

Cat and Pet Rules
Buchanan County Fair 2023
Superintendent – Crystal Crow

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

MAY 15 All Clover Kids and 4-H members must IDENTIFY ANIMALS ON 4hONLINE.
JUNE 15 Animal Entries completed on Fair Entry.

SCHEDULE

RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. **Vet checks will begin at check-in.**
3. **Only** cat exhibitors must present a current Rabies and Distemper vaccination certificate to the superintendent on the day of the cat show. Any exhibitor who does not present a certificate for **both** vaccinations will not be allowed to enter the show ring with that animal. Cats are required to have Rabies paperwork at time of registration payment.
4. Any cat or pet, which shows evidence of a contagious disease or harbors parasites (lice, fleas, etc.) will be disqualified.
5. Cat and pet check-in time will be 30 minutes before the show. If not entered before that time, exhibitor **will not** be able to show.
6. Cats and pets will be conference judged. The exhibitor must be present and should be able to answer questions about the animal's age, sex, health, care, etc. Cats and pets will be judged on health and conditioning, personality and temper and the owner's knowledge of the animal.
7. Cats must be a minimum of six months old.
8. Cat exhibitors may have only **one entry** per class.
9. Cats must be on a leash or in a cage while exhibiting. Cages will be available for use from the extension.
10. All cats and pets must be on a leash or confined to some type of container while on the fairgrounds. Cats or pets not easily handled by strangers should be left at home.

Cat Department Classes

32500: Kitten - 6 months old through 1 year old
32501: Middle Aged Cat - 1 year old through 3 years old
32502: Middle Aged Cat – 4 years old through 6 years old
32503: Aged Cat - 7 years old and older
32504: Farm Cat
32505: Clover Kid Cat Show (K-3rd grades) - see Clover Kid Rules

PET CLASSES

Any pet bird, fish, gerbil, hamster, guinea pig, turtle, mouse, rat, or other animal that has been approved by the Buchanan County Extension office by May 15, identified as a 4-H project although an animal may be domesticated and possess a special permit; no wildlife will be allowed for the protection of the community. Limit of **two entries**, in **different** species, (i.e. one fish and one mouse). Birds that are shown in poultry show are not allowed to show in this class. When completing an animal entry on Fair Entry, exhibitor must list exactly what animal is being entered.

Pet Department Classes

32300: Mammal Pets and Birds
32301: Aquatic, Amphibian, and Reptile Pets
32302: Clover Kid Pet Show (K-3rd grades) - see Clover Kid Rules

All beef, dogs, dairy, goats, horses and ponies, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine must be entered under their own department.