

4-H Cat Club

Director – Barbara Dunker
 Adult Leader – Barbara Dunker
 Assistant Adult Leaders – Joan Keil

Judging – Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Cat/Dog Building
Costume Judging – Friday, July, 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Cat/Dog Building
Kids Day Activities: Wednesday, July 23, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

RULES

1. Any boy or girl 3rd grade through 12th grade may become a 4-H Cat Husbandry Project member. The enrollment deadline is March 1.
2. 4-H Cat club members must own and/or have possession of the cat or kitten by March 1st. Each member must be enrolled in the Elkhart County 4-H Program.
3. It is important that the 4-H member assume responsibility for the cat or cats. The 4-her should feed, care, and groom his/or her cat even if it's a family cat.
4. The cat may be (a) Purebred (b) Household Pet (c) Kitten 4 – 8 months of age. **Please note that a kitten that is 8 months old the day of the show is shown in the adult class.
5. All cats required to have the following inoculations:*
 - a. Rabies
 - b. Panleukopenia
 - c. Rhino-Trachietis
 - d. Calici-Virus
 - e. Feline Leukemia
 - f. First year members only are required to have the Feline Leukemia Test, then the 1st shot is given followed 3 weeks later by the 2nd booster. After this it's a once a year shot.

**Letters c and d are usually given in a combination shot. The health certificate(s) must be completed by a licensed veterinarian and these must be on file with the Cat Club, and the original copy is to be brought to Vet Check Night...*

6. 4-H Cat members are required to complete a notebook and this must be updated yearly. The notebook is required for eligibility to show at the fair. It must contain the following things:
 - a. New story about you cat each year.
 - b. New picture of your cat each year.
 - c. One (1) page report (according to the year of cat club you're in)
 - d. Answer the 10 questions (given new ones each year)
 - e. Do the Record of Feed & Labor Sheets.

Notebooks are to be turned in at the July Pool Party, before the fair.

7. Each member is expected to exhibit his/her animal at the 4-H Cat Show in July. Members are required to use an appropriate cat harness, leash and cat carrier approved by the National Cat Association. Failure to comply will result in not showing at the fair.
8. All cat members are expected to attend 3 regular meetings, participate in 1 fundraiser and 1 community service.
9. All cats exhibited must be free of all external parasites. Nails must be trimmed or cat may be declawed. These rules are for safety reasons.

10. All Cat Husbandry project members may exhibit one animal per category at the 4-H Fair Cat Judging. All cats are brought to the fair the day of the cat show then taken back home the same day.
11. We ask that you arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. for the show due to heavy traffic.

4-H CLUB COSTUME CLASS

Cats and members are to be in costume. The costume theme is voted on by the club members at the March meeting. Judging is on the last Friday of the fair at 7:00pm. We also have a costume class for the parents.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE DONE

4-H Cat Poster Contest Rules

1. Poster board (22"x28") must be mounted on stiff backing and covered with clear plastic.
2. Any color of poster board is allowed.
3. The poster must be displayed horizontally.
4. Posters will be judged on originality and educational, eye catching, artistic and imaginative appeal.

