

# ANIMAL SCIENCE - DEPARTMENT G

## CAT SHOW

4-H Staff Contact: Tayler Wickham

### General Information:

Entries in the Cat Show are judged on the overall health and appearance of the animal, and the exhibitor's presentation and knowledge of the animal. Cats are not judged according to breed standards. One cat per exhibitor may be shown.

**Entry Deadline:** Friday, July 24

**Cat Show Date:** Saturday, August 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m.

**Location:** Sarpy County Fairgrounds, Open Air Stage

### RULES:

**A ELIGIBILITY:** KITTENS UNDER 4 (FOUR) MONTHS OF AGE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A cat that becomes difficult to handle may be judged in the cage at the judge's discretion with NO LOSS OF POINTS, but this may affect the eligibility of the cat for top awards.

**B HOUSING:** Cats must be brought in durable plastic or wire carriers (not cardboard). Cats will remain in carriers or other appropriate cage provided by the exhibitor except for when being judged. The exhibitor may provide food and water. Exhibitors may want to provide a cover for the carrier to prevent their cat from seeing other cats. ALL CATS MUST BE SHOWN ON A LEASH and be on a leash at any time they are removed from the carrier/cage.

**C HEALTH & VACCINATIONS:**

- All animals should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasite and infectious disease. If an animal shows the possibility of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other animals in the show and will not be allowed to show. Animals that pose a danger to others will not be allowed in the building.
- Cats are required to be current on their vaccinations of Rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus. Participants **must** have a copy of current Vaccination records on day of show.
- If a cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. This will be a point of judging during the competition.
- No expectant or nursing mother animals may be entered in the show.

**D DRESS CODE**

Exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt with the 4-H emblem or a 4-H T-shirt, jeans and closed toe shoes. Failure to do so will result in a lowered ribbon placing.

**E SHOW PROCEDURE:**

- Exhibitors must be present at time of showing. Animals must be housed in a cage at all times of the show unless asked to remove them by the judge.
- 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:
  - Introduction – 10
  - Cat’s Appearance and Physical Control of the Cat - 20,
  - Examination by the Participant – 35,
  - Exhibitor’s Appearance and Presentation - 35
  - The score sheet can be found at the end of this document.

**F CLEAN-UP**

Exhibitors must clean up their own exhibit area.

**G BATHING CATS**

If you bathe your cat, it should be bathed 3 days before the show. This gives the animals coat a chance to regain its natural sheen.

**H RELEASE OF EXHIBITS**

Exhibits will be released at the conclusion of the cat show. Exhibits must be removed within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the show.

**I Premiums for the Cat Show are pay level 5.**

## **Department G – Cat Division 85 – Showmanship**

**CLASS 999 CLOVER KIDS**

Exhibitor age 5 -7 as of Jan. 1, 2020

**CLASS 901 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

Exhibitor age 8 – 10 as of Jan. 1, 2020

**CLASS 902 INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP**

Exhibitor age 11 – 13 as of Jan. 1, 2020

**CLASS 903 SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

Exhibitor age 14- 18 as of Jan. 1, 2020

NOTE: Cats in **Quality classes** will be judged on cleanliness and overall health.

**CLASS 904 LONG HAIRE CAT**

Older than 4 months

**CLASS 905 SHORT HAIRE CAT**

Older than 4 months

**CAT SHOW ENTRY FORM**  
**ALL ENTRIES DUE TO EITHER EXTENSION OFFICE**  
**DUE JULY 24, 2020**

**Forms can be returned via:**

Mail: Tayler Wickham, Nebraska Extension, 8015 W. Center Rd., Omaha, NE 68124

Fax: 402-444-6430

Email: [tayler.wickham@unl.edu](mailto:tayler.wickham@unl.edu)

READ CAREFULLY: The cat show will be held on Saturday, August 1 beginning at 8:00am. Entries for the 4-H Cat show must be made on this form. Please complete and return no later than July 24, 2020.

**USE ONE FORM PER EXHIBITOR**

| Department Number | Division Number | Class Number | Name of Cat | Sex M/F |
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**EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Age: (as of January 1) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Certificate of Vaccination SF262 for Cats MUST be attached to this form at time of entry or exhibitor will not be able to participate in contest.**
- **Access the form here:**

<https://unl.app.box.com/s/qhbo5pacywyxge6xssn67ftx8yy84019>