

