

CLASS 9	Rat	(Minimum age 4 weeks)
CLASS 10	Hedgehog	(Minimum age 5 weeks)
CLASS 950	Parakeets and Canaries	
CLASS 960	Tropical Birds	
CLASS 970	Reptiles and Amphibians	
CLASS 980	Tropical Fish and Goldfish	
CLASS 990	Other Pets	
CLASS 11	Poster	

GENERAL RULES – CAT

- GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS
- ENTRY LIMITS** - Each exhibitor may enter no more than 4 cats in the show. Cats must be a minimum of 4 months old.
- IDENTIFICATION** - Animals must be identified on a 4-H Companion Animal Ownership/Identification Affidavit with a photograph. Affidavits must be completed and submitted to the Johnson County Extension Office by closing on May 1. Additionally, an immunization record must be submitted for each cat to the Johnson County Extension Office by closing on May 1 or they will not be allowed to show.
- PRE-ENTRY** – All cat entries, including showmanship must be entered on a Johnson County Fair Large & Small Animal Entry Form to be eligible to show at the companion animal show. This form must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office by closing on June 1.
- HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** –
 - All cats must be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, and any internal or external parasites and infectious diseases. If a cat shows the possibility of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other cats and will not be allowed to show. Cats that pose a danger to others will not be allowed to enter the building.
 - PROOF OF VACCINATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SHOW OR THE ANIMAL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW.** One of the following is required as proof of vaccination: a veterinary health certificate with a veterinarian's signature or a vaccination printout or vaccination receipt from a vet clinic.
 - Cats are required to be current on the following vaccinations: rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus. Cats must have a current feline leukemia vaccination or proof of a negative test within 180 days of the show.
 - Proof of vaccinations must be sent in with the identification affidavit and pre-entry form. Participants should have their veterinarian fill out and sign the "Nebraska State Fair Cat/Ferret Vaccination Record Form." Exhibitors will not be allowed to show without a veterinarian signed vaccination form.
 - 4-H members vaccinating their own cats must provide proof in the form of a statement from their veterinarian or by turning in the serum containers. A rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given by a licensed veterinarian only. This vaccination must be current and printed on a vet clinic report.
 - If a cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped.
 - No expectant or nursing mother cats may enter.
 - ANY CAT NOT MEETING THE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE JUDGED AND WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE SHOW.**
- SHOW PROCEDURE** –
 - Exhibitors must be present at the time of showing.
 - Animals must be housed in a cage at all times during the show unless asked to remove them by the judge.
 - Each exhibitor will be asked to give a short "showmanship" presentation on their cat. The characteristics, health, and care of the animal should be covered in the presentation. Following the presentation, exhibitors will be interviewed on their knowledge of their cat and its care.
 - The judge will evaluate the participant on the following basis (see Nebraska 4-H Companion Animal Judging Sheet (SF 73)):
 - Animal health and wellbeing 35 points
 - Cage evaluation (appropriateness of travel housing as well as description of everyday housing) 25 points
 - Overall knowledge and presentation skills 40 points
- SHOWMANSHIP** – Exhibitors will be judged on handling of cat from cage to judge's table, plus answers to questions as to breed, age, type and date of immunizations, sex, and general cat knowledge.
- CAGES & CARE** –
 - Cats will be brought to the show in a secure container, preferably a cat carrier with no more than 2 cats per container.
 - Cats will not be allowed out of the container unless held by the exhibitor.
 - The exhibitor should have on hand: food, water, litter, a comfortable cage bottom, and non-see through cage covering (2-3 bath towels or a sheet will suffice).
 - Judging criteria will be based on the animal's comfort and efficient use of the space provided. Cages will be judged for the availability of food, water, and litter as well as cage comfort, and cage covering on.
- BEST PERSONALITY AND MOST SPIRITED** - All cats will be automatically entered in these just for fun classes. A Champion and Reserve Champion Best Personality and a Champion and Reserve Champion Most Spirited will be chosen.

DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 100		CAT SHOWMANSHIP
PREMIUM	Purple \$4.00	Blue \$3.00	Red \$2.00	White \$1.00
CLASS 910	Senior Division	14 years of age and older		
CLASS 920	Intermediate Division	11 to 13 years of age		
CLASS 930	Junior Division	8 to 10 years of age		
DEPARTMENT G		DIVISION 100		COMPANION ANIMALS
PREMIUM	Purple \$4.00	Blue \$3.00	Red \$2.00	White \$1.00
CLASS 1	Cat	(Minimum 4 months of age)		

DOGS

GENERAL RULES – DOGS

- GENERAL RULES** – See GENERAL ANIMAL RULES & REQUIREMENTS
- ENTRY LIMIT** - An exhibitor may enter no more than three dogs. A dog can be entered in only one obedience class. Two dogs per exhibitor are allowed in obedience and must be in different classes. A 4-H member can be entered in only one showmanship class. For County Show – A dog may re-enter the ring with a different (family member) handler in the showmanship class.
- IDENTIFICATION** - Animals must be identified on a 4-H Companion Animal Ownership/Identification Affidavit with a photograph. Affidavits must be completed and submitted to the Johnson County Extension Office by closing on May 1. Additionally, an immunization record must be submitted for each dog to the Johnson County Extension Office by closing on May 1 or they will not be allowed to show.