

4-H CATS

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Clark County Fair Exhibitor Guide

<http://www.clarkcofair.com/exhibitors.html#guides>

ONLINE ENTRIES

Animal Entries can be submitted online at <https://clarkcofair.fairentry.com> ending on the last business day of June. Please log-in to Fairentry with your 4-Honline credentials, you do not need to create an account to submit 4-H Still Exhibit entries.

If you would like assistance with submitting your entries online, please contact Phoebe Jud

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Each 4-H member showing in this department is responsible for reading and complying with the general rules for the Fair, the 4-H rules and regulations printed at the beginning of the 4-H section, and the special rules and regulations of this department.

Each 4-H member must be present for Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the duration of the 4-H Cat participation of the Clark County Fair. The superintendent, key leader, and leaders' committee will evaluate special circumstances on an individual basis.

Awards Ceremony will be at the end of each day at 6 PM.

REQUIREMENTS TO GO TO STATE FAIR ARE:

4-H member must do Fitting and Showing Division, Type Division, and Judging Contest Division.

CURRICULUM:

Use official 4-H publication materials to prepare for the Clark Co Fair and 4-H State Fair. These are available at the 4-H Extension Office (1919 NE 78 Street, Vancouver, WA) and online:

All publications are sources for Cat Bowl questions.

Welcome To 4-H

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14048>

Cat Project Book Unit 1 EM4809E

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14108&SeriesCode=&CategoryID=&K eyword=4-H>

4-H Cat Project, Unit 2 EM4900E

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=4-H%20Cat%20Project%20unit%202>

Cat Anatomy & Physiology EM4289E

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13318&SeriesCode=&CategoryID=&K eyword=Cat>

4-H National Source <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/>

State 4-H Fair Premium Book <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/premium.htm>

for qualifications to participate in State 4-H Fair.

The Judge's decision is final.

1. Exhibitor must be enrolled in the 4-H Cat Project by January 15th each year (returning members) or May 1st (new members) according to the 4-H deadline rules.
2. Must have current Cat Certificate turned in by May 1 of current 4-H year to the WSU/Clark County Extension 4-H Office. Identifying picture of cat must be attached.
3. Must have online entry form completed and turned in by the last business day of June in Fairentry.com.
4. All cats must be four months of age by show date. The 4-H Cat Health Certificate/Shot Record (receipts may be requested) is due the first day the cat is on exhibit. If home vaccinations are done, your leader must sign in place of the veterinarian on the cat health certificate and medication slip with lot number, expiration date must be attached. Minimum Vaccination requirements include Feline Panoleukopenia, Feline Rhinotracheitis, Feline Calicivirus (FCV), and first Rabies injection. Shot series must be completed 30 days before the Clark County Fair. Boosters must be current. Rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian must be current. Exhibitor must present proof of rabies vaccination signed by a licensed veterinarian. Feline Infectious Peritonitis and Feline Leukemia are strongly recommended as well as a fecal exam. There will be a health inspection starting at 8:30 am, Friday before the cat is benched. The 4-H cat must remain in the cat carrier until the veterinarian check is completed and gives approval for benching the cat.
5. All cats shown must be healthy, fully groomed, and free of parasites. No pregnant or nursing cats may be shown. Any cat not adhering to health rules will be sent home.
6. All exhibitors must enter Herdsmanship and Fitting & Showing Class in order to qualify for premiums.
7. When showing, exhibitor must wear a long-sleeved shirt and either pants or dress jeans. A skirt is acceptable. No shorts are allowed.
8. Cats are to arrive on time and be on display by 9:30 am. Club display is required of each club. Half of the showing clubs must remain from 8 pm to 10 pm on Friday and the remaining half of the clubs on Saturday. The number of cats to remain per club will be determined by Superintendent.
9. Entries are limited to two (2) cats per exhibitor. Cats must be presented to judge by 4-H member only.
10. All cats must be confined to exhibit area, grooming area or show ring. Grooming is to be done in specific grooming area by 4-H member only.
11. Cats and equipment can be carried out at 9 pm on Sunday. Those requiring a car pick-up must wait until the Clark County Fair is closed at 10 pm and Security has given their O.K.!
12. No electrical equipment, lighting, or appliances may be used in the cage. Fans must be approved by the superintendent or assistant superintendent and must not be placed inside cages.

13. If 4-H member uses a borrowed cat it must comply with #1, 2, 4 and 5 in Fair book for fitting and showing. A borrowed cat cannot be showed in type class. The 4-H member, therefore, cannot go to state fair.

4-H State Fair Animal Projects: Online entries for 4-H State Fair are due in FairEntry by Friday after Fair ends, August 21, 2026. Clark County Animal 4-H State Fair contact the 4-H Office (564-397-5730) if there are questions.

DIVISION 100: CAT HERDSMANSHIP

(Refer to information under Division 100)

Each individual is required to do his or her share of herdsmanship. Failure to do so will mean that member's premium will be withheld.

10 am - 8 pm

Points given on club basis: Blue 30, Red 15, White 7

Herdsmanship time will be divided equally among members. Herdsmanship schedule will be posted.

1. Herdsmen must be neat and clean. Long pants, skirt, or walking shorts are acceptable. No cut-offs. No print T's other than club logos or 4-H shirts. The Clark County 4-H Cats apron must be worn when on duty.
2. 4-H members will be judged on attitude, appearance, and participation. Herdsmen are not to be eating or chewing gum while on duty. They must be attentive to the public at all times unless involved in caring for a benched cat. Do not leave cats unattended. Do not remove cats from cages or allow anyone else to do so without approval from an adult volunteer, superintendent, or assistant superintendent.
3. Each cage must have a benching card with the following information: Exhibitor name, club, county, 4-H level, cat's name, breed and birth date.
4. Cages are to have flooring on bottom and covered on top and three sides. They must be safe, comfortable, and well ventilated. There must be a litter pan appropriate to cat's size and clean litter. There must be food and water dishes in cage. A bed space must be provided. Water must be fresh. Food is at the discretion of the exhibitor.
5. Cage doors are to be closed at all times. No locks of any kind are allowed.
6. Cats must wear an H-type harness at all times while on exhibit. A leash is required any time the cat is out of its cage.

Cat 4-H Member of the Year Award

1. Each Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H Cat Project member is eligible to compete for this award.
2. Winners cannot compete the following year after winning, but are eligible the next year.
3. Award year includes the current year of October 1 - August 11.
4. Award entry form must be completed and turned into the 4-H Cat Superintendent by first day of Clark County Fair each year.
5. Forms can be obtained from the 4-H Cat Project Leader or Superintendent.

Herdsmanship Premium is paid to the 4-H Club Use Clark County Fair Livestock entry form to fill out Herdsmanship Premium request, with Club name as it appears

on the club checking/savings account. Premium will not be granted without the submitted paperwork. Premium will be mailed in c/o General Club Leader

DIVISION 571: CAT ARTS & CRAFTS

Thursday, August 6, 10 am - 4 pm

Maximum of six (6) entries allowed.

Arts and Crafts are to be made during the current 4-H year by the 4-H member. Craft item must be cat related. A 3"x 5" card is to be filled out by the exhibitor. **Information on the card will be:**

- **description of item**
- **what it is**
- **where and how it is going to be used**
- **how does it relate to species**
- **identify craft techniques used**

To segregate age groups, please put a "J" (Junior-8-10 years of age) "I" (Intermediate 11-13 years of age) or "S" (Senior-14-18 years of age) before the Class Number. Example: A Junior entering Class 1 would list on the entry form as "J1."

Points: Blue 10, Red 8, White 6

CLASS:

1. Needlework
2. Sewing
3. Painting & Drawing
4. Photography
5. Sculpture/ceramics
6. Scrapbooking
7. Crafts from kits
8. Paper crafts/posters
9. Other, specify

Handmade equipment relating to species. Items must be handmade and plans attached. Item will be judged on originality, workmanship, neatness, and safety for species. Age and experience level will be considered. To segregate age groups, please put a "J" (Junior-8-10 years of age), "I" (Intermediate-11-13 years of age) or "S" (Senior-14-18 years of age) before the Class Number. Example: A Junior exhibitor entering a harness/collar would list on the entry form as "J10."

Points: Blue 10, Red 8, White 6

CLASS:

10. Harness/Collar
11. Leash
12. Toy/Training Aid
13. Feeding container
14. Bed/pad
15. First Aid Kit
16. Scratching post cat tree

17. Grooming Kit
18. Cat plant garden
19. Grooming Apron
20. Other

DIVISION 572: Cage Decoration

Thursday, August 6, 10 am-4pm

Item will be judged on safety, originality, neatness, creativity, and theme. Decorated Cage:

- Safety for your cat must be #1 consideration, when decorating your cage.
- The cage must be covered on 2 sides, back and top with material that gives privacy and helps stop airborne diseases. Back corners must be able to be opened to allow ventilation on hot days.
- A proper litter pan must be in cage.
- Use separate non-breakable water and food dishes.
- Decorations above cage, if any, must be lightweight and not fragile.
- Include a written description of materials and techniques used.
- Items used for cage decorations cannot be entered in any other class.
- Each 4-H member must have a different theme every year.
- Cage Sizes: No smaller than 20 inches high, 24 inches wide & 21 inches deep and no larger than 24 inches high, 48 inches wide & 24 inches deep.

Points: Blue 10, Red 8, White 6

CLASS:

- A: Juniors 8-10 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year
- B: Intermediate 11-13 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year
- C: Senior 14-18 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year

DIVISION 573: CAT BOWL

Sunday, August 9, 11 am

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- Teams can consist of two, three or four members.
- Two sets of five toss up questions and two sets of four one on one questions. Total of 18 questions. Should there be three or less members participating then there will be 3 rounds of individual questions and two rounds of toss up questions.
- Team member buzzing in before the entire question is read will have to answer the question without hearing the entire question. If member answer the question wrong the other team will have the question repeated and be given a chance to answer.
- 4-H curriculums for the 4-H Cat Project is listed at the top of this section

Points: Blue 20, Red 15, White 10

CLASS:

- A. Junior 8-10 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year
- B. Intermediate 11-13 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year
- C. Senior 14-18 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year

DIVISION 574: CAT JUDGING

Friday, August 7, 11 am

Judge will review Cat Judging materials after this event is completed.

Points: Blue 20, Red 15, White 10

CLASS:

- A. Junior 8-10 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year
- B. Intermediate 11-13 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year
- C. Senior 14-18 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year

Intermediate and senior members will be expected to present oral reasons to judge. A "Best Oral Reasons" Rosette ribbon is available at the Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels.

DIVISION 575: COSTUME CONTEST

Friday, August 7, 3 pm

Points: Blue 6, Red 5, White 3

CLASS:

- A. Junior 8-10 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year
- B. Intermediate 11-13 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year
- C. Senior 14-18 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year

DIVISION 576: CAT FITTING & SHOWING

Saturday, August 8, 10 am

Cat Fitting and Showing curriculum: EM4801E

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=14109&SeriesCode=&CategoryID=&Keyword=4-H>

Followed by Type Classes

Points: Blue 40, Red 30, White 15

CLASS:

- A. Junior 8-10 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year
- B. Intermediate 11-13 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year
- C. Senior 14-18 years of age by October 1 of the current 4-H year

CLASS 578: TYPE CLASS: KITTENS

(4-8 months old) Saturday, August 8

Following fitting and showing

Points: Blue 10, Red 7, White 4

CLASS:

- A. Purebred
- B. Household Pet

DIVISION 579: TYPE CLASS: CATS

(Over 8 months old)

Members are allowed to enter up to 2 animals.

Saturday, August 8. Will follow Kitten Type Class

Points: Blue 10, Red 7, White 4

CLASS:

- A. Purebred Male
- B. Purebred Female
- C. Household Pet neutered
- D. Household Pet spayed
- E. Veteran cat (ten years and older)

DIVISION 580: CAT GROOMING CONTEST

Sunday, August 9, 3 pm

Donated prizes only

DIVISION 581: CAT STORY TELLING CONTEST

Sunday, August 9, 3:30 pm

Donated prizes only

CLASS:

1. True story
2. Other story

DIVISION 582: CAT DEMONSTRATIONS

Sunday, August 9, 4:00 p.m.

Donated prizes only

DIVISION 583: 4-H CLOVERBUD PROJECT

(GRADES K-2) SMALL ANIMALS

Thursday, August 6

Participation ribbons only.

CLASS:

1. Crafts
2. Equipment
3. Decorated Cage/carrier

DIVISION 584: 4-H CAT AGILITY

Sunday, August 9, 5 pm

Donated prizes only

CLASS

- A. Juniors
- B. Intermediates
- C. Seniors