

Cat Department

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1. Each exhibitor is limited to a maximum of 2 cats or kittens per class, not to exceed a maximum of 6 cats or kittens total entered. See General Rules & Regulations for more info.
2. Cat entries will be checked in from **2:00 – 3:00 PM** late arrivals will not be accepted. A **\$1.00 Veterinarian Fee** will be collected from each exhibitor at check-in time. Open Class Show starts at **3:30 PM**, with 4-H & FFA Cat Show to follow. Cats will not be housed at the fairgrounds. They are to be brought in and returned home the day of the show. Cats will be released by the Superintendent following the show and department clean-up.
3. Exhibitors must present a current rabies certificate for their cat(s) at the time of check-in at the fair. All cat(s) must have their rabies vaccination before July 1. Kittens, 4 months old, on the day of the show, can be vaccinated at 2 weeks before the show date. The decision of the show veterinarian will be final.
4. Toenails of cats on all feet, should be clipped just before fair. No pregnant, nursing, or mother cats may be shown.
5. Cats are to be brought to the fair in a well-ventilated, standard cat carrier (Pet Taxi) with a solid bottom and secure door. No wire cages or wire bottoms in cages are allowed. No cardboard boxes are allowed.
6. Cages will be provided during the show. The exhibitor is responsible for providing litter boxes, litter, and water bowls. Curtains or towels must be brought for each cage. The single dimensions are 25 ½" wide x 23" deep x 26" high. Every side and top (except front) should be covered. This is to make the cat feel more secure and help prevent the cat from attempting to get out of the cage. Exhibitors are responsible for taking down their cages after completion of the show and release of the cats. No premiums will be paid to exhibitors who fail to help with the takedown and clean-up of the cat show. Family members are allowed to help with the set-up and takedown.
7. Exhibitors must wear only white or gray Polk County Fair T-shirts, 4-H T-shirts, or FFA T-shirts. Long jeans and closed toe shoes must be worn by exhibitors in the show ring. No hats, shorts, or ripped jeans of any kind allowed. Wearing improper attire will result in lower ribbon placing.
8. The exhibitor must be present to handle the cat during the show and answer the judge's questions.
9. Only exhibitors and officials are allowed in the judging area at the time of judging. No cell phones or other devices will be allowed in the show ring area.
10. Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons, collars, or other identifying marks on necks or bodies.
11. The following awards will be given to 4-H and FFA exhibits Best in Show, Best Short Hair, and Best Long. A Champion Rosette will be awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship Class winners.
12. **Cage Décor and Oldest Cat Award will be selected from 4-H, FFA. Open Class will be judged by itself for Cage Décor.**
13. Previous winners of the oldest cat Oldest Cats are ineligible. The age of the cat must be listed on the original entry form to be eligible for Oldest Cat. Listing the exact date of Birth is encouraged, as it could determine the winners. No changes to the age of the cat will be made at the time of the show.
14. All Cats and Kittens will be judged by the following scoring criteria:
 - a. Condition (30%)
 - b. Cleanliness (25%)
 - c. Grooming (20%)
 - d. General Appearance and Individuality (15%)
 - e. Disposition (10%)

Long Hair Classification

These classes are limited to kittens and cats with medium to long hair coats. Long-haired cats can be determined by looking at the cat's tail, the hair will be longer than normal and usually fluffy or plume-like. Refer to the Superintendent with questions.

Class Number and Description

101	Kittens- 4 to 8 months
102	Adult cat, male, over 8 months
103	Adult cat, female, over 8 months