

# Cat Poster

## State Fair Project

This project allows youth to learn about cats using the 4-H project manuals or other resources without the need to own an animal. Youth who presently own and exhibit cats are also encouraged to prepare a poster exhibit a means of learning more about cats. Please follow the general poster guidelines listed below when preparing your exhibit.

**Exhibit Topics:** The following suggestions are ideas for the development of educational posters. ***4-H'ers are not limited to the topics mentioned.***

**Cloverbud** (Mini 4-H grades K-2) cat vocabulary, cat toys, cat care (Cloverbud posters are 22X14 but should follow all other poster guidelines)

**Level 1** (grades 3-5) cat care, cat breeds, litter training, treating my cat with care and respect, cat responsibilities, grooming skills, training my cat, de-clawing (good or not), neutering/spaying, I lost my cat, determining cat costs, traveling with my cat, my cat's safety

**Level 2** (grades 6-8) National cat associations, a cat clinic, here comes the judge, training with extra praise, careers related to cats, should my cat have kittens, types of cat food, feeding my cat, insect pests, cat tail's talk, symptoms of ill health, pet therapy, saying goodbye

**Level 3** (grades 9-12) Understanding a cat show, planning a cat business, cat genetics, cat organs and systems, exploring careers, cat quiz bowl, teaching others, mentoring, cat first aid, experience at an animal shelter, breed standards

### **Exhibit Requirements for Posters:**

Poster projects must be 22" x 28" mounted HORIZONTALLY (only) with a firm backing, and must be covered with clear plastic or other transparent material (not cellophane wrap) to protect the exhibit. The title should be placed according to project exhibit requirements or use your creativity when requirements are not specified. Be creative in your color selections unless the project description requires white poster board. (Read project requirements completely.)

**Backing:** A stiff backing is required; any material that will support the poster so it will not bend. Examples: Very stiff cardboard, foam core, plywood, or Masonite 1/8" thick.

**CAUTION!** Pre-cut commercial foam core may not 22" x 28" and is not acceptable for fair displays. The Extension Office offers poster board and coverings for sale. Mounting

**Adhesive:** Rubber cement is the best form of adhesive; it does not leave marks and will not wrinkle paper. White glue should be used only in cases where wrinkling or damage will not occur. Double stick tape is best for mounting leaves. **Exhibit Tag:** The exhibit tag is affixed in the lower right-hand corner of the poster and displayed where applicable. It is approximately 5 1/2" long x 2 3/4" wide.

It is required that all posters, notebooks, and display boards include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include website links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.