



CAT SHOW TIME

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Windmill Rooms

Show Entry Time 9:30 a.m.

Cat Show 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent - Robynn Wright



FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY:

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Arapahoe County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules. Please carefully read all rules.
2. Exhibit entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits by entry deadline, Monday, June 15, 2026.
3. Late entries will be accepted up until Monday, June 22, 2026 with a late fee of \$25.00 per exhibitor. Late fees can be paid by mailing a check to:
Arapahoe County Extension Office
Attn: Fair Entry
6934 S Lima St, Suite B
Centennial, CO 80112
4. After Monday, June 22, 2026, absolutely no entries will be accepted.
5. Entry will be done online at [Arapahoecounty.Fairentry.com](https://www.arapahoecounty.com/fair-entry)
6. Permission to participate will be done electronically when entering exhibits online.
7. Please see Tabletop section for cat project tabletop exhibit requirements. Exhibitors can either do the Cat project exhibit, cat show or both.
8. 4-H cat project exhibitors are not required to participate in the Cat Show.
9. Cat Show participants must complete a Companion Animal e-Record and bring to the Cat Show



CAT ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. Cats in heat are barred from showing.
2. Cats may be purebred or household pets. They do not need to be registered or pedigreed.
3. It is recommended that all 4-H cats, other than pedigreed breeding animals, be neutered or spayed.
4. Obviously pregnant or lactating queens will not be allowed to compete in any classes at the Fair.
5. Kittens under four months old will not be allowed to show.
6. All Cats must have their front and rear claws clipped before show.
7. Cats will be examined at check in. They must be clean and in good health (clear eyes, nose, etc.) and be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, worms, other parasites, and diseases. Cats not meeting health requirements will not be judged and will be asked to leave the show immediately.



AWARDS:

1. Cage Decoration winners will receive a ribbon only.
2. Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Cat, Domestic Short Hair Cat and Domestic Long Hair Cat will receive a single strand champion purple rosette and a single strand reserve champion lavender rosette if there are three to a class.
3. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Cat showmen will receive double strand rosette ribbons.
4. Grand Champion cat will receive a double strand purple rosette and Grand Champion Award.
5. Reserve Grand Champion cat will receive a double strand lavender rosette and Reserve Grand Champion award.

**PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:**

1. Exhibitor must own cat by May 1, 2026.
2. All 4-H Cat ID forms (including health certificates, vaccination records, Veterinarian documents and 3 photos) must be current and entered into co.4-H Online by May 1. A printed copy of your online Colorado 4-H Cat ID is required for your Cat E-record.
3. 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 State 4-H Cat ID Form.
4. It is highly recommended but not mandatory that you have your cat(s) tested and vaccinated for Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency virus.
5. If you have a cat that has tested positive for FELV and/or FIN, please alert the cat show superintendent so that appropriate precautions can be taken.
6. It is federally mandated that rabies vaccinations must be given by a veterinarian ONLY. Proof of Rabies vaccination must be signed by a licensed veterinarian, or the cat is not legally considered vaccinated. These immunizations will not be recognized by law should the cat bite someone.
7. 4-H members vaccinating their own cats must provide proof by including a statement from their vet or by including the vaccination labels.
8. All vaccinations must be current and a copy of proof of all immunizations must be presented to Cat Show Superintendent on the day of show.
9. Exhibitors must own his/her project cat individually or in partnership with immediate family exhibitors or guardians during the complete project year. Leased cats are not allowed. Exhibitors must have proof of ownership at time of entry and provide it to the Superintendent.
10. Cats must be brought to the show in a travel carrier/cage with a blanket or towel in the bottom for traction for the cat. Exhibitors should also have a blanket or some sort of cloth to cover the exterior of the cage when necessary. The carrier must stay near the showing area at all times.
11. The cage should be clean and orderly at all times.
12. Members are invited to decorate their cages as well and awards will be given for decorations. (See details below)
13. Cats not entered in the county 4-H cat show are NOT permitted to be crated and kept on the fairgrounds.
14. Cats must be on a halter and leash when outside the cage. A simple, thin, nylon harness tends to work best.
15. Exhibitors must provide a litter box, litter, food and water and cage for their cat.
16. Exhibitors must prepare and show their own cat(s) during judging. Exhibitors must bring their own cat to the judging table.
17. A cat that becomes difficult to handle may be judged in the cage at the judge's discretion with a loss of 5 points in showmanship.
18. Exhibitors must bring an up to date e-record book to Cat Show Superintendent the day of cat show check-in.
19. Arapahoe County 4-H Cat Show officials and/or staff can and will dismiss any entrant or their families from the show for any mistreatment of cats entered in this show. If a question should arise as to what constitutes "mistreatment", the County 4-H staff and/or officials will meet to decide appropriate action in each case.
20. Any negative behavior on the part of the exhibitor and/or families, or leaders directed toward any show official will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.
21. The Superintendent and 4-H team members have the authority to make the final decisions.
22. During the show, all spectators including parents will remain outside the judging arena and office and not question the placing or speak to the judge.
23. If there is a question as to the rules or the judging of a class, adult family members or leaders must approach the Superintendent, not the judge. The Superintendent will then take the question to the judge if warranted.
24. See <https://co4h.colostate.edu/4h-resource/colorado-4-h-dress-code/> for Colorado State 4-H dress code.
25. 4-H youth needing additional assistance during the live show, an email must be sent to Shaylen at sflorez@arapahoegov.com
26. Showmanship Score Sheets can be found at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/4h-project/4-h-cat-project/>



SHOWMANSHIP:

Junior (8-10) Intermediate (11-13) Senior (14-18)

CLASS 207 JR: Showmanship

CLASS 208 INT: Showmanship

CLASS 209 SR: Showmanship



1. Showmanship is mandatory.
2. All 4-H cat show exhibitors are required to show one cat in showmanship.
3. Exhibitor must prepare and show own cat.
4. Exhibitors will be judged on their handling of the cat from its cage to the judge's table.
5. Exhibitor will be expected to answer questions as to breed, age, type and date of immunizations, sex and general knowledge of the cat.
6. Resources include the following 4-H manuals:
 - Jr. Purr-fect Pals
 - Intm. Purr-fect Pals and Climbing Up
 - Sr. Purr-fect Pals, Climbing Up and Leaping Forward.



CONFORMATION:

CLASS 204: Purebred Conformation, cats over 8 months of age but younger than eight years.

CLASS 205: Domestic Short Hair Conformation, cats of unknown breed over 8 months of age but younger than 8 years who are short haired.

CLASS 206: Domestic Long Hair Conformation, cats of unknown breed over 8 months of age but younger than 8 years who are long haired



1. Cats are judged on physical condition, cleanliness, temperament, and presentation, not on specific breed standards, except in the purebred class.
2. Each exhibitor may show an unlimited number of cats, however, each cat can only be shown in one class.



CAGE DECORATION

Junior (8-10) Intermediate (11-13) Senior (14-18).

CLASS 201 JR: Cage Decoration

CLASS 202 INT: Cage Decoration

CLASS 203 SR: Cage Decoration



1. Members are invited to decorate their cages.



CLOVERBUD STUFFED CAT SHOW

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Exhibition Hall – Windmill Rooms

Show Entry Times: 9:30 a.m.

CLASS 9802: Cloverbud Stuffed Cat Show



1. This show is for Cloverbud members only, ages 5 - 7.
2. Exhibit entry is required for all 4-H exhibits by entry deadline, Monday, June 15, 2026. See County Fair General Rules
3. After Monday, June 22, 2026, absolutely no entries will be accepted.
4. Cloverbuds are to bring their stuffed cat(s), cage and supplies to decorate their cage.
5. Cloverbuds will have the opportunity to participate in Showmanship and Confirmation with their stuffed cat.
6. Cloverbuds will not be allowed to handle live cats.
7. There will be a separate designated area for Cloverbuds.
8. Participation ribbons will be awarded.