

**CAT**  
**(See General Livestock Rules on page 121)**

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EXHIBIT CHECK-IN WITH A VET CHECK:	Saturday, July 19, 4 PM
JUDGING:	Saturday, July 19, 5 PM, Open Judging
RELEASE TIME:	Saturday, July 19, Immediately following show
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:	All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled. Refer to indianastatefair.com for entry information.

**Project Description:**

The 4-H Cat educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours, etc.) provide youth a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both cat subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications). All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to original author.

**Levels:**

<b>Junior</b>	<b>Grades 3-5</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Grades 6-8</b>
<b>Senior</b>	<b>Grades 9-12</b>

**Project Guidelines:**

- In each project manual level, it is recommended to complete a minimum of four (4) different activities. These activities can include the "Feline Adventures" activities.
- Complete one (1) level in three (3) years (you will use the books according to your grade as of January 15 of the current year).
- 4-H'ers who have taken the cat project for two (2) or more years are recommended to complete a poster. First year cat project members may complete a poster if desired. All posters must follow poster rules, page 30, #14. All posters check-in on the Sunday before the fair. See fairbook for details.
- The Champion Junior, Intermediate, and Senior poster will be eligible for exhibit at the State Fair. A Grand Champion animal poster will be selected from all eligible Champion animal posters.
- 4-H'ers whose cats are eliminated due to health standards (See Veterinary rules) are still eligible to participate in the Cage Decorating & Cat Knowledge contests.

#### **4-H CATS:**

##### **Ownership deadline - May 15**

- Kittens must be at least four (4) months old by the day of the cat show and no more than eight (8) months old by the day of the cat show.
- Categories of cats will be judged by long hair, short hair, and kitten in each division. An overall winner will be selected for each category.
- Cats must have a completed Certificate of Completion of Indiana Board of Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition of Cats (Form 4-H-777-W) which includes a feline leukemia test within 180 days of being shown.
- All cats must be free from internal and external parasites and members must have a veterinary record for verification. A negative fecal exam for internal parasites must now be provided.

##### **Please Note:**

- Cat project members are to show the cat that they have cared for since the **May 15** enrollment deadline.
- It is recommended that cats are to be brought in standard cat carrier or wire cages.
- Proof of completion of health requirements must be shown at time of check-in at the fun show and at the fair: Form 4-H-777-W – "2025 Certificate of Completion of Indiana Board of Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition of Cats" must be completed by your veterinarian and presented at check-in. Please note: the "Feline Leukemia Test" must be completed within 180 days before the show.
- No pregnant or lactating cats will be allowed to show.
- Your cat will be hosted in a cage provided. Cage measures approximately 22" deep x 22" high x 22" front and back. You need to cover the sides and top for the comfort and safety of your cat.

##### **Cat Show Rules**

- Each 4-H'er may show only one (1) cat per category.
- To be eligible to be shown, the cat must have been in the care of the 4-H'er since **May 15** of current year.
- The cat may be either a purebred or a household pet.
- Cats do not need to be registered or pedigreed in order to enter the cat project.
- The cat must be fed and cared for by the 4-H member.
- No cats will be left overnight at the show. Animals must be taken home immediately after completion of the show. No cats are to be left unattended at any time.
- If a cat is not on the judging table at the time the class is judged, they will not be judged. The member is not allowed to speak with the judge unless so requested by the judge.
- Each 4-H member must exhibit their own animal at the Cat Show.
- Each cat shall be under the restraint of the owner.
- The final placings will be the determination of the judge. The judge will retain the right to choose the cats for final judging consideration.
- No collars are permitted on the cats during the time of judging.

##### **4-H Cat Veterinary Rules**

- No cats shall be devocalized.
- All cats shall have the required shots/vaccinations/test necessary for exhibiting in Indiana (4-H-777-W).
- Cats may be neutered, if so desired.
- All cats must be free from internal and external parasites and members must have a veterinary receipt for verification.
- NO FLEAS- Veterinarians will be checking all animals as they check-in to the fair and will verify the cat rules.

##### **Cage Decorating Contest (Optional):**

- Cage may be decorated in any fashion to cover four (4) sides of the cage (top, two (2) sides and back). The top of the cat cage decoration cannot exceed 28" above the cage.
- Cage measures approximately 22" deep x 22" high x 22" front and back.
- No battery operated or wired lights of any kind in or on the cages.
- Please do not bring food for your cat during the cat show, only litter and water in the cage with your cat.
- Take your cat litter home to dispose of it.

**ALL CAGES MUST BE COVERED, but decorating contest is optional.**

### **Cat Knowledge Contest (Optional):**

Part 1– Written quiz about cats

Part 2– Handling cat, remove from cage, etc.

Part 3– Oral quiz with Judge about their cat

Awards will be given for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior levels. The Royal Showmanship representative will be the Senior Champion of the Cat Knowledge Contest.