

## DEPARTMENT 450 - JUNIOR CAT

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<u>Show Information</u>	<u>Exhibit Building</u>
Cat Check In/Animal Health Inspection	Friday, August 9 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Knowledge Test	Friday August 9 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Showmanship	Friday, August 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1:00 p.m.
Judging	Friday, August 9 <sup>th</sup> , Directly After Showmanship
Cage Decorating Contest	Friday August 9 <sup>th</sup> , Directly After Judging
Cat Best Trick/Cat Costume Contest	Friday, August 9 <sup>th</sup> , Directly After Judging
Cat Awards	Friday, August 9 <sup>th</sup> , Immediately After Judging
Release/Barn Cleanup	Friday, August 9 <sup>th</sup> , Immediately After Awards

This department is subject to all BCF General Rules, General Exhibitor Rules and all Junior Exhibitor Livestock and Animal Division Rules in addition to those listed for the department.

### **GENERAL:**

1. No dogs are allowed in the cat area.
2. All cats are subject to the animal health inspection before being allowed in barn area and cages. There is no charge for health inspection.
3. Exhibitors must provide all supplies for their cats including cages and bedding. Exhibitors are responsible for caring for their own cats and/or equipment, and cleaning of their cages and surrounding areas daily.
4. No cats less than 8 weeks of age are allowed at the fair.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Members must be enrolled in the 4-H Cat Project.
2. The member must own his/her project cat individually or in partnership with immediate family members or guardians during the complete duration of the project year. No leased cats will be allowed to show at Fair. If requested the member must have proof of ownership of the cat at the time of entry and provide that to the superintendents. The member must provide the majority of care for the cat(s). If you have a kitten born after the deadline, please show proof you own the mother.
3. An acceptable record book must be done and meet all guidelines required by Boulder County for Fair qualification.
4. The exhibitor must own all cats entered in this department by the last Thursday in April of the current year.

5. All 4-H Cat ID Forms (including health certificates) are to be on 4-H Online by the last Thursday in April. Dates of approved current and effective vaccination of the cat for rabies and FVRCP (feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia/distemper) must be provided on the 4-H Cat ID Form. It is highly recommended that you have your cat(s) tested and vaccinated for Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. While this is not mandatory, it is recommended for the health of your cat. If you have a cat that has tested positive for FELV and/or FIN, please alert the show superintendent so that appropriate precautions can be taken. A rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given by a veterinarian ONLY. This vaccination must be current and include a veterinarian's signature.
6. Proof of Rabies vaccination must come from a licensed veterinarian, or the cat is not legally considered vaccinated. If the member's cat receives rabies immunizations which are given by anyone who is not a Colorado State licensed veterinarian, these immunizations will not be recognized by law should the cat bite someone.
7. It is recommended that all 4-H cats, other than pedigreed breeding animals, be neutered or spayed.
8. Cats cannot be brought into the fairgrounds unless entered and shown in respective classes. classes.

**CLASSIFICATION:**

1. This is not a sanctioned show but will be judged to CFA standards at judges' discretion.
2. Order of the judging class will be determined by the judge and posted the day of show.
3. At the decision of the superintendent, like classes (breeds) will be combined for judging, making comparable size classes. Order of the judging will be posted near the judging area.

**JUDGING:**

1. Each exhibitor is allowed a maximum of 2 cats.
2. After check-in and vet check, cats must remain in the cat area of Barn A until cleared for checkout. All cages and barn areas must be clean before obtaining approval for release from the superintendent that they can leave the building. Exhibitors found leaving early with their cats will have all premiums withheld. We will not be held responsible for any cats left after check-out. (In the event an exhibitor sells a cat, the same rules apply to the new owner, and the exhibitor will be held responsible).

**PREMIUMS:**

1. Premiums will be paid by check and/or cash and will either be available for pick up or mailed out after the fair. Superintendents have the right to use their discretion to hold or refuse prize money.

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00

**ENTRY:**

1. Enter by Department and Class Number. For example, an exhibitor wanting to enter a Domestic Short Hair they will enter department 450 class 5.

**CAT SHOWMANSHIP:** Open to youth exhibitors in department 450. Exhibitors must prepare and show their own cats. Exhibitors will be judged on their handling of the cat from its cage to the judge's table. They will also be expected to answer questions as to breed, age, type and date of immunizations, sex, and general knowledge of the cat.

**TO ENTER GO TO DEPARTMENT 1000, SHOWMANSHIP DEPARTMENT**

CLASS#

**SHOW8.** Junior Cat Showmanship

**SHOW9.** Intermediate Cat Showmanship

**SHOW10.** Senior Cat Showmanship

**CONFORMATION:** Cats are judged on physical condition, cleanliness, temperament, and presentation, not on specific breed standards (except in the purebred class). Each youth may show up to 2 cats; however, each cat can only be shown in one class. (For example, a cat shown in the purebred class cannot also be shown in the DSH class). Classes are as follows but may be further divided at the superintendent's discretion.

Class #:

4. Purebred Conformation
5. Domestic Short Hair Conformation
6. Domestic Long Hair Conformation

**CAGE DECORATING:** Members are encouraged to decorate their cat's cage. Cages will be judged by the following classes.

Class#:

7. Junior Cage Decorating
8. Intermediate Cage Decorating
9. Senior Cage Decorating

**COSTUME CONTEST:** Enter at Cat Check In (see schedule at top of department). The costume contest is open to all 4-H or FFA members. Both the Cat and Exhibitor must be dressed in costume. Keep costumes within dress code requirements that are also safe for your bird. Only one entry per member. You will be judged in your age group.

Class#

2. Junior Costume Class
3. Intermediate Costume Class
4. Senior Costume Class

**BEST TRICK:** Open to all current 4-H and FFA Cat Project members. Animals must be trained and able to participate. You may use treats as an incentive to get them to do their trick. ~~You may sign up at Cat Check In (see schedule at top of department).~~ Only one entry per member. There will be a maximum of 3 tries for their trick and if there are three refusals to do the obstacle then you must be done. You will be judged in your age group.

Class#

5. Junior Trick
6. Intermediate Trick
7. Senior Trick

## **FUN CLASSES (no premiums)**

**Knowledge Test:** Open to all current 4-H and FFA Cat Project members(With without cat ownership). A knowledge test will be created based on their age and year in the cat project. You may sign up at Cat Check In (see schedule at top of department). Only one entry per member.

**Class#**

**Cat-less Showmanship:** Open to all current 4-H and FFA Cat Project members(without cat ownership). More details will be provided closer to the show.