



NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON
FAIR

4-H Cats

FAIR DATES: August 13 – August 22, 2026

EXHIBIT DATES: August 20-22, 2026

SCHOLTEN'S
EQUIPMENT, INC.



4-H Exhibit Sponsor

4-H CATS

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Entries can be placed online until July 8.

To place an online entry, click here: <http://nwwafair.fairwire.com/>

4-H & FFA EXHIBITORS:
4-H and FFA gate passes must be purchased online by July 20
Parents of 4-H & FFA Season Pass \$30
4-H & FFA Exhibitors - \$20.00 for a 4-H/FFA Season Wristband
4-H Club Leaders & FFA Advisors will receive (1) Complimentary 4-H/FFA Season Pass

Late entries will be charged a fee of \$25.00 per head through July 12th. After July 12th late entries will not be accepted.

4-H CAT CALENDAR	
Thursday: August 20	8 a.m. Exhibits in place after Vet Checked 11 a.m. Cat Judging (Cat Barn) 2 p.m. Fitting and Showing (Small Animal Show Tent) 9 p.m. Cats released for night
Friday: August 21	11 a.m. Cat ID and First Aid Contest (Cat Barn) 1 p.m. Cat Type (Small Animal Show Tent) 9 p.m. Cats released for night
Saturday: August 22	10 a.m. Small Animal Round Robin (Small Animal Show Tent) 1 p.m. Cat Costume Contest (Small Animal Show Tent) 9 p.m. Exhibits released

Cat Department Rules

- Exhibitors must be registered in a Cat 4-H Project by June 1. Cats must be in the regular care of the 4-Her by June 14.
- Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 3 cats. Only one cat will be shown in Fitting and Showing.
- All exhibitors participating must be accompanied by an adult leader, advisor, and/or parent or guardian.
- No cats may be benched until they have passed vet inspection.
- Exhibitors must enter Herdsmanship, Fitting and Showing, and Type.
- No pregnant or nursing cats may be entered. All cats must be at least 4 months old.
- At least one attendant for every eight cats will always be on duty. The attendant must be a 4-H cat exhibitor. One adult leader, parent and/or guardian shall always be on duty. All cats will be displayed from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. No cats will be left in the benching area overnight. Cats will need to be carried in and out, no vehicles on fairgrounds.
- While on the Fairgrounds, all cats must be transported in a pet carrier, be in a suitable harness, and on a leash.
- Cages may be decorated, but cats must always be in full view.

- Exhibitor must present proof of vaccination by a licensed veterinarian. All cats must have been vaccinated against rabies with an approved vaccine within 12 months (36 months is acceptable where product label so indicates.) Cats must be vaccinated against feline panleukopenia, feline rhinotracheitis, and calici viruses within 12 months.
- Cages will be provided. Cage dimensions are 22" x 22" x 45". Owners must supply own litter, litter box, scoop, bedding, food, and dishes.
- Each exhibitor must have an educational display or promotional poster about cats to display for the public.
- Costumes should be made by exhibitors with adult "help". Store bought accessories may be added, but no store-bought full costumes.

DIVISION A - FITTING AND SHOWING

4-H exhibitors must show in Fitting and Showing to earn Department premiums.

Age as of October 1, 2025.

PREMIUMS: Blue \$20.00 Red \$15.00 White \$10.00

CLASS NUMBER

1. Novice, first year showing cats
2. Junior, 8 - 10 years of age
3. Intermediate, 11 - 13 years of age
4. Senior, 14 - 18 years of age

DIVISION B – CLOVERBUD SHOW

Cloverbuds must borrow a cat already being exhibited.

PREMIUMS: \$5.00

CLASS NUMBER

1. Cloverbud Show

DIVISION C – CAT TYPE

PREMIUMS: Blue \$6.00 Red \$5.00 White \$4.00

CLASS NUMBER

1. Purebred
2. Household Pets, shorthaired, male
3. Household Pets, shorthaired, female
4. Household Pets, longhaired, male
5. Household Pets, longhaired, female
6. Seniors, 10 years and older
7. Kittens, 4 to 8 months of age, all sexes, one class

DIVISION D – COSTUME

Age as of October 1, 2025. Cloverbuds must borrow a cat already being exhibited.

PREMIUMS: Ribbons only

CLASS NUMBER

1. Cloverbud, 5-7 years of age
2. Junior, 8 - 10 years of age
3. Intermediate, 11 - 13 years of age
4. Senior, 14 - 18 years of age

DIVISION E - JUDGING CATS

Age as of October 1, 2025.

PREMIUMS: Blue \$6.00 Red \$5.00 White \$4.00

CLASS NUMBER

1. Cloverbud, 5-7 years of age (Premium \$4.00)
2. Novice, first year judging cats for Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors
3. Junior, 8 - 10 years of age
4. Intermediate, 11 - 13 years of age
5. Senior, 14 - 18 years of age

DIVISION F - IDENTIFICATION AND FIRST AID CONTEST

Written test on your knowledge of the parts of a cat, breed of cats, equipment, general care and first aid.

PREMIUMS: Blue \$5.00 Red \$4.00 White \$2.50

CLASS NUMBER

1. Identification and First Aid Contest
2. Cloverbud (Premium \$4.00)

DIVISION G - SELF-DETERMINED CAT PROJECTS

Bring to the Cat area to be judged. Limited to one entry in each class. Any project, equipment built, sewing project, models, mounted photography, or art project associated with cats.

PREMIUMS: Blue \$6.00 Red \$5.00 White \$4.00

CLASS NUMBER

1. Projects costing over \$5.00 to make

PREMIUMS: Blue \$5.00 Red \$4.00 White \$3.00

CLASS NUMBER

2. Projects costing under \$5.00 to make

DIVISION H - HERDSMANSHIP

Judging will be done on an individual basis, based on display, educational poster, name on stall cards.

60%	Cleanliness and orderliness of cages, equipment out of sight or neatly displayed, alleyway swept and neat, and educational displays
30%	Exhibitors (youth on duty) appearance, courtesy, conduct and cooperation of job
10%	Cats always harnessed and in cages except during grooming

PREMIUMS: Blue \$4.00 Red \$3.00 White \$2.50

CLASS NUMBER

1. Herdsmanship

DIVISION I - CAGE DECORATIONS

PREMIUMS: Blue \$4.00 Red \$3.00 White \$2.50

CLASS NUMBER

1. Cage decorations

DIVISION J – 4-H IN ACTION

An hour long sharing an activity related to your cat project to the public. This needs to be separate from Herdsmanship Duty. Cloverbuds can participate. No limit to the number of 4-H in Action entries.

PREMIUM: \$4.00

CLASS NUMBERS

1. Cat Department 4-H In Action
2. Cloverbud Cat 4-H In Action

SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN CONTEST

The Champion Fit and Show exhibitor from the cat, cavy, dog, poultry, and rabbit projects compete for the best overall showing exhibitor. Contest is the 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m in the Small Animal Show Tent. One champion and four runner-up rosettes will be awarded.

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