



Showing Your Cat in 4-H



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension

How to prepare:

1. Veterinary visit
 - Your cat is required to have rabies vaccination. It is suggested your cat also receives Feline Distemper and Feline Leukemia Vaccine.
2. Check for external and internal parasites
 - Look for fleas or signs of fleas on your cat.
 - Check ears for signs of mites.
 - Recommended that a flea and tick preventative be used on any cat you plan to show.
 - You will not be allowed to show if parasites are present.
3. Prepare your showmanship presentation.
 - Start on this a few weeks before the fair.
 - Practice handling the cat so it's comfortable
4. Groom 2-3 times per week
 - This prevents matts in hair and keeps your cat used to being handled.
5. Bathe your cat 2-3 days before the show
 - By doing it early, you allow the natural oils in your cat's hair to return
 - Also, some cats will shed more after bathing and this will keep your cat from shedding in the show.
6. Trim toenails
 - All cats should have their nails trimmed
 - Best if done 2-3 days before the show
7. Clean around ears and eyes
 - To make sure there is no build up around eyes or in ears, wipe with a moist cotton ball to clean
8. Any cats that display symptoms of sickness, will not be eligible to show.

What to bring:

1. Cat
2. Carrier
3. Food and water
4. Litter pan with litter
5. Towel or blanket
6. Cage cover
7. Grooming supplies

What to include in your showmanship presentation:

1. Your name and age
2. Cat's name, age and breed
3. if your cat is spayed/neutered
4. How you care for your cat
5. What vaccinations your cat had
6. What health treatments your cat gets
7. What your cat eats and how much
8. How often do you groom
9. How did you prepare for show
10. Something special about your cat

What to wear:

- White long sleeve shirt, tucked in
- Long pants
- Closed toe shoes

Important dates:

June 1st: Deadline to enroll in 4-H and submit 4-H cat identification.
July 15th: Deadline to submit animal entry form, rabies vaccine certificate and fair eligibility form.