

Cat Department

Superintendent: Carol Stock

1. 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 2:30 – 3:30 PM 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 4:00 PM, 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, 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 ½” 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. Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons, collars, or other identifying marks on necks or bodies.
11. The following awards will be given to 4-H and FFA exhibits: Best in Show, Best Short Hair and Best Long. A Champion Rosette will be awarded to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship Class winners.
12. Cage Décor and Oldest Cat Award will be selected from 4-H, FFA and Youth Open Class Exhibitors.
13. Previous winners of the oldest cat Oldest Cats are ineligible. 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%)

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.

Class Number and Description

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.

Class Number and Description

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. Exhibitor will be evaluated by the Judge using the following criteria: Exhibitor will be evaluated during the judging of each cat or kitten class entry.
 - Handling 40 Points
 - Knowledge 40 Points
 - Proper Attire 20 Points
2. No premium will be paid for showmanship ribbons awarded.
3. Showmanship Contest
 - a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
 - b. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
 - c. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:

Class Number and Description

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

Youth Open Class Cat

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1. Entries are due July 1st. No premiums paid. Any 4 y/o through 3rd grader, may exhibit in this class.
2. The exhibitor may exhibit only one animal (cat or kitten.) Cat must belong to the child and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.
3. 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.
4. A cage will be assigned for the exhibit entry.
5. Youth open class exhibitors are eligible for Cage Décor and Oldest Cat awards.
6. Exhibitors must bring their cats to the fair between 2:30 – 3:30 PM on Sunday 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 4:00 PM, followed by the 4-H and FFA Cat Show.
7. 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, 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.
8. Toenails of cats on all feet, should be clipped just before fair. No pregnant, nursing or mother cats may be shown.
9. 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.
10. Parent or guardian must be present during the show. Fair board is not liable for injuries.

Class Number and Description

001	Youth Open Cat Class
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