

# CAT SHOW – 2018

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**Sunday, September 2** Showmanship  
Conformation  
Cage Decorating

Cage Decorating will be on Saturday evening,  
September 1, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Check-in: 9:00 am to 10:00 am  
Cat Show starts at 1:00 pm on Sunday, Sept. 2.

**Participant's Entry Fee: \$15 per 4-H member**

**Registration Deadline: August 13**

**Entry deadline will be Monday two weeks prior to State Fair. Late registrations will be accepted from August 14 through August 17, but must include a late fee of \$20.00 per division. Absolutely NO entries or changes will be accepted after 5:00 pm on August 17.**

Online registration completed by August 10 is highly preferable.

Each county office will issue **one check payable to Colorado State University/4-H Camp Tobin for county entry total.**

Mail by **August 13** to:  
Sharie Harless  
CSU State 4-H Office  
4040 Campus Delivery  
Fort Collins, CO 80523-4040

All 4-H Cat ID Forms (including health certificates) are to be on 4HOnline by May 1st. The county will complete the online portion of the registration process on behalf of its participants.

Passes to enter the fairgrounds on the day you are showing and the day you set up your cage should be provided by your local 4-H Extension Agent in your local Extension Office. No passes will be sent out by the superintendents of these contests.

**The State Fair Cat Show is a 4-H show.  
As such, 4-H youth development principles are of primary importance.**

## **GENERAL CONTEST RULES:**

1. The Cat Show will be held Sunday, September 2, 2018. They will be held at the Colorado State Fair Small Animal Building. Youth are invited to decorate their cages on Saturday, September 1 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Do NOT bring cats on Saturday evening.

Check-in for cats will be from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Sunday, September 2, and the show will begin at 1:00 PM.

2. Dates of approved current and effective vaccination of the cat for rabies and FVRCP (feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia/distemper) must be provided on the State 4-H Cat ID Form. It is highly recommended that you have your cat(s) tested and vaccinated for Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. While this is not mandatory, it is recommended for the health of your cat. If you have a cat that has tested positive for FELV and/or FIN, please alert the show superintendent so that appropriate precautions can be taken. 4-H members vaccinating their own cats must provide proof by including a statement from their vet or by including the vaccination labels. A rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given by a veterinarian ONLY. This vaccination must be current and include a veterinarian's signature.

Each entrant is required to complete the **State 4-H Cat Identification on 4HOnline** and have it on file in their Extension Office by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. This form will be used at the State Fair Cat Show so make sure that all 4-H Cat members have completed this Cat ID.

3. Proof of Rabies vaccination must come from a licensed veterinarian or the cat is not legally considered vaccinated. If the member's cat receives rabies immunizations which are given by anyone who is not a Colorado State licensed veterinarian, these immunizations will not be recognized by law should the cat bite someone.

4. State Fair 4-H Cat Show officials and/or staff can and will dismiss any entrant or his/her family from the show for any mistreatment of cats entered in this show. If a question should arise as to what constitutes "mistreatment," State 4-H staff and/or officials will meet to decide appropriate action in each case.

5. Any negative behavior on the part of the exhibitor, family members or leaders directed toward any official will result in disqualification and awards forfeited. If there is a question as to the rules or the judging of a class, adult family members or leaders must approach the Superintendent of that division and **not the judge**. The Superintendents will then take the question to the judge if warranted.

6. Protests must be submitted in writing and presented to the superintendent(s) within 24 hours after judging is announced. Protests will

be handled first by the superintendent(s) and then reviewed by State 4-H Office personnel. A fee of \$50 must accompany any protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is not upheld, the fee will be kept and deposited into the State Cat Project Fund.

7. Show management will have final decision authority. If needed, show management may request assistance with arbitration from a committee comprised of the show superintendents, the judge (if willing), and the leader and/or agent from county involved (if present).
8. **Colorado State 4-H Dress Code**  
This dress code is to be followed by all Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H members, as well as adult leaders, advisors, and chaperones at all Colorado State 4-H sponsored events including but not limited to the Colorado State Fair 4-H Cat Show. Deviations from the dress code will result in a request to change. This dress code is not subject to personal interpretation.

Exhibitors should wear clean, simple, neat clothing. Dress shirts (with collars) or blouses are preferable. Exhibitors must wear pants and close-toed shoes for protection.

9. The general age groups for Cat Project are:  
Junior 8-10 years  
Intermediate 11-13 years  
Senior 14-18 years  
Age is determined by the member's age as of December 31, 2017
10. All cats must be brought to the show in a travel carrier, and the carrier must stay near the showing area all the times. The carrier should have a towel or blanket in the bottom for traction for the cat.
11. A display cage will be provided at the show for each cat.
12. Exhibitors are to provide their animals with a litter box, litter, food, and water. Additionally, they must provide a bottom liner such as a blanket or a rug to provide traction for the cat. Exhibitors should also have a blanket or some sort of cloth to cover the exterior of the cage when necessary. The cage should be clean and orderly always. Members are invited to decorate their cages as well, and awards will be given for decorations. (See details below).
13. All cats must be on a halter and leash when outside of the cage. The simple, thin, nylon harnesses tend to work best.

14. No cats are allowed beyond the immediate vicinity of the Small Animal Building.
15. Each 4-H exhibitor is responsible for preparing and showing their own cat(s). Each exhibitor must bring their own cat to the judging table. Only 4-H members may show cats at the judging table. All exhibitors are expected to stay in the area with their cats during judging. If a 4-H cat is not on the judging table at the time the class is judged, it will not be judged. Communicate any potential schedule conflicts with other 4-H activities with the superintendent in advance of the show.
16. A cat that becomes difficult to handle may be judged in the cage at the judge's discretion, with A LOSS OF 5 POINTS in showmanship.
17. Overall placing scores, prizes, and score sheets will be given out at the day's closing ceremony.

#### **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY RULES:**

1. Member must be enrolled in the 4-H Cat Project.
2. The member must own his/her project cat individually or in partnership with immediate family members or guardians during the complete duration of the project year. No leased cats will be allowed to show at State Fair. If requested the member must have proof of ownership of the cat at the time of entry and provide that to the superintendents. The member must provide majority of care for the cat(s).
3. Any member exhibiting his/her cat at the State Fair 4-H Cat Show must be an official representative of his/her county.
4. An acceptable record book must be done and meet all guidelines required by their county for State Fair qualification.

#### **CAT ELIGIBILITY RULES:**

1. Cats may be purebred or household pets. Cats do not need to be registered or pedigreed to enter the 4-H Cat Show.
2. It is recommended that all 4-H cats, other than pedigreed breeding animals, be neutered or spayed.
3. No obviously pregnant or lactating queens will be allowed to compete in any classes at the State Fair.
4. No kittens under four months old will be allowed to show.

5. Each cat exhibited will be examined at check in. Cats must be clean and in good health (clear eyes and nose, etc.) and free from injury or pain. Cats must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, worms, other parasites, and diseases. Any cat not meeting these health requirements will not be judged and will be asked to leave the show immediately. The superintendent reserves the right to not allow cats to show that are believed to be a health threat to other animals.
6. All cats must have their front and rear claws clipped for the safety of the 4-Her and judge.

**SHOWMANSHIP:**

Showmanship is mandatory. All 4-H cat show exhibitors are required to show **ONE** cat in showmanship. Exhibitors must prepare and show their own cats. Exhibitors will be judged on their handling of the cat from its cage to the judge's table. They will also be expected to answer to questions as to breed, age, type and date of immunizations, sex, and general knowledge of the cat. Resources include the following 4-H manuals: Juniors – *Purr-fect Pals*; Intermediates – *Purr-fect Pals* and *Climbing Up*; Seniors – *Purr-fect Pals*, *Climbing Up*, and *Leaping Forward*.

**CLASS 100 Novice Showmanship**

Members may choose to enter this novice class if they have no prior experience with cat showmanship. This class is open to members ages 8 – 18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year.

**CLASS 101 Junior Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 8-10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year.

**CLASS 102 Intermediate Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year.

**CLASS 103 Senior Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year.

Showmanship Score Sheets can be found at:

**CONFORMATION:**

Cats are judged on physical condition, cleanliness, temperament, and presentation, not on specific breed standards (except in the purebred class).

Each youth may show an unlimited number of cats; however, each cat can only be shown in one class. (For example, a cat shown in the purebred class cannot also be shown in the DSH class). Classes are as follows, but may be further divided at the superintendent's discretion:

**CLASS 104 Purebred Conformation**

This class is for purebred cats over eight months of age but younger than eight years.

**CLASS 105 Domestic Short Hair Conformation**

This class is for cats of unknown breed over eight months of age but younger than eight years who are short haired (DSH).

**CLASS 106 Domestic Long Hair Conformation**

This class is for cats of unknown breed over eight months of age but younger than eight years who are long haired (DLH).

**CLASS 107 Kitten**

This class is for all kittens four to eight months of age.

**CLASS 108 Senior Cat**

This class is for all cats eight years and older.

Conformation Score Sheets can be found at:

**CAGE DECORATING:**

Members are encouraged to decorate their cat's cage. Cages will be judged by the following classes:

**CLASS 109 Junior Cage Decorating**

This class is for members who are 8-10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year.

**CLASS 110 Intermediate Cage Decorating**

This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year.

**CLASS 111 Senior Cage Decorating**

This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year.