

CAT

(Revised Information for 2021)

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 690 – CAT

Division 690 Classes 910 – 930

Division 690 Classes 940 – 980

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CAT SHOW RULES

- A. See General Rules and General Livestock Rules and Regulations.**
- B. ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** - Each exhibitor may enter no more than 4 cats in the show.
- C. IDENTIFICATION** - Exhibitors must identify their cat with a photograph attached to an Identification form from the Extension Office due by closing on **May 1**. **Additionally, records of cats' immunizations must be turned into the Extension Office by closing May 1** or animals will not be allowed to show.
- D. PRE-ENTRY** - Cat entries, including showmanship, to be eligible to exhibit at the Cat Show, must be pre-entered on a **GREEN Entry Sheet due at the Extension Office by closing on May 1**.
- E. HEALTH** - All cats must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasites and infectious disease. If a cat shows the possibility of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other cats and will not be allowed to show. Cats that pose a danger to others will not be allowed to enter the building.

PROOF OF VACCINATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SHOW OR CLINIC OR THE ANIMAL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW. One of the following is required as proof of vaccination: a veterinary health certificate with a veterinarian's signature or a vaccination printout or vaccination receipt from a vet clinic.

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 registration. Participants should have their veterinarian fill out and sign the "NE State Fair Cat/Ferret Vaccination Record Form". Exhibitors will not be allowed to show without a veterinarian signed vaccination record form.

4-Hers vaccinating their own cats must provide proof in the form of a statement from their vet or by turning in the serum containers. A rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given by a Certified Veterinarian ONLY. This vaccination must be current and printed on a veterinary clinic report. Any cat not meeting the health requirements will not be judged and asked to leave the 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 cats may enter.

- F. 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. If being shown in a travel cage, exhibitors should bring photographs of the animal's normal habitat.

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 wellbeing – 35 points,
- cage evaluation (appropriateness of travel housing as well as description of everyday housing) – 25 points,
- overall knowledge and presentation skills – 40 points.

See 4-H Companion Animal Judging Sheet for more complete breakdown of points available.

Participant should bring animal, adequate cage and accessories, completed health certificate for cats and ferrets, and pictures of normal habitat, if appropriate.

- G. SHOWMANSHIP** – Exhibitors will be judged on handling of cat from cage to judge's table, plus answers to questions as to breed, age, type and date of immunizations, sex and general knowledge of cat.
- H. CAGES & CARE** - Cats will be brought to the show in a secure container, preferably a cat carrier with no more than 2 cats per container. Cats will not be allowed out of the container unless held by the exhibitor. The exhibitor should have on hand: food, water, litter, a comfortable cage bottom and a cage covering (2-3 bath towels or a sheet will suffice.) The cage covering should not be made of see through material. The cat judge WILL NOT judge on the elaborate materials used to furnish the cage, the criteria for judging will be based on cat comfort and efficient use of the space provided. Cages will be judged for the availability of food, water and litter as well as cage comfort, covering cat on.

I. **AGE OF ANIMAL** - Cats must be a minimum age of 4 months old.

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 690 - CAT SHOWMANSHIP

C)CLASS 910 Senior Division - 14-18 years of age
C)CLASS 920 Intermediate Division - 10-13 years of age
C)CLASS 930 Junior Division - 8-9 years of age

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 690 - CAT SHOW

C)CLASS 940 Cat
C)CLASS 970 Best Personality
C)CLASS 980 Most Spirited