

# Cat

## Department G

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### Division G690, Cats

#### Cat Show Rules

- A. Cats must be brought in carriers.
- B. Cats must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ring-worm, any internal and external parasite and infectious disease. Required veterinary checks will be performed on each cat entering the show. **ALL DECISIONS OF SHOW OFFICIALS ARE FINAL.** If a cat shows the possibility of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other cats in the show and will not be allowed to show. Cats that pose a danger to others will not be allowed to enter the building.
- C. Cats are required to be current on their vaccinations of Rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus. Cats must either have a current feline leukemia vaccination or proof of a negative test within 180 days of the show. Proof of vaccinations must be sent in with pre-fair registration. Participants should have their veterinarian fill out and sign the “*Cat/Ferret Vaccination Record Form.*” Exhibitors will not be allowed to show without a signed Vaccination record form.

4-H’ers 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.
- D. No expectant or nursing mother cats may be entered in the show.
- E. All cats must be shown on a leash.
- F. If a cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. This will be a point of judging during the competition.
- G. Exhibitors will be required to show their cats during judging. In case of a family emergency a substitute showman may be appointed. Substitute showman must be approved by the superintendent. Superintendent needs to contact County Extension Office staff when a substitute showman has been appointed. Substitute showman must be a registered 4-H or FFA member in Box Butte County.
- H. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, the exhibitor is responsible for finding a current Box Butte County 4-H or FFA member to show one of the animals for them. The additional showman must be a 4-H or FFA member. No parents will be allowed to show for exhibitors.
- I. Coaching of exhibitors is strictly prohibited. The exhibitor is responsible for presenting their animal on their own merit. Anyone who is accused of coaching will be given an oral warning by either the superintendent of that species or Extension Staff. After one warning they will be asked to leave the

show and the exhibitor will be dropped a ribbon placing.

- J. Anyone interfering with the judge will be given one oral warning from either the superintendent of that species or Extension Staff. After one warning they will be asked to leave the show.
- K. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own animals.
- L. **See Small Animal Handbook for more information.**

### **Cat Showmanship**

Exhibitors are limited to one entry in a showmanship class. Exhibitors will be given a score for showmanship based on handling of the cat. The total showmanship score also includes points earned from a cat knowledge test. The knowledge test is given to exhibitors prior to presentation of the animals. After finishing your showmanship presentation, the animal will then be judged.

As of 2016: To conform to State Fair and Round Robin guidelines, poultry showmanship presentations shall not exceed 5 minutes. Points will be deducted for presentations exceeding the 5 minute limit.

Number of entries - Cat exhibits will be limited to two animals per exhibitor.

Age of Cat - Cat must be four months of age or older. Cats under four months of age will not be accepted

Combining of Classes - The Superintendent may combine cats and kittens into one class. Short hair and long hair will still be shown separately.

### **DIVISION OF G690, CATS**

- G690001** Cat Showmanship - Junior Division (age 8-10 as of Jan 1)
- G690002** Cat Showmanship - Intermediate Division (age 11-13 as of Jan 1)
- G690003** Cat Showmanship - Senior Division (age 14-18 as of Jan 1)
- G690020** Long Hair Cat or Kitten (cats are 8 months or over, kittens are 4-8 month)
- G690030** Short Hair Cat or Kitten (cats are 8 months or over, kittens are 4-8 month)