

## Cat – Division N

1. **Rules.** All exhibitors are expected to read and follow Livestock general rules, health requirements, Code of Ethics and showmanship guidelines stated in the front of this Fair Book.
2. **Eligibility of Exhibitor.** Entries are open to 4-H/FFA member enrolled in the cat project by May 15. Cat must be shown by the exhibitor (or approved substitute showman). 4-H exhibitor should be primary caregiver.
3. **Eligibility of Cat.**
  - a. One cat per exhibitor. The cat must be owned by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's family and be in the exhibitor's possession **by May 15.**
  - b. Complete Livestock/Small Animal Entry Form and turn it in by the due date.
  - c. Cat must have current rabies and distemper vaccination. Exhibitors must bring the Veterinarian's Certificate showing the current date of vaccination to the show. The cat CANNOT be shown without this certificate.
4. **Arrival.**
  - a. Cats are on the Fairgrounds only during the show. Bring your cat in a carrier.
  - b. All cats and exhibitors must be at the Community Building and checked in 15 minutes before the show starts. Bring Vaccination Certificate.
  - c. It's recommended that you do not feed your cat during show time. Feed well in advance of show.
  - d. Bring your own litter, litter box, and water container.
  - e. **Bring completed Boone County 4-H Cat Project Record, available from the Extension Office. Information asked for includes health history, goals, action plan, my cat's story, and financial summary.**
  - f. Wear your exhibitor number on your back. See General Rules for attire.
  - g. 4-H'ers may be asked to use the microphone and tell the audience about their cat.
5. **Judging.**
  - a. **4-H'er's should be able to demonstrate how to correctly pick up and hold their cat and how to examine eyes, ears, nose, mouth and teeth. Interview will include questions on health, diseases, and immunizations.**
  - b. All cats and kittens must have nails clipped. Declawed cats may also be entered.
  - c. Cats and kittens will not be judged with ribbons, collars, or identifying markers on their necks or bodies.
6. **Judging Criteria.**

Overall Condition (grooming & cleanliness)	20
Eyes and Nose	5
Ears	5
Nails	5
Teeth and Mouth	5
Body Weight	15
Temperament	5
Cat Project Record	20
<u>Interview</u>	<u>20</u>
Total Possible Points	100
7. **Ribbons.** Ribbons will be awarded based on quality of exhibits at judge's discretion. Purple, blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded, if deserving. Champions selected from cats receiving purples.

### Class:

- N 1 Long-Haired Cat – Male or Female
- N 2 Short-Haired Cat – Male or Female

**Champion Cat – *Trophy***  
**Reserve Champion Cat – *Trophy***