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Dear 4-H and FFA Cat Exhibitors,

We are excited you plan to participate in the 2024 Boone County Fair as a cat exhibitor! Please review the following information to ensure you are properly prepared for the event.

- **The Cat Show is in the Community Building on Friday, July 19th at 2:30 pm. Check in will be in the Community Building 15 minutes before the show.** Cats only come for the show and go home immediately after.
- **Remember to bring to fair proof of your cat's rabies and distemper shots.** Cats that come without proof of shots will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
- Exhibitors will be required to come to the stage and talk to the audience about their cat.
- **Do not let the public touch your cat at anytime that the cat is on the fairgrounds.**
- **Boone County 4-H Cat Project Record**
The first page of the Cat Project Record is a permanent, health record for your cat and will move up in your record book each year you own the cat. If you have more than one cat, you will need to make more copies of this page. The second page includes information about your goals and what you did in the cat project, which will be new each year. If you are exhibiting a cat at the Boone County Fair, you need to **complete the cat project record and bring it with you to judging.** Complete as much as possible at fair time with a minimum of health history, cat's story, goals, action plans and financial summary. After fair, complete the form and it is ready for your 4-H record book!
- **Cat showmanship and Score Sheet**
At fair you may be asked to show how to check ears, nails, teeth etc and how to carry, pick up, hold, and pose your cat. Illustrations on how to show your cat are enclosed on yellow. Please review and practice before fair. The judge will be looking at the grooming of your cat, but also the member's knowledge, responsibility, presentation, and preparation for the show. To prepare for fair, review the following (in 4-H project guides, library books, internet, etc.)
 - Grooming techniques such as ear, mouth, eye, and nail care, bathing
 - Proper carrying, handling, and examination techniques
 - Basic knowledge of cat anatomy
 - Your own cat's history, personality, health, eating habits
 - Parasites of cats—both internal & external
 - Diseases that can be passed from cats to humans
 - Common diseases cats are vaccinated for

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Boone County Extension Office at 515-432-3882 or natm@iastate.edu. We look forward to seeing you at the Boone County Fair!

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