

ANIMAL SCIENCE - DEPARTMENT G

COMPANION ANIMAL SHOW

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General Information:

All exhibitors will give a presentation about their companion animal. Presentations should cover the information on the score sheet found below. The presentation may include characteristics, health, history and care of the animal they are showing.

Entries in the Companion 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.

Following the presentation, exhibitors will be interviewed individually on the knowledge and care of their animal.

Entry Deadline: Sign up for Contest by April 7, 2024

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M5SNST6>

Cat Show Date: Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Nebraska Extension Office, 8015 W. Center Road, Omaha, NE 68124

RULES:

- 1) **Number of Entries Per Exhibitor:** Only two exhibits are allowed. 1 from each different species* per exhibitor. Dogs, guinea pigs, rabbits and poultry will be shown at their respective shows. This will be indicated on the sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M5SNST6> *i.e. 1 cat and 1 reptile not 2 reptiles. Email questions to Rachel at Rwright4@unl.edu
- 2) **Housing of Animals: Individual** owners are responsible for seeing that animals are properly caged and cared for.
 - a) The animals must be supplied with food and water during exhibit time.
 - b) All cages must provide adequate airflow as needed by the animal.
 - c) If an animal is displayed in a travel cage instead of its normal cage, the exhibitor can prepare a display such as a poster or photographs showing the animal in its normal home.
- 3) **Health Requirement:** Animals shall be free of fleas, ticks, mites, lice, or other parasites or diseases. Any animals showing signs of parasites or disease will not be judged.

- a) Ferrets and cats are required to be current on their vaccinations of rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus. Participants **must** have a veterinarian fill out the Vaccination form found at: <https://go.unl.edu/e5kt>
 - b) If a cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. This will be a point of judging during the competition.
 - c) No expectant or nursing mother animals may be entered in the show.
- 4) **Dress Code:** Exhibitors are required to wear 4-H show attire. Failure to do so will result in a lowered ribbon placing. Dress code is:
- a) white shirt with 4-H emblem or a 4-H shirt
 - b) pants/jeans
 - c) closed toe shoes
 - d) no hats
- 5) **Show Procedure:**
- a) Exhibitors must be present at time of showing.
 - b) Animals must be housed in a cage at all times of the show unless asked to remove them by the judge.
 - c) Each exhibitor will be asked to give a 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.
 - d) Exhibitors must clean up their own exhibit area.
- 6) **Premiums for the Companion Animal Show are pay level 5.**

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Division 85 – Contest

CLASS 999 CLOVER KIDS

Exhibitor age 5 -7 as of Jan. 1, 2024

CLASS 901 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitor age 8 – 10 as of Jan. 1, 2024

CLASS 902 INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitor age 11 – 13 as of Jan. 1, 2024

CLASS 903 SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitor age 14- 18 as of Jan. 1, 2024

Companion Animal Judging Sheet

Exhibitor Name _____ Exhibitor Age (as of Jan. 1 of current year): _____

Circle one: Clover Kid Junior Intermediate Senior

Pet Name _____ Species _____

	Points possible	Points received	Comments
Exhibitor's knowledge of animal and their care (including food, cage cleaning and vet care).	25		
Exhibitor has made age appropriate extra effort to learn about animal for 4-H project. i.e. Sr. division talk about diseases, Intermediate talk about animal breed, etc.	10		
Quality of presentation and ability to answer questions from the judge.	25		
Overall health of the animal and grooming of animal.	25		
4-Her wore appropriate attire, had a good attitude and used a clear speaking voice.	15		
Total Points			RIBBON PLACING C.K. P B R W

Points: 90-100 (Purple) 80-90 (Blue) 70-80 (Red) 70 and below (white)

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