

## 4-H CAT/CAT POSTER

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The 4-H Cat Show will take place on Tuesday of the fair at 6:00 PM in the 4-H Meeting Room. Exhibitors should report to check-in prior to the show.
2. All cat members must keep cat at Fairgrounds the day of judging until it is completed and awards have been presented.
3. Health rules as provided by Indiana 4-H will be followed. **Completion of form 4-H 777-W is required.**
4. 4-H member should feed and care for his/her own cat.
5. A 4-H member may enter and show a maximum of 2 cats.
6. All cats and/or kittens must be owned and cared for by May 15.
7. Cat(s) may be purebred or household pets. Kittens must be 4 months of age by day of show.
8. For the welfare of your cat's general health, the recommended distemper and rabies shot must be administered and wormed regularly. Please bring a certificate of vaccination from your vet. Veterinary sheets are required. To be eligible for State Fair, cats must be tested and/or inoculated for Feline Leukemia.
9. On the day of show, cages will be furnished for benching of cats. Exhibitors should provide water/feed containers, carrying case, their own show drapes, such as towels or sheets, litter box and litter, and grooming aids.
10. All 4-H cats must be brought and taken from the show in suitable size carriers. All cats will have collars and leashes on for safety. Harnesses are not recommended on day of show, as they may interfere with judging.
11. On day of show, judging will take place outside of the cage. Members will be present while their cat is judged and be prepared to answer any questions.
12. All cats must have claws clipped or be declawed. (A safety factor for member and judge).
13. Each cat will be judged on:
  - General appearance and health
  - Temperament and proper handling
  - Grooming (hair coat, paws, nails)
  - Body build
14. A cat may be disqualified if any of the following are found by the 4-H judge:
  - Knots in hair
  - Ear mites, fleas, or lice
  - Unhealthy or unthrifty appearance
  - Unruly behavior, scratching, biting, uncontrollable
15. Any eligible 4-H cat project member may elect to exhibit their 4-H Cat in the State Fair competition. Please contact the 4-H Office for entry tags and information.

### CLASSES

- Kittens (4 - 8 months on day of show)
- Purebred Longhair
- Domestic Longhair
- Purebred Shorthair
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- Purebred - cats of a recognized breed
- Longhair - cats whose coat has long top hairs, with a thick woolly undercoat. Tail hair length is normally 1 - 1½" or more.

**Best of Show** - Overall Grand Champion from all breeds

## 4-H CAT: CAT CAGE DECORATING CONTEST

1. Cat cage decoration is an optional activity. If a 4-H member chooses not to decorate the cage, he/she must plan to bring a sheet or material which to cover the outside of the cage. Cage dimensions are 21" tall, 21" wide and 45" long.
2. Cat cages **will be decorated one (1) hour prior to the show on Tuesday of the fair.**
3. The following judging criteria will be used to evaluate each entry:
  - Color coordination
  - Originality/imagination
  - Are the 2 sides, top and back appropriately covered? (Front of cage should not be covered). Please do not use copyright figures such as Garfield, Mickey Mouse, etc. in decorating of your cat cage.
  - Health/Safety/Comfort of the 4-H Cat (to include: water dish, litter, clutter, appropriate continuation of the theme).

## 4-H CAT: CAT POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

1. Any 4-H member in grades 3 - 12 may exhibit a 4-H Cat Poster.

### POSTER GUIDELINES

Posters must be displayed horizontally, sized 22" x 28", mounted on a firm backing (foam core board or other), and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Refer to 4-H Poster Guidelines.

### CLASSES

- Level 1 (Junior division) for 4-Hers grades 3 - 5  
Level 2 (Intermediate division) for 4-Hers grades 6 - 8  
Level 3 (Senior division) for 4-Hers grades 9 - 12

### EXHIBIT TOPICS

The following suggestions are ideas for development of educational cat poster. 4-Hers need not be limited by or to just these mentioned topics.

Junior - cat care, cat breeds, litter training, treating my cat with care and respect, cat responsibilities, grooming skills, training my cat, neutering/spaying, determining cat costs, traveling with my cat, my cat's safety

Intermediate - national cat fancier associations, a cat clinic, training with extra praise, careers related to cats, should my cat have kittens, feeding my cat, things I've learned, insect pests, symptoms of ill health, my visiting pet therapy program, cats get old too, saying goodbye

Senior - understanding a cat show, planning a cat business, cat genetics, cat organs and systems, exploring careers, learning about leadership, teaching others, having fun learning, protecting our environment, issues of animal welfare/rights