

### **What Is The Difference Between The Cage Show and The Ring Show?**

Cats entered in the cage-only show are judged on what can be observed through the cage itself, without your cat being taken out or handled. The ring show is what you see at other cat shows, where you bring your cat to the judging area when called, a judge handles your cat to make their assessment and you carry your cat back to its cage.

### **What Cats Can Be Shown?**

Almost any cat can be shown. The minimum age is 4 months; there is no maximum. Adult (over 8 months) must be altered.

Declawed cats may be shown. Also, cats with physical handicaps, such as three legs or one eye, may be shown.

They must be healthy (up to date on all of their vaccinations and free of any parasites), bathed before the show, and groomed. Grooming includes having clean ears, eyes, and teeth, and having all nails clipped, if they are not declawed.

### **Should My Cat Be Shown?**

Is your cat in good health? A cat in poor health should not be shown in any category. Cats must be current on vaccines for rabies, panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis, and calici virus, and be tested for feline leukemia. All claws must be clipped, front and back. Cats should be free of all mites, worms, fleas, ticks, and other parasites. Cats who have an infectious disease within three weeks of the show should not be shown. Be aware that proof of vaccinations is required at check-in (see the Health Certificate).

Good condition is important, too. The cat should have firm muscle tone and not be flabby and overweight. The fur should be shiny, with no bald spots (unless, of course, you're showing a Sphynx, which is supposed to be hairless!). Oriental breeds should be lean and firm, but not starved. The cat should glow with good health and vitality.

Is it reasonably willing to be handled by strangers? Sometimes you will not be able to tell this until you've shown the cat; a cat that is fearless and friendly at home may turn out to be very different in a show hall. Give your cat time to adjust, and pamper the cat at the show. Some cats may need a few experiences to get their "show feet." Some may never adapt. Some take to it like they were born for the experience. If your cat tends to be friendly, you will probably do well in either the ring show or the cage-only show. However, an occasional lover turns to a tiger in the show ring, so if you are concerned, try the cage-only show this year and build up to the ring.

Basically, if your cat's in good health - why not give it a try?

**The Entry Form**

With a household pet there may be blanks on the form that you will be unable to fill in - don't worry about it. You probably will not know the correct birth date, but you can usually give an estimate. To determine if it's a longhair or shorthair, we suggest you look at the fur on the tail - a minimum of 1 1/2 inches and fluffy are usually a longhair. For kittens, a smooth, shiny coat means short hair and a dull, fluffy coat means longhair – kittens take a while to get their full coats of course. The cat's color doesn't really matter - if you don't know the correct name for your cat's color, do your best to describe it. For example, black and white spots, or orange and black intermingled with white bib and feet, or gray and black stripes.

**How Can I Learn More About Preparing My Cat and Myself For The Show?**

Have your cat care project leader or club leader contact the Cat Show Committee by email – [info@sgv4hfair.com](mailto:info@sgv4hfair.com) - or by phone – 310/837-8224. They have put together a packet of information covering preparing and training your cat to be shown, what to bring with you on show day and what to expect at the show from check-in to the ring to closing.

**SGV 4-H Fair Cat Show and Exhibition Entry Form**

Fill Out One Form For **Each** Entry    Entry Fee - \$1.50 per entry

For Entry Clerk Usage  
 Bench: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health Check: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area Cleared: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ring Show Entries**

Name of Cat: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cat's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_                      Cat's Gender:  Male  Female  Altered  
 Breed: \_\_\_\_\_                                      Short/Long Hair: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coat Color(s): \_\_\_\_\_                              Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Category Entering:  Ring Kitten     Ring Adult  
*The same cat may be entered in both the cage-only and the ring show, just use two entry forms.*

**Exhibition and Display Entries**

Name of Display/Exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brief Description of Display/Exhibit (35 characters or less): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Exhibitor Information**

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_                              Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exhibitor Level:  Primary     Junior     Intermediate     Senior  
 Club: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Member's Signature and Date                              Project/Club Leader's Signature and Date

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 Member's Address                                      City                              Zip                              Phone With Area Code

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 Parent/Guardian Signature and Date