

CAT GUIDELINES

The following are guidelines for providing learning experiences in the cat project.

1. Each member may show only his or her cat or the family cat, and up to two cats in the cat show. Limited to one entry per class.
2. Difficulty or complexity of the cat project should increase as members' experience increases.
3. In addition to their cat projects, 4-H members are highly encouraged to exhibit a notebook containing the project book (available at the Extension office), 4-H stories or reports, posters, and/or displays pertaining to the cat project. These would be entered in the class "Animal Science".
4. To be eligible, the cat must be in member's possession or born by March 1 of the year it is shown. The project must be fed and cared for by the 4-H member.
5. For show, the cat may be either a purebred, household pet or kitten.
6. The 4-H member must be present while judging takes place.
7. Cats must be brought to the show in a carrier and kept under control at all times. On the day of judging, cats are to be exhibited and taken home the same day.
8. Rabies inoculations and feline panleukopenia are required for all cats shown at the 4-H fair. The certificate of these inoculations from the veterinarian should be brought to the fair with your cat. For the welfare and general health of your cat, the recommended distemper and rhinotracheitis shots should be administered with the rabies inoculation.
9. All 4-H cats must have their nails clipped (not declawed). This is a safety factor for both member and judge.
10. No females in heat or obviously pregnant and kittens less than four months of age are eligible to show.

CAT JUDGING CRITERIA

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| A. Condition | B. Hair Coat |
| Eyes - clear and moist | Sheen - not dull & patchy |
| Ears - free of parasites & dirt | Free of parasites |
| | Groomed well, brushed coat |

C. Nails - clipped

D. Body Build
Nice hefty feel, firm and weighty body
Strong limbs, not de-formed

E. Proper Handling
consideration in the way
handled

Classes

- Kittens 4 months - 1 year
 - Males
 - Females
 - Neuters & Spays
- Cats over 1 year
 - Males
 - Females
 - Neuters & Spays
- Costume Class - based on creativity and originality.