

DEPT G – CATS

Purple award \$2.00; blue award \$1.50; red award \$1.00; white award \$0.50

Cat Show Rules

Eligibility – to be eligible to show, the 4-H'er must have completed the 4-H Cat project at the county level. Cats must be four months of age or older. Cats under four months of age will not be accepted. The exhibitor must present the cat to the judge. If the judge decides to judge a cat in the cage, no points will be lost, however, the cat will not be eligible for a top award. If the exhibitor is involved in another area, he/she should arrange for a substitute showman. Exhibitor must be wearing official 4-H t-shirt or 4-H emblem on white shirt and jeans.

Health: Cats shall be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasites and infectious diseases. Cats are required to have current rabies, Panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, feline leukemia and calicivirus. **Proof of vaccination must be available with registration.** 4-H'ers vaccinating their cats must provide proof in the form of statement from their vet or by including the vaccination labels on the form and having a parent sign. 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 animal is not declawed, the claws shall be clipped. No expectant or nursing mother cat may enter. **Any cat not meeting these health requirements will not be judged and will be asked to leave the show.** Please bring health records as they will be checked.

Registered cat owners should bring their papers for identification. **All cats should be brought in carriers.** Cat carriers should have water, food and litter.

CAT SHOW

The cat show will be held on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Check in 45 minutes prior to the show. Entries need to be pre-registered with the Extension Office by Friday, August 5. Members are limited to one cat per class and a maximum of three classes.

Showmanship – Exhibitors will be given a score for showmanship based on handling of the cat and knowledge of their cat and cat care. The exhibitor with the highest score will receive a showmanship award. Exhibitors must present their own cat to be eligible for the showmanship award.

G-690-1A Junior Division – 8 to 12 years of age on January 1 of current year

G-690-1B Senior Division – 13 and over on January 1 of current year

Exhibitors will remain in age division regardless of previous wins in Showmanship.

Classes will include:

G-690-20 Long Hair Cat

G-690-30 Short Hair Cat

G-690-900 Long Hair Kitten (4-12 months)

G-690-901 Short Hair Kitten (4-12 months)

Special Judges Awards – Winners of the special judge's awards will receive medals. They are as follows ...

- 1) Best Personality
- 2) Most Expressive Eyes
- 3) Most Unusually Marked

Equipment Classes

4-Hers with cat projects may participate in the fair by constructing an item for use by the cat or assembling a care kit. Entries made of cardboard will not be accepted.

All constructed items, care and show kits, essays, etc. must be ENTERED on Thursday before the show begins. Each exhibitor is responsible to present the exhibit during the show at the designated time. Need at least five exhibitors before rosette is awarded.

- G-690-910 Construction – suggested items include carriers, maternity box, clawing posts, beds, etc.
- G-690-911 Health care kits
- G-690-912 Essay – suggested topics include care of cat, grooming, feeding, breeds, immunization, etc.