

Advanced Cattle Feeder Department

Superintendents: Greg VandeLune & Justin Hutton

1. Entries and dress code - See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. Animals sold early or left at home will be discounted in the on-hoof judging but will be considered in the final record evaluation with premiums paid.
3. Ribbons and trophies will be presented at the fair based on the following scorecard:
 - a. Appearance
 - b. Uniformity and finish
4. Number of heads per pen 4.
5. The animals will be exhibited, graded, and sold according to plans developed by the Advanced Feeder Superintendent.
6. Pens of Heifers will be judged separately from Pens of Steers.
7. Excess mud and manure must be removed from cattle before weigh-in, or cattle will not be eligible for a rate of gain.
8. Exhibitor may show a pen calf as an individual halter calf but must specify at the December Weigh-in. The calf must be sold as part of the pen and not as an individual.
9. All advanced feeders must be placed by 8:00 AM Saturday unless prior arrangements have been made with the advanced cattle feeder superintendent.
10. All exhibitors must be present at auction for livestock to be sold unless arrangements have been made before sale with the advanced cattle feeder superintendent.
11. All Cattle must be dehorned before they arrive at the Polk County Fair.
12. All cattle must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check-in at the Polk County Fair. It can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.
13. ALL cattle that are showing as Polk County Produced need to have a Polk County Produced Affidavit turned in to the extension office. Affidavits for Market animals are due at weigh-ins. Affidavits can be found at the extension office or on the [Polk County Fair Website](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms) (polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms)
 - a. Polk County Produced is defined as the animal is born in Polk County.
14. Record book will be required for each pen entered. Exhibitors not completing the record book will not be eligible for awards or sales.

Class Number and Description

101	Advanced Cattle Feeder Steer pen of 4 cattle (on the hoof)
102	Advanced Heifer pen four cattle (on the hoof)
103	Polk County Produced Feeder Steer pen of 4 cattle (on the hoof)
104	Polk County Produced Feeder Heifer pen of 4 cattle (on the hoof)
105	Junior Advanced Feeder Record Book
106	Intermediate-Advanced Feeder Record Book
107	Senior Advanced Feeder Record Book

Cat Department

Superintendent: Trevor Gallagher

1. Each exhibitor is limited to a 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 **2:00 – 2:50 PM** late arrivals will not be accepted. Open Class Show starts **at 3:00 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 the 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. The 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 cages after completion of the show and release of the cats. No premiums will be paid to exhibitors who fail to help with the takedown and clean-up of the cat show. Family members are allowed to help with the set-up and takedown.
7. The exhibitor must be present to handle the cat during the show and answer the judge's questions.
8. Only exhibitors and officials are allowed in the judging area at the time of judging. No cell phones or other devices will be allowed in the show ring area.
9. Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons, collars, or other identifying marks on necks or bodies.
10. The following awards will be given to 4-H and FFA exhibits Best in Show, Best Short Hair, and Best Long **Hair**. A Champion Rosette will be awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship Class winners.
11. **Cage Décor and Most Unique Cat Award will be selected from 4-H, FFA. Open Class will be judged by itself for Cage Décor.**
12. **The Most Unique Cat Award will be selected based on the judges opinion of the cat, giving consideration for physical, behavioral, and genetic traits along with a unique story or background, each weighted at the judge's discretion.**
13. 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 is 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 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 divisions, based on grade as of September 1, previous year.

Class Number and Description

001	Junior Showmanship Grades 4-6
002	Intermediate Showmanship Grades 7-8
003	Senior Showmanship Grades 9-12 & FFA

Youth Open Class Cat

Superintendent: Trevor Gallagher

1. Entry fees and registration is due by July 1 via FairEntry. Entries after July 1 will have a late fee. See general rules for more information.
2. Dress code – See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
3. No premiums paid. Any 4 y/o through 3rd grader, may exhibit in this class.
4. The exhibitor may exhibit only one animal (cat or kitten.) The cat must belong to the child and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.
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 are allowed.
6. A cage will be assigned for the exhibit entry.
7. Youth open class exhibitors cage décor will be judged separately from 4-H/FFA. Will be awarded rosettes.
8. Exhibitors must bring their cats to the fair between **2:00 – 2:50 PM on Saturday** for an inspection by the veterinarian. Late arrivals will not be accepted. Open Class Show starts at 3:00 PM, followed by the 4-H and FFA Cat Show.
9. 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 the show date. The decision of the show veterinarian will be final.
10. Toenails of cats on all feet, should be clipped just before fair. No pregnant, nursing, or mother cats may be shown.
11. 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.
12. 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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