

## Cat Department

**Superintendent: Bill Wolfe**  
**Assistant: Trevor Gallagher**

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

## Pet Show

**Superintendent: Bill Wolfe**

**Assistant: Ginny Wolfe**

1. All pets must be identified in [4hOnline](https://ia.4honline.com/) (<https://ia.4honline.com/>) by May 15.
2. A (1) pet exhibit may be shown.
3. All pets must come properly restrained or contained. Appropriate examples include on a leash or in a box, cage, or bowl (cage supplied by owner).
4. No wild animals, No exotic animals, and No reptiles may be shown.
5. No poultry, geese, turkeys, ducks, pigeons, doves, guinea, pheasant, peafowl, or quail are shown here. They are shown in the poultry division.
6. Exhibitors may not show the same type of animal in two different shows. For example, an exhibitor may not show one rabbit in the pet show and another rabbit in the rabbit show.
7. All animals must be healthy at the time of the show. The same health requirements for each species' specific class/division will also apply to the pet show. Cats, dogs, and ferrets must have current rabies and/or distemper certificate. Vaccinations have required a minimum of 3 weeks before the fair for all small animals.
8. Pregnant animals will not be allowed to show. No animal with a nursing litter may be brought to the fair.
9. Kittens, dogs, and ferrets showed at the fair must be 4 months old and above.
10. Livestock animals such as swine, horses, cattle (beef and dairy), sheep, and goats are not to be shown in the Pet Show.
11. Small pets are released immediately after the show.
12. Judge has the option of removing pets from cages or asking the 4-H'er or FFA member to show and handle the pet.
13. 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.
14. Judging is based on the following information:
  - a. What is your goal in the project?
  - b. Necessary Veterinary Care of My Pet (including a vaccination certificate – if applicable)
  - c. Daily Care of My Animal
  - d. Cost of Pet and Daily Upkeep
  - e. How Does Your Pet Fit Into Your Family's Lifestyle?
15. Awards are given for
  - a. Oldest Pet
  - b. Youngest Pet
  - c. Best in Show
  - d. Best in Questions
16. All Animals will be health checked at the time of check- in by the Fair Veterinarian for a total cost of \$1.00 per family. Any animal found in poor health or vicious will not be allowed to show and will have to leave the fairgrounds.

### Class Number and Description

101	Junior
102	Intermediate
103	Senior

## Youth Open Class Pet Show

**Superintendent: Bill Wolfe**

**Assistant: Ginny Wolfe**

1. Pet must belong to the child and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.
2. Any 4 y/o through 3rd grader, (as of July 1) may exhibit in this class.
3. A (1) pet exhibit may be shown.
4. All pets must come properly restrained or contained. Appropriate examples include on a leash or in a box, cage, or bowl (cage supplied by owner).
5. No wild animals, No exotic animals, and No reptiles may be shown.
6. No poultry, geese, turkeys, ducks, pigeons, doves, guinea, pheasant, peafowl, or quail are shown here. They are shown in the poultry division.
7. Exhibitors may not show the same type of animal in two different shows. For example, an exhibitor may not show one rabbit in the pet show and another rabbit in the rabbit show.
8. All animals must be healthy at the time of the show. The same health requirements for each species' specific class/division will also apply to the pet show. Cats, dogs, and ferrets must have current rabies and/or distemper certificate. Vaccinations have required a minimum of 3 weeks before the fair for all small animals.
9. Pregnant animals will not be allowed to show. No animal with a nursing litter may be brought to the fair.
10. Kittens, dogs, and ferrets shown at the fair must be 4 months old and above.
11. Livestock animals such as swine, horses, cattle (beef and dairy), sheep, and goats are not to be shown in the Pet Show. Please see individual departments for these animals.
12. Small pets are released immediately after the show.
13. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
14. 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.
15. Judge has the option of removing pets from cages or asking the 4-H'er to show and handle the pet.
16. Judging is based on the following information:
  - a. What is your goal in the project?
  - b. Necessary Veterinary Care of My Pet (including a vaccination certificate – if applicable)
  - c. Daily Care of My Animal
  - d. Cost of Pet and Daily Upkeep
  - e. How Does Your Pet Fit Into Your Family's Lifestyle?
17. All Animals will be health checked at the time of check- in by the Fair Veterinarian for a total cost of \$1.00 per family. Any animal found in poor health or vicious will not be allowed to show and will have to leave the fairgrounds.

### **Class Number and Description**

002	Youth Open class pet
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## Poultry Department

Superintendents: Jason Lihs & Renee Fiala

- All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean flocks and have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition. If the birds came from a P.T. clean flock they will still need to be tested. Proof needs to be presented at check-in time. Testing will be available at the Polk County Extension Office before the fair.
1. Only Market Broilers and Market Turkeys can be sold at the Livestock Auction on Friday. Birds must be processed and delivered to the buyer by 4-H or FFA members. After the auction, the cages must be taken down and litter must be cleaned up by 4-H or FFA participants.
  2. When birds are released all cages must be taken down and all litter must be cleaned up by 4-H or FFA participants or premiums will be withheld.
  3. Poultry exhibit check-in is **4:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Saturday 7/13/2024**. **Broilers, Market Turkeys, and Open Classes** may be checked in between 6:00 – 8:00 AM the day of the show, Sunday **7/14/2024**. No substitutions may be made of any poultry exhibit after poultry have been entered except by the permission of a Poultry Superintendent. Substitutions, after Fair Entry has closed, are encouraged to be emailed to the superintendent for advanced approval so cages and cards can be adjusted in advance.
  4. Each exhibitor is responsible for proper entering and placing birds in pens; a Poultry Superintendent will assign pens.
  5. Each exhibitor is limited to **one entry per sex per variety per color**. (Example: An Orpington hen and rooster may be shown by the same participant but not two Orpington roosters or an exhibitor may show a black silkie pullet and a white silkie pullet but not two of the same color).
  6. Pens must contain birds of the same sex and age. Large/unusual exhibits may need special pen furnished by the exhibitor and approved by the superintendent.”
  7. Herdsmanship (judging care, cleanliness, and health of the animal) will be checked by the Herdsmanship Department, and ribbons provided to the exhibitors who merit awards.
  8. Exhibitors are responsible for the care (feed and water) of their animals and must sign the Poultry Pledge at check in detailing their commitment for the care of their birds.
    - Water should be checked several times each day. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their containers for feed and water.
    - Water containers are preferred to be attached to the pen so they cannot be knocked over.
    - Water must be entirely replaced every 24 hours at a minimum and inspected throughout the day.
    - Soiled bedding must be removed every 24 hours at a minimum.
  9. Poultry exhibitors must provide their bedding such as shavings or pelletized horse bedding. Sand is not permitted. It will be communicated prior to the fair if the bedding is provided for the exhibitor.
  10. Poultry, except Broilers and market turkeys remaining for the auction, must remain in cages until the release time of 5:00 PM Thursday **7/18/2024**.
  11. Showmanship Contest- Showmanship will be judged on the member's ability to properly handle their bird and answer the judge's questions regarding breed, poultry anatomy, general poultry knowledge, overall poise, and appearance. Showmanship classes are grouped by age.
    - a. Exhibitors showing their livestock in all classes, including showmanship, are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
    - b. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won but may compete in a higher age level. Once an exhibitor has won Champion at the Senior Showmanship Level than cannot continue to show in poultry but are encouraged to teach a class in showmanship to the Open Class the year after their win.
    - c. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, the previous year:

### Class Number and Description

001	Junior Showmanship Grades 4-6
002	Intermediate Showmanship Grades 7-8
003	Senior Showmanship Grades 9-12 & FFA
004	Master Showmanship: Previous years Senior Showmanship winners; not eligible for supreme showmanship

**Production Pullets-Less than 20 Weeks of Age**

101	Production Pen of 3 pullets – max of one entry per variety. (Hatched After 3/1/2024)
102	Classroom Hatched pullet—one entry, chick must be hatched in the Polk County 4-H school classroom hatching

**Production Hens-More than 20 weeks of Age**

201	Production Pen of 3 hens – max of one entry per variety. (Hatched Before 3/1/2024)
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Production Poultry classes are for poultry raised to produce eggs. The basis for judging is uniformity, maturity (age considered), development, handling qualities, pigmentation, molt, and general conformation to breed characteristics.

Champion and Reserve Champion Production Pen – Selected from pullet and hen classes.

**Market & Fryer Broilers**

301	Pen of 3 broilers/roasters – under eight weeks of age one entry per exhibitor (5/20/2024)
302	Pen of 3 Fryer's – Under eight weeks of age, one entry per exhibitor (5/20/2024)

Market broiler & fryer classes are for meat production birds under eight weeks old (purchase receipt to be presented at check-in.) Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each class. Entries will be judged according to USDA Production and Marketing Standards of quality for live poultry. Factors considered will include cleanliness, size, and uniformity. The pen must consist of birds of the same sex.

Champion and Reserve Champion Market Broiler Pen

Champion and Reserve Champion Market Fryer Pen

**Turkeys**

401	Pen of 1 market turkey – max of one entry per sex per variety per color
402	Breeding Pen- Pen of 2 (1 male and 1 female) market or heritage breeds of Turkey- Max entry one per exhibitor
403	Pen of 1 Heritage breed turkey– max of one entry per sex per variety per color

The Market type turkeys will be judged according to USDA Production and Marketing Standards of quality for live poultry, while Heritage breeds will be judged by their adherence to the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. Turkeys will be shown as a single class unless there are ten or more birds in a single class.

Champion and Reserve Champion Overall Turkey

Champion and Reserve Champion Heritage Turkey (Rosettes Only)

Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Hen Turkey (Rosettes Only)

Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Tom Turkey (Rosettes Only)

**Waterfowl**

501	Pen of 1 duck – max of one entry per sex per variety per color
502	Pen of 1 market duck – max of one entry per sex per variety per color
503	Pen of 1 goose – max of one entry per sex per variety per color

Duck breeds will be judged by their adherence to the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. No crossbred birds may be entered in these classes.

Champion and Reserve Champion Duck

**Bantam Breeds**

601	Pen of 1 Feather Legged Bantam – Max entry of one per sex per variety sex per color
602	Pen of 1 Game Bird (Old English or Modern) Clean Legged Bantam – Max entry of one per sex per variety sex per color
603	Pen of 1 Single Comb Clean Legged Bantam – Max entry of one per sex per variety sex per color
604	Pen of 1 Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantam – Max entry of one per sex per variety sex per color
605	Pen of 1 All Other Comb Clean Legged Bantam – Max entry of one per sex per variety sex per color
606	Pen of 1 Silkie – Max entry of one per variety per sex per color

Bantam breeds will be judged by their adherence to the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. No crossbred birds may be entered in these classes.

Clean Legged Bantams champion and reserve champion will compete against feather legged champion and reserve champion and silkie champion and reserve champion for top overall bantam.

Champion and Reserve from each Class of Bantam Breed

**Standard Breeds Birds**

701	American - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
702	Asiatic - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
703	English - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
704	Mediterranean - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
705	Continental - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
706	Other- Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color

Standard breeds will be judged by their adherence to the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. No crossbred birds may be entered in these classes.

Champion and Reserve from each Class of Standard Breed

**Pigeons, Doves, Ornamental**

801	Pen of 1 pigeon – max of one entry per sex per variety per color
802	Pen of 1 dove – max of one entry per sex per variety per color

**Guinea, Pheasant, Quail, Pea Fowl**

901	Pen of 1 bird – max of one entry per sex per variety per color
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Pigeons, Doves, Guinea, Pheasant, Quail, and Pea Fowl will be judged on health, vigor, conformation, maturity (age considered), and development.

Champion and Reserve Champion Fancy Bird (Rosette Only)

A Commercial Grand Champion will be chosen from the Layer, Broiler, Fryer and any Market Type turkeys or waterfowl.

A Grand Champion will be chosen from all standard, bantam, fancy, turkey, and waterfowl.



## Bred By Owned By Class

1001	Pen of 1 bird - Max entry of 1 entry per sex per variety per color
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Exhibitors will create a record book documenting the process of selecting birds to breed, the breeding and raising process as well as why they selected the offspring they did for exhibition. Exhibitors will be judged 80% on the documentation and 20% on the birds. Exhibitor may show from any type or breed of poultry that may be exhibited at the Polk County Fair. Record books must be submitted to the County Extension Office or to a Poultry Superintendent by 7/1/2024. Please email Jason at [biglihs71@me.com](mailto:biglihs71@me.com) for the record book documents.

### Poultry Costume Photo Show

- Photos will be judged on composition, creativity, and the presence of costume or humorous setting.
- Participants are limited to one entry and must have at least one bird entered in the Poultry Show.
- CGI or app-created costumes or changes are not permitted.
- Filters, adding words and manipulation of color is acceptable.
- Entries must be family-friendly, pose no risk to the bird and be appropriate.
- Entries are due 7/1/2024, and photos must be digitally submitted by 7/5/2024 to the Poultry Superintendent (email [reneewhite06@gmail.com](mailto:reneewhite06@gmail.com)), who will print and laminate them for display at the fair. Please include the participant's name, club, image title, and a brief description when submitting the photo via email.

1101	Poultry Humor Photo Contest (Rosette Only)
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Grand and Reserve Champion Photo

## Youth Open Class Poultry

1. Show Sunday 7/14/2024. Bird may be checked in on Saturday 7/13/2024 from 4 pm and 8 pm or Sunday 7/14/2024 between 6:00 am and 10:00 am.
2. Bird must belong to the Clover Kid and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.
3. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader (as of July 1) may exhibit in this class. One entry per exhibitor.
4. Pullorum-Typhoid tests are required.
5. Entry deadline is July 1 at the Polk County Extension Office through [Fairentry.com](http://Fairentry.com)
6. Dress code – See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
7. For photo contest, see rules in 4-H Section above.

### Class Number and Description

010	Youth Open Class Poultry
011	Youth Open - Showmanship
012	Open Poultry Humor Photo Contest