

**CAT DEPARTMENT**

**Superintendent – Carol Stock**

**Refer to Livestock Rules and Regulations/Health Requirements for additional information.**

1. Entries - Each exhibitor is limited to maximum of 2 cats or kittens per class, not to exceed a maximum of 6 cats or kittens total entered. See General Rules & Regulations for more info.
2. Cat entries will be checked in from 10:30am – 11:30am. Late arrivals will not be accepted. A **\$1.00 Veterinarian Fee** will be collected from each exhibitor at check-in time. Open Class Show starts at **NOON**, with 4-H& FFA Cat Show to follow. Cats will not be housed at the fairgrounds. They are to be brought in and returned home the day of the show. Cats will be released by the Superintendent following the show and department clean up.
3. Exhibitors must present a current rabies certificate for their cat(s) at the time of check in at the fair. All cat(s) must have their rabies vaccination before July 1. Kittens that will be 4 months old, on the day of the show, can be vaccinated at 2 weeks before show date. The decision of the show veterinarian will be final.
4. Toenails of cats on all feet, should be clipped just before fair. No pregnant, nursing or mother cats may be shown.
5. Cats are to be brought to the fair in a well ventilated, standard cat carrier (Pet Taxi) with a solid bottom and secure door. No wire cages or wire bottoms in cages are allowed. No cardboard boxes are allowed.
6. Cages will be provided during the show. Exhibitor is responsible for providing litter boxes, litter and water bowls. Curtains or towels must be brought for each cage. The single dimensions are 25 1/2" wide x 23" deep x 26" high. Every side and top (except front) should be covered. This is to make the cat feel more secure and help prevent the cat from attempting to get out of the cage. Exhibitors are responsible for taking down their own cages after completion of the show and release of the cats. No premiums will be paid to exhibitors who fail to help with the take down and clean-up of the cat show. Family members are allowed to help with the set-up and take down.
7. **Only white Polk County Fair, white 4-H, or the FFA T-shirts and long jeans are to be worn by exhibitors in the show ring. No hats of any kind allowed. Wearing improper attire will result in lower ribbon placing.**
8. The exhibitor must be present to handle the cat during the show and answer the judge's questions.
9. Only exhibitors and officials are allowed in the judging area at time of judging. No cell phones or other devices will be allowed in the show ring area.
10. On the day of the show, kittens must be at least 4 months old and less than 8 months old.
11. Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons, collars, or other identifying marks on necks or bodies.
12. The following trophy awards will be given: Best in Show, Best Short Hair and Best Long Hair, Oldest Cat, Cage Décor. A Champion Rosette will be awarded to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship Class winners.
13. Previous Oldest Cats are ineligible for this award. The age of the cat must be listed on the original entry form to be eligible for Oldest Cat. Listing the exact date of Birth is encouraged, as it could determine the winners. No changes to the age of the cat will be made at the time of the show.

14. All Cats and Kittens will be judged by the following scoring criteria:
  - a. **Condition (30%)**
  - b. **Cleanliness (25%)**
  - c. **Grooming (20%)**
  - d. **General Appearance and Individuality (15%)**
  - e. **Disposition (10%)**

**DESCRIPTIONS OF CLASSIFICATIONS**

**LONG HAIR CLASSIFICATION**

These classes are limited to kittens and cats with medium to long hair coats. Long haired cats can be determined by looking at the cat's tail, the hair will be longer than normal and usually fluffy or plume like. Refer to the Superintendent with questions.

101	Kittens	4 to 8 months
102	Adult cat, male	over 8 months
103	Adult cat, female	over 8 months
104	Adult cat, male neutered	over 8 months
105	Adult cat, female spayed	over 8 months

**SHORTHAIR CLASSIFICATION**

These classes are limited to kittens and cats with short hair. Short hair cat be determined by looking at the cat's tail, the hair will be short and about the same length as the body hair of the animal. Refer to the Superintendent with questions.

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201	Kittens	4 to 8 months
202	Adult cat, male	over 8 months
203	Adult cat, female	over 8 months
204	Adult cat, male neutered	over 8 months
205	Adult cat, female spayed	over 8 months

**SHOWMANSHIP CLASSIFICATION**

1. No entry fee required.
2. Exhibitor will be evaluated by the Judge using the following criteria:
 

HANDLING	40 points
KNOWLEDGE	40 points
PROPER ATTIRE	20 points
3. Exhibitor will be evaluated during the judging of each cat or kitten class entry.
4. No premium will be paid for showmanship ribbons awarded.
5. **SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**
  - a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
  - b. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:

001	Junior Showmanship Grades 4-6
002	Intermediate Showmanship Grades 5-8
003	Senior Showmanship Grades 9-12

## OPEN YOUTH CAT CLASS

1. Entry Fee will be collected July 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Cat must belong to the child and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.
3. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 1) may exhibit in this class.
4. The exhibitor may exhibit only one animal (cat or kitten.)
5. Cats should be brought to the fair in a well-ventilated standard cat carrier (Pet Taxi) with a solid bottom and secure door. No wire cages or wire bottoms in cages or cardboard boxes allowed. A cage will be assigned for the exhibit entry. Cage decorating is allowed for the Open Cat Class. A Cage Décor Certificate will be presented to each Open Cat Class exhibitor who decorates their cats' cage.
6. Exhibitors must bring their cats to the fair between 10:30A.M and 11:30am on Thursday for an inspection by the veterinarian. A \$1.00 Veterinarian Fee will be collected from each exhibitor at check-in time. Late arrivals will not be accepted. Open Class Show starts at NOON, followed by the 4-H and FFA Cat Show.
7. Exhibitors must present a current rabies certificate at the time of check-in at the fair. The cat must have their rabies shot before July 1.
8. Cats showing signs of parasites or disease will be excused. Toenails of cats on all feet should be clipped just before fair.
9. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to care and management of the cat. Judging will be at the cage.
10. Conference Judging is based on:
  - a. What exhibitor has learned about taking care of the cat?
  - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the cat, general health condition and management of the animal.
11. No premiums paid (participation ribbons only).
12. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
13. Fair board is not liable for injuries.

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