

CATS

Department 13

Check-In

Friday, 10 - 10:45 a.m., Exhibition Hall C ****2025 UPDATE****
Enter through loading dock C

Judging

Friday, 11 a.m. Conference Judging,
Exhibition Hall C ****2025 UPDATE****

Department Chairperson

Sabrina Ringquist - (608) 219-5597 (**texts preferred*)

Department Superintendents

Zelma Marohn and Mary Tygum

Eligible 4-H Project Areas

Animal Sciences - Cats

Regulations

1. ****NEW THIS YEAR**** Youth planning to show a cat(s) at the Dane County Fair will need to attend at least one educational 4-H Cat project meeting. They will then fill out a Fair Educational Card to show they attended at least one meeting and submit it through the Fair's online portal by June 15. Visit <https://www.danecountyfair.com/p/youth-exhibitors/education-requirements--opportunities/cat-department-13> for more information. Exhibitors who have not met these requirements will be ineligible to exhibit cat projects at the Fair. Questions? Contact the Fair Office at info@danecountyfair.com.
2. All Cat exhibitors **must enter through the loading dock** of the Exhibition Hall and proceed to the front of Hall D for check-in.
3. **Cats in carriers ONLY, no harnesses or leashes.** Display cages will be provided. Each exhibitor must provide litter box, litter, water bowl, water, and own bedding. Each cat will be allocated one cage space 25 1/2" long, 22" wide and 22" high. Name, address and phone number of the exhibitor must be attached to the cage.
4. Cats' claws must be trimmed/maintained.
5. Dane County Fair requires that all cats must be immunized for rabies (annual or 3-year), rhinotracheitis virus, calici virus and panleukopenia virus (FVRCP vaccine - annual or 3-year) at least three weeks prior (no later than July 1) to the fair and within the past year. Booster shots must be given at least three weeks prior to the Dane County Fair (no later than July 1). **A certificate of immunization proof is required and must be present with you at the Fair.** Any animals vaccinated within three weeks prior to the fair will be sent home. **For questions regarding health requirements, contact your veterinarian.**
6. All exhibitors must read and adhere to the Youth Animal Exhibitor Code of Practice as stated on page 13.
7. Cats displaying signs of external parasites, illness or infectious diseases will be disqualified and sent home immediately. Check your cat for ear mites and fleas prior to coming to the Fair.
8. All cats, except kittens, must be under the daily care, feeding and supervision of the exhibitor by March 1 to enter. Kittens must be at least 4 months old by Fair time and under exhibitor supervision by May 15 to enter.
9. Intact adult males and pregnant and nursing cats are not eligible for show.
10. Judging:
 - Exhibitor will present individual cat (not in cage) to judging area when called.
 - Cat: general appearance, health and condition, temperament, and grooming.
 - Showmanship: Exhibitor's presentation of knowledge of cat and cat's care.
11. All cats must be removed from the Exhibition Hall immediately following the cat show and taken home. **Do not leave cats in vehicles after the show.**

12. Cat project members are encouraged to enter under Animal Science, Department 10, Class A.
13. No Cloverbuds may participate in Department 13 Cats.

Premiums

	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Pink</u>
Class A, Lots 1 - 12	\$2.00	\$1.75	\$1.50	\$1.25
Class B	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50

Terms

Long Hair: Hair coat more than 1" in length on the tail.

Short Hair: Hair coat 1" or less in length on the tail.

CLASS A. Cat

<u>Short Hair</u>	<u>Long Hair</u>	
1)	2)	Male - altered (12-84 months)
3)	4)	Senior Male - altered (over 84 months)
5)	6)	Female - whole (12-84 months)
7)	8)	Female - altered (12-84 months)
9)	10)	Senior Female - (over 84 months)
11)	12)	Kitten (under 12 months)
13)		Cage decoration (no premiums)

CLASS B. Showmanship **NEW THIS YEAR**

Regulations

1. Exhibitors must pre-register on FairEntry to participate in Showmanship.
2. Exhibitors are eligible to exhibit one (1) cat in the showmanship class. Cats must have been entered and shown in Class A to be eligible.
3. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal.
4. Exhibitor will be expected to display his/her own knowledge of what they learned in the cat project.
5. Any exhibitor who has previously won his/her grade category may move up to the next Lot if they choose. Otherwise, exhibitors must enter in the grade appropriate for the current year.
6. The exhibitor's grade is as of January 1st of the current year.
7. Exhibitors will be judged on: exhibitor's appearance, cleanliness and grooming of the animal; presentation of animal, which includes handling, examining, and posing of animal; also questions answered by exhibitor.

Lots

- 1) Beginner Showmanship – Grades 3-6
- 2) Intermediate Showmanship – Grades 7-9
- 3) Senior Showmanship – Grades 10 and Up

Special Awards and Sponsorships

Miller & Sons Supermarket - All ribbons. Award and rosettes for champions and rosette for reserve champions in each combined lot grouping.

Best of Show - Award and rosette for overall Best of Show.