

- Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials and additional resources can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal-showmanship>
- Educational resources can be found at: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/207

ENTRY LIMIT:

- An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting ONE cat per class (one long haired and one short haired) for a TOTAL of TWO cats plus ONE showmanship class.
- An individual cat may be shown in ONE cat class and ONE showmanship class.
- Exhibitors participating in the quality classes must participate in a showmanship class as well.
- Kittens must be at least four-month-old.

HEALTH:

- CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FOR CATS AND FERRETS (SF262 - available at the Nebraska Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and submitted by the PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE. All cats and kittens entered (four to eight months old) are REQUIRED to be current on their Feline Vaccinations; Rabies, FPL, PVR, FCV, FeLV. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!**
- Any cat NOT meeting these health requirements will NOT be judged and will be asked to leave the show area.

PROPER TRANSPORT & CONTROL:

- Exhibitors should bring cats to the fairgrounds on the day of the show in proper carriers for exhibiting. Cardboard boxes are NOT allowed.
- Cats must have a collar or harness and leash on at all times when not in the carrier.
- Exhibitors will present **ONLY their cat** to the judge. No props such as housing, toys, food, etc. will be presented to the judge.

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CAT SHOWMANSHIP

- Class 1 Senior Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 14-18 on Jan 1)
 Class 2 Intermediate Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 11-13 on Jan 1)
 Class 3 Junior Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 8-10 on Jan 1)

SHOWMANSHIP GUIDELINES:

- The showmanship class will be based on the exhibitor's performance.
- Areas considered are handling of animal, knowledge of animal, and presentation.
- Time limits will be used during showmanship for the oral presentations.
- **Oral presentations will be ENFORCED to the following:**
 - **Junior - 2 MINUTES OR LESS**
 - **Intermediate - 3 MINUTES OR LESS**
 - **Senior - 3 MINUTES OR LESS**
- Warning cards will be used to show how much time the presenter has left.
- One point will be deducted from the score for every minute over.

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CAT CLASSES

NOTE: Cats will be judged on cleanliness and overall health.

- Class 1 Long Haired Cat (8+ months)
 Class 2 Long Haired Kitten (4-8 months)
 Class 3 Short Haired Cat (8+ months)
 Class 4 Short Haired Kitten (4-8 months)

COMPANION ANIMAL

CHECK-IN

Tuesday of Fair at 1:00 p.m. (Rybin Building)

SHOW DATE

Tuesday of Fair at 1:30 p.m. (Rybin Building)

RELEASE

Companion animals will be released at the conclusion of the show

SHOW COMMITTEE

Chelsea Lambert, Micki Hernandez

COMPANION ANIMAL GUIDELINES

Find out what it costs to have a pet; Learn about animal digestion; Learn to keep a pet healthy; Consider a career with animals.

- Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials and additional resources can be found at: <http://4h.unl.edu/documents/sf73.pdf>
- Educational resources can be found at: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/6

ENTRY LIMIT: An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting ONE companion animal entry.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The Companion Animal Show is open to 4-H members enrolled in the companion animal, dog and rabbit projects.
- Only the following animals listed are eligible and will be allowed to exhibit in the Companion Animal Show:
 - Gerbil
 - Hamster
 - Guinea Pig (Cavy)
 - Ferret
 - Mouse/Rat
 - Pet Rabbit (NOT exhibited in Rabbit Show)
 - Dog (NOT exhibited in Dog Show)
 - Other Mammals
 - Tropical Fish
 - Reptile/Amphibian
 - Caged Bird (excludes pigeons and poultry)
- Animals exhibited in the Companion Animal Show may NOT be exhibited in any other animal show during the fair.
- All animals must be weaned prior to show.
- No animal with babies will be allowed.

SHOW PROCEDURE:

- Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals while at the fair.
- Classes waiting to be judged will be on display.
- Exhibitors must provide their own equipment.
- **Animals must be housed in a cage at all times of the show unless asked to remove them by the judge.** Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- If an animal is displayed in a travel cage, please prepare a display, such as a poster or photographs showing the animal in its normal home.
- Exhibitors 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.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Animal Evaluation (35 points) - Overall health and appearance of animal.
- Cage/Pen/Tank Evaluation (25 points) - Condition and safety of display and appropriateness of travel housing as well as description of everyday housing.
- Knowledge Evaluation (40 points) - Exhibitor's presentation and knowledge of the project animal.

HOUSING:

- Animals should be brought in appropriate housing either their normal cage or a durable plastic or wire travel cage (not cardboard). Cages must be secure. Exhibitors should provide water and food for all animals as appropriate.
- ALL DOGS MUST BE SHOWN ON A LEASH and be on a leash at any time they are removed from the carrier/cage.
- If a cage/enclosure is deemed inappropriate by the show committee, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.**

HEALTH:

- All animals must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ring-worms, other parasites and infectious diseases.
- If the animal is not declawed, the claws must be clipped.
- Dogs in season will not be allowed to show.
- All dogs entered are REQUIRED to be current on their vaccinations; Rabies, Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Parvovirus. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!**
- All cats and kittens (four to eight months old) entered are REQUIRED to be current on their Feline Vaccinations; Rabies, FPL, PVR, FCV, FeLV. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!**
- All FERRETS entered are REQUIRED to be current on their Ferret Vaccinations: Rabies. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!**
- Any animal NOT meeting these health requirements will NOT be judged and will be asked to leave the show area. **ALL DECISIONS OF SHOW COMMITTEE/SUPERINTENDENT ARE FINAL.**

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COMPANION ANIMAL

- Class 1 Senior Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 14-18 on Jan 1)
Class 2 Intermediate Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 11-13 on Jan 1)
Class 3 Junior Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 8-10 on Jan 1)

GUIDELINES

- This class will be based on the exhibitor's performance.
- Areas considered are handling of animal, knowledge of animal, and presentation.
- Time limits will be used during showmanship for the oral presentations.
- **Oral presentations will be ENFORCED to the following:**
 - **Junior - 2 MINUTES OR LESS**
 - **Intermediate - 3 MINUTES OR LESS**
 - **Senior - 3 MINUTES OR LESS**
- Warning cards will be used to show how much time the presenter has left.
- One point will be deducted from the score for every minute over.

DAIRY CATTLE

IN PLACE/ON FAIRGROUNDS

Friday of Fair by 9:00 p.m.

Cows in Milk ONLY – Saturday of Fair by 9:00 a.m.

CHECK-IN

Friday of Fair from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Dairy Cattle Stalls)

SHOW DATE

Saturday of Fair at 11:00 a.m. (RVR Bank Arena)

RELEASE

Wednesday of Fair at 7:00 a.m.

Cows in Milk ONLY – Saturday of Fair at conclusion of show

SHOW COMMITTEE

Jen Hilgenkamp, Grant Melotz, Shawn Melotz, Keith Mertz

DAIRY CATTLE GUIDELINES

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- An exhibitor must exhibit dairy cattle that have been identified under their name and properly identified on an official Nebraska 4-H and FFA Dairy Identification Affidavit and filed with the Nebraska Extension Office by June 15 of the current year.
- The ID's for all dairy cattle entries will be checked by the show committee when animal is brought to fair.
- Final decision as to the class in which an animal will be shown will rest with the show committee.

BEDDING: Bedding will be furnished by the Washington County Fair Board for all dairy animals. A bedding fee per head may be implemented at time of check-in.

ENTRY LIMIT:

- An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting SIX dairy cattle.
- Yearlings that have calved, freshening prior to show, must be shown in the Junior Two-Year-Old Class (Class 9).
- Cows in milk may be brought the day of the dairy show (by 9:00 a.m.) and be released immediately after the completion of the show.

SHOW ORDER: Showmanship, Heifer Classes, Cow Classes, Junior Dairy Herds

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DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

- Class 1 Senior Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 14-18 on Jan 1)
Class 2 Intermediate Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 11-13 on Jan 1)
Class 3 Junior Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 8-10 on Jan 1)

SHOWMANSHIP GUIDELINES:

- Exhibitors who made the entry are eligible to compete in showmanship with that animal.
- Members taking part in a showmanship class will be judged on their skill and on the appearance their animal makes before the judges.
- Any animal may be shown in only ONE showmanship class.
- **In showmanship classes, a 4-H member can ONLY exhibit an animal that has been officially identified in their name AND that they have entered in the live show. Exhibitors may NOT exhibit another exhibitor's animal (including siblings) in the showmanship competition.**
- Winners of junior and intermediate divisions in previous years must move up to the next older division. **This will be at the discretion of the show committee based on the number of exhibitors and size of the show.**

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DAIRY CATTLE DIVISIONS

- Division 41 Ayrshire
Division 42 Brown Swiss
Division 43 Guernsey
Division 44 Holstein
Division 45 Jersey
Division 46 Milking Shorthorn

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DAIRY CATTLE CLASSES

- Class 1 Spring Calf (born 3-1-2024 to 4-30-2024)
Class 2 Winter Calf (born 12-1-2023 to 2-28-2024)
Class 3 Fall Calf (born 9-1-2023 to 11-30-2023)
Class 4 Summer Yearling (born 6-1-2023 to 8-31-2023)
Class 5 Spring Yearling (born 3-1-2023 to 5-31-2023)
Class 6 Winter Yearling (born 12-1-2022 to 2-29-2023)
Class 7 Fall Yearling (born 9-1-2022 to 11-30-2022)
Class 8 Dry Cow (Any Age)
Class 9 Junior Two Year Old (born 3-1-2022 to 8-31-2022)