

Cat Show

County Fair Entries: Due June 1, 2017

Cat ID Forms (with vaccination records) due in 4HOnline: June 1, 2017 (will be due May 1 in future years)

Show Check-In and Set-up: Wednesday, July 19 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm, Event Center

Judging: Wednesday, July 19 at 4:00pm, Event Center

Cat E-Record Policy

1. All cat record books must achieve a score of 70% or more to be eligible to enroll in that project and compete in it the following year.
2. Your **2017** E-record score will be used for eligibility to participate in the disciplines included in the e-Record in the **2018** Pueblo County Fair. If a youth did not drop a project by the project add/drop date of March 1, **2017**, the youth is still required to complete a record book to avoid a score of 0% to be eligible to enroll the following year in that project.
3. Anyone with a learning disability should provide us with a letter from their school Special Education Teacher and special arrangements may be made to grade the e-record.
4. Record books are due to the CSU Extension Office **September 11, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.**
5. A county panel will grade all of the e-records. All record books that receive a blue ribbon will qualify to be judged for Champion and Reserve Champion Cat Record Book in each age division: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. These Best Record awards will be given out at Achievement Night in the fall.

Cat Show Ribbons

1. All cat showmanship, confirmation, and cage decorating classes will be placed first through tenth place with ribbons for each place. Any place after that gets a participation ribbon.
2. All division champions will receive single streamer champion and reserve champion ribbons. If there are no divisions, the first place in each class will be given a champion ribbon, and each second place will be given a reserve champion ribbon.
3. Grand and reserve grand champions will receive rosette ribbons.
4. First place in each showmanship age group (junior, intermediate, senior) will also receive a grand champion ribbon and second place will receive a reserve grand champion ribbon.
5. Other class awards and ribbons may be given at the superintendent's/judge's discretion.

Open Stuffed Cat Toy Class (Just for fun - no live cats – toys only!)

1. This fun contest is open to anyone in the following age divisions. Participants do not need to be 4-H members. **Participants must sign up in the Fair Office (Event Center) by 5:00pm on Monday, July 17 so that we can have cages ready for each entry.**
 - a. Cloverbud (4-H age 5 to 7)
 - b. Junior (4-H age 8 to 10)
 - c. Intermediate (4-H age 11 to 13)
 - d. Senior (4-H age 14 to 18)
 - e. Adult (4-H age 19+)
2. Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons only. All others will receive placing ribbons.
3. Participants will be judged on showmanship skills and cage decorations. Cages will be provided.
4. This contest will take place after the official 4-H cat show.

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4-H Cat Show Rules

1. Members must be enrolled in the 4-H Cat project. Cats entered must have been a part of the project since **June 1, 2017** or earlier. The member must own his/her cat individually or in partnership with a parent or guardian during the complete duration of the project. No leased cats will be allowed to show at County Fair.
2. Cats may be purebred or household pets. Cats do not need to be registered or pedigreed in order to enter the 4-H Cat Show.
3. All cats must be current on their vaccinations and must have proof of being vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian. Cats must be current on rabies and FVRCP (feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia/distemper). Additionally, cats must either have a current feline leukemia vaccination or proof of a negative test within 180 day of the show. 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.
4. Each cat exhibited 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.
5. It is recommended that all 4-H cats, other than pedigreed breeding animals, be neutered or spayed.
6. No pregnant cats or nursing cats or kittens under four months old will be allowed.
7. All cats must have their front and rear claws clipped for the safety of the 4-Her and judge.
8. All cats must be brought to the show in a travel carrier, and the carrier must stay near the showing area at all times. The judge will ask to see that you have the proper equipment for transporting your cat. The carrier should have a towel or blanket in the bottom for traction for the cat.
9. A display cage will be provided at the show for each cat.
10. 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 at all times. Members are invited to decorate their cages as well, and special awards will be given for decorations. (See details below).
11. All cats must be on a halter and leash when outside of the cage. We recommend the simple, thin, nylon harnesses as they tend to work best. Cats will be shown on a halter and leash at County Fair.
12. Cats are not allowed beyond the immediate vicinity of the Events Center.
13. 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.
14. 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.

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15. 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.
16. No other animals will be permitted in the Event Center the day of the cat show.

Showmanship

Showmanship is mandatory. All 4-H cat show exhibitors are required to show a 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*.

Each youth will enter one cat in one of the following classes:

- Class 1: Showmanship – Junior
- Class 2: Showmanship – Intermediate
- Class 3: Showmanship – Senior

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:

- Class 4: Conformation – Purebred
 - Class 5: Conformation – Domestic Short Hair (DSH)
 - Class 6: Conformation – Domestic Long Hair (DLH)
- *Cats of unknown breeds should enter the DSH or DLH classes.

In the event there are many entries in each class, conformation classes may be subdivided by the age of the cat (kitten, cat one to eight years, and senior cat nine years and older) at the discretion of the superintendent.

Cage Decorating

Youth are encouraged to decorate their cat's cages. Decorations must be safe for the cat.

Cages will be judged by the age of the youth in the following classes:

- Class 7: Cage Decorating – Junior
- Class 8: Cage Decorating – Intermediate
- Class 9: Cage Decorating – Senior

Overall Cat Youth Award

This award takes into account a 4-Hers accomplishments in the cat project, as well as their participation in the 4-H program as a whole. This award will be given out at Achievement Night in the fall.

Scoring will be based on the following system and the winner will have the highest combined score:

1. Cat Project County Fair Exhibit (Display Board): Exhibitors must submit a display board for the cat project at County Fair to qualify for this overall award. Points will be based on ribbon earned:
Blue – 100 points, Red – 75 points, White – 25 points

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2. Record Book: Record Books will be turned in by contestants for review by committee or designated judge. Only the initial record book score will be used. Percentage will turn into Points, ie. 85% = 85 total points.

3. Showmanship: Points will be based on placing as follows:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Below 10
Points	100	97	94	91	88	85	82	79	76	73	65

4. Conformation: Points will be based on placing as follows:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Below 10
Points	100	97	94	91	88	85	82	79	76	73	65

5. Tie Breaker: Ties will be broken first on showmanship placing, second on record book score, third on exhibit score, and fourth on conformation placing.