

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY FAIR 2026

4-H PETS

Superintendent: Open

Exhibit Judging: Pre-Fair Event; Sunday, July 19th; 1pm; 4-H Building (consultation)

Whether you're a fish, hamster or cat lover, this project is intended for members to learn more about their household friends. You will focus on hand or aquarium pets or cats as you learn about the different species and how to keep them healthy.

Rules

1. Read General Rules. Violation of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. The purpose of this department is for youth to learn to be responsible pet owners. For this reason, the 4-Her, not the pet, will be judged. The 4-Her will be judged on how well he or she takes care of the pet and knowledge of the pet. The pet will only be judged on how well it's cared for.
3. Pets must be owned and cared for by the 4-H member by May 1. Up to two 4-Hers within a family may share an animal exhibit.
4. A total of 3 cats or kittens per 4-H member may be exhibited; only one decorated container per member.
5. 4-H members must be present to show their own pet as well as do their own decorated container. Measurements of cage used for Decorated Pet Container: 21 x 21 x 21.
6. For cats: proof of Feline Leukemia, current distemper and rabies vaccination signed by a graduate, licensed, accredited veterinarian may be requested by the superintendent before the show to be able to participate. Vaccinations need to be administered at least three weeks prior to show.
7. For exotic pets: must have a recent health certificate and may be requested by the superintendent before the show to be able to participate. Health certificates are available at the Extension Office.
8. 4-H members must provide food and water for their pets. Cat owners will provide carrier for cat during show. Hand and aquarium pet owners will provide food, water, cage, pen or aquarium for pet during show.
9. Pets including cats must come and leave the show in a closed container or on a leash.
10. Educational exhibits must be free standing, sturdy and limited to the size of a square card table. Display will be judged on: (1) educational value; (2) interest to the viewer; (3) originality; and (4) appearance. Examples of exhibits may include: careers, care of animals, species, etc. Educational Displays will be judged during the Pet Show.
11. Only one decorated container per 4-Her per pet project
12. The superintendent has the discretion to combine classes due to limited number of entries in a class

CLASSES

Cat Junior Level Ages 7-12
Cat Senior Level Ages 13-18

Pet Junior Level Ages 7-12
Pet Senior Level Ages 13-18
Decorated Container Level Ages 7-12
Decorated Container Level Ages 13-18
Educational Exhibit

Project Resources:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/pets.html>