



CATS

Superintendent:	Lois McClelland	(810) 346-3470	
Possession Date	April 1, 2025		
Animal ID Form Due	June 4th, 2025	Fairboard Office or Sanilac4Hfair@gmail.com	
Judging	Wednesday, August 6 th 6:30 p.m.	4-H Community Building	
Project Release	Immediately following show		

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibitors may show up to 4 different cats/kittens. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per class. Exceptions are allowed in the champion classes.
- Cat may be either a purebred or household pet over 4 months of age. Pregnant or nursing cats and kittens under four months of age are ineligible to show.
- Cat Record Book must be turned into Superintendent by Monday 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
- The following vaccinations are **RECOMMENDED** on their shot records, for all cats shown at the Fair: Feline Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia, Feline *Leukemia*, and a Chlamydia psittaci. **RABIES VACCINATIONS ARE REQUIRED** per state guidelines; at least one month prior to the Fair by a licensed veterinarian. Any booster shots that fall within the month before fair must be cleared with the Superintendent. **Copy of all vaccination records must accompany Identification Form due by June 1.**
- All cats are to be brought in a well-ventilated carrier suitable for its size. One cat per carrier.
- Each exhibitor planning to show a cat/kitten is required to complete a Cat Project Record Book. All exhibitors are required to enter showmanship.
- Cats/kittens are to be shown with a collar and leash and are to be always under the control of the exhibitor. All cats must be able to be handled by the owner and the judge. All cats **MUST** have their toenails clipped.
- All animals to be shown are to be kept in the immediate area of the show, and it is recommended that they be kept in their carriers when not being shown. It is also highly recommended that exhibitors handle only their own animals and keep their animal(s) away from other animals. Female cats in season are eligible to show and should be kept in a carrier away from the show ring. Other special arrangements will be made to handle the situation.
- All members are to be dressed appropriately and have their animal(s) properly groomed and fitted. This criterion is outlined in the "Cat Fitting & Showing" book available in the 4-H office.
- PeeWee Showman may bring their own cat project. Must complete pee wee Record Book. May participate in showmanship & costume class.
- Judging criteria for cats/kittens in the breed classes will be based on the condition and beauty of the animal. Criteria may include the following:
 - ANIMAL:** Eyes clear and moist, ears free of parasites and dirt. Well-groomed shiny coat that is free of dirt, dandruff and parasites, clipped toenails. (NOTE: no penalty for declawing) appropriate weight (not too light or too heavy) and strong straight limbs.
 - EXHIBITOR:** Dresses neatly and appropriately, handles cat/kitten in proper and considerate manner and answers any questions the judge may ask pertaining to cats and their care in a courteous, friendly manner.

2800-CAT SHOWMANSHIP

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons
0004	Novice Showmanship	Ages 6-7 Years Old	Ribbons and Various Prizes
0005	Pee Wee Showmanship	Ages 5 Years Old	Ribbons and Various Prizes

2801-CATS & KITTENS

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		
1000	Female Cat	1 year or older	
1001	Male Cat	1 year or older	
1002	Female Kitten	4-12 months	
1003	Male Kitten	4-12 months	
Champion & Reserve Champion Cat		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each cat class	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
Champion & Reserve Champion Kitten		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each kitten class	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Cat/Kitten		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each champion class	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons
1100	Costume Class	8-19 years old	
1101	Cat Project Record Book	8-19 years old	Participants will learn how to care for cat, cost of feed, housing, breeds, and any other information pertaining to care of a cat
1102	Educational Exhibit	8-19 years old	Poster plus report or other display that shows knowledge gained from the study of cat and cat care