

# DEPT 23 - CATS

## MONDAY, JULY 18 4:00 P.M.

**Superintendent: Denise Noble (269)303-5407**  
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If you are differently abled, please contact the Superintendent for special accommodations when Fair Forms are turned in.

### CAT/KITTEN EXHIBITOR RULES

1. A cat may not be shown by more than one exhibitor for breed class. An exhibitor can show up to two cats/kittens, but he/she may not have more than one entry per class. If an animal is used for more than one showmanship class, the youngest exhibitor must show first.
2. Harnesses with identification tags are mandatory. Collars are appropriate but cat must also be on harness.
3. For Breed Class, Cats must be in the exhibitor's possession by May 1<sup>st</sup>. All Cats must and be registered at the Extension office by May 1. The cat must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor.
4. Cats/Kittens must be entered in both Section B & Section C.
5. The exhibitor must be present while judging takes place.
6. An exhibitor's attire should be neat and clean. The show dress code includes a light colored long sleeved shirt and dark colored pants or jeans. Flat shoes are required, no sandals, Long hair should be tied back.
7. Class Definitions:
  - Cat - older than 12 months on the date of the show.
  - Kitten - 4-12 months old on the date of the show.
  - Purebred - Conforms to the standard of the breed.
  - Registration papers are not required
  - Household - Mixed Breed.
8. Cats/kittens must be checked in at the show area by a superintendent between 3:30-3:45 p.m. on Monday.
9. No obviously pregnant females or kittens less than 4 months of age are eligible to show. No cats in season are allowed to be shown.
10. All cats should have their nails clipped or be declawed for the protection of the judge and exhibitors.
- \*NOTE :** This is a youth event. Do not have the cat declawed if you plan to enter other shows. This will be a disqualification at some cat shows.
11. Exhibitors must present cat's current certificates stating that they have had the following inoculations - rabies and distemper/calici/rhinotrach (Feline 30in01). Rabies must be veterinarian certified; Feline 3-in-1 can be veterinarian certified or must have accompanying documentation including date of purchase, receipt, and bottle labels proving inoculation. It is highly recommended that cats also have the feline leukemia and pneumatic inoculations. No feline leukemia positive cats are allowed to show at the fair.
12. Cats infected with lice, fleas, or ear mites will automatically be marked down.
13. Cats must be brought to the show in a carrier on the day of the show and kept under control at all times. Cats will not be kept at the fairgrounds overnight.
14. Animal Science notebooks will be judged on Saturday and must be displayed throughout fair week. Notebooks are listed in Dept. 72. Cat Record books are due to the Superintendent on Monday.

15. For cage decorations, exhibitors will use their own cages/carriers and the decorated cage must fit on the table provided. Cage decorations will be judged on creativity, originality, and youth's description of how decorations and/or costumes were personally designed and created.
16. Cat product will be judged on creativity, originality, workmanship, and exhibitor's product design created by them. Scoring occurs in the following categories: Creativity, Originality, Workmanship, Exhibitor Participation, Business Plan, Financials, Promotion, Interview, and Age Consideration.
17. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring a towel or carpet square for their cat to rest on during breed classes.
18. Differently Abled exhibitors may continue to exhibit until the age of 26. Exhibitors shall follow all rules according to their species. They should enter the showmanship age class for their species; exhibitors 19+ years, should continue in the senior showmanship class. Superintendent will work with the exhibitor, their family, and the Differently Abled Superintendent to make appropriate arrangements. These arrangements may include showing a different time, being accompanied by a teen mentor/adult, etc. Differently Abled exhibitors will receive a special showmanship trophy

### DIVISION I- CATS

#### Section a - CAT/KITTEN EXHIBITS

Class 720 Cage Decorations (Cat and Kitten)

First and second place winners in Class 720 will receive Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes.

#### Section b - CAT/KITTEN CLASS

	A	B	C
Premiums for classes 721-725	4.00	3.50	3.00

Class 721	Purebred Kitten (4-12 mo.)
Class 722	Household Kitten (4-12 mo.)
Class 723	Purebred Cat (older than 12 months)
Class 724	Household Cat (female, older than 12 months)
Class 725	Household Cat (male, older than 12 months)
Class 726	Grand and Reserve Grand Champion

Exhibitors in Classes 721-725 receive A, B, C ribbons and Placing Ribbons (1-5). Winners in Class 726 (eligible classes include 723 - 725) will receive Grand and Reserve Grand trophies.

#### Section c - CAT/KITTEN SHOWMANSHIP

Class 727	Pee Wee Showman (6-8 yrs.)
Class 728	Young I Showman (9-10 yrs.)
Class 729	Young II Showman (11-12 yrs.)
Class 730	Junior Showman (13-14 yrs.)
Class 731	Senior Showman (15-19 yrs.)
Class 732	Champion Showman (13-19 yrs.)

Exhibitors ages 13-19 with three or more previous 1st or 2nd place 4H sponsored wins in Classes 728 - 731 Showmanship in previous years must compete in the Champion Showmanship class.

Exhibitors in classes 727-732 receive Showmanship Rosettes (1-5 place). All exhibitors in Class 727 receive Participation Rosettes. First place winners in Classes 727-732 receive Showmanship Trophies.

**Section d - CAT PRODUCT**

Class 733      Cat Product (to be judged on day of cat show)

Premium for Class 733 - A/\$1.50; B/\$1.25; C/\$1.00

Best of Show and Merit rosettes will be awarded to the top two products.

**Section e – CATTITUDE**

Cattitude is a feline game of skill designed specifically for cat behaviors. Cats may remain in the same class for no more than two years before advancing to the next class.

- Class 734      Beginner
- Class 735      Intermediate
- Class 736      Advanced

Exhibitors in classes 734-736 receive Rosettes (1-5)

**Section f - CAT RECORD BOOK CONTEST**

To recognize outstanding achievement in record keeping for a cat project, awards will be presented to the top exhibitor in the following divisions:

- Pee Wee (6-8)
- Young (9-12)
- Junior (13-14)
- Senior (15-19)

Exhibitors will receive A, B, C ratings. First place winners in each division will receive a \$15.00 cash prize and a Best of Show rosette.

Record books should be turned into the Cat Superintendent upon registering on the day of the Cat Show. Record books will be judged on completeness, accuracy, and neatness. Winners will be announced at the Domestic Animal Awards ceremony on Saturday. Record books are available from the Extension office.

A High Points trophy will be awarded to the highest combined total scores in Showmanship, Breed, Cat Product Entrepreneur, and Record book. Ties will be based on showmanship placements, followed by record book in the event of a second tie. Exhibitors will be required to designate in advance, one cat for high points.

<b>SHOWMANSHIP (Possible 100)</b>	<b>BREED (Possible 100)</b>	<b>CAT PRODUCT (Possible 100)</b>	<b>RECORD BOOK (Possible 100)</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> – 100	1 <sup>st</sup> – 100	Actual Score	1 <sup>st</sup> – 100
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 80	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 80		A/Blue – 80
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 60	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 60		B/Red – 60
4 <sup>th</sup> – 40	4 <sup>th</sup> – 40		C/White - 40
5 <sup>th</sup> – 20	5 <sup>th</sup> – 20		