The 4-H Cat Projects

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Purr-fect Pals!

Level 1

- Learn about being a good cat owner by taking this beginning-level cat project.
- You also learn about cat breeds, behavior, good health, grooming, and feeding.
- Designed for youth in grades 3 to 5, but can be taken by any youth in the first three years of this project.
Climbing Up!

Level 2

- Build on what you learned in Cat 1 by taking this intermediate level cat project.
- Learn more about cat identification and characteristics, training and showing cats, health and nutritional needs of cats, and responsible cat ownership.
- Designed for youth in grades 6 to 8, but may be taken by youth in any grade after they complete Cat 1.
- Cat 2 can be taken for three years.
Leaping Forward!

Level 3

- Dig deeper into some of the cat topics you’ve already explored in Cat 1 and Cat 2 (breeds, nutrition, health, and behavior) and meet some new topics (genetics and aging cats).
- Investigate various cat-related careers and practice your organization and presentation skills.
- Designed for youth in grades 9 to 12, but may be taken by any youth after completing Cat 1 and Cat 2.
State Fair
Here We Come!

Companion Animal Day Judging – July 25

- Each county may send 2 juniors and 2 seniors in Cat 1, 2 each in Cat 2 and 2 each in Cat 3
- No pre-entries as in the past
- County 4-H professionals will send in entries
- Have your veterinarian complete the Certificate of Vaccination. **DO NOT LOSE THIS!**
“Mom, I think I forgot something…”

There are several necessities for State Fair, and you definitely don’t want to forget:

- Food and Water (and a bowl for each)
- Towel or Blanket
- Treats
- Toys and/or Catnip
- Brush/Comb
- Lint roller (Or some really good tape)
- Project Book and educational display

- Leash & Harness
- Carrier (Hard to forget since your cat should be in it!)
- Completed Certificate of Vaccination
- Walking Gate Pass

And of course the most important thing is…

Don’t Forget Your Cat!
On show day, you need to be prepared. Make sure to do these things before you get there:

- Understand your project and be able to answer questions
- Groom your cat
- Know how to handle and present your cat
- Practice with your cat
Show Me What You’ve Got

Presenting your cat
- Properly pick up a cat
- Hold the cat in the safety carry position
- Open your cat’s mouth to show his/her teeth and gums
- Show your cat’s nose
- Show both of your cat’s eyes
- Show both of your cat’s ears
- Show the claws on all four feet of your cat
- Ruffle the coat on your cat’s belly to show cleanliness and good grooming

Showing your cat
- Head shape (wedge-shaped face or round face)
- Body (oriental, foreign, cobby, moderate)
- Tail or lack of tail
- Coat texture
- Show other attributes of your cat in the manner your cat’s breed, or breed resemblance, requires.

Show your cat in this order!