

2024 TRUMBULL JUNIOR FAIR CAT RULES

Categories & age groups are flexible, depending on the enrollment of members.

Junior (ages 8 -10), Intermediate (ages 11 -14), Senior (ages 15-18)

- There will be a panel of 2 to 4 judges for project judging as well as for the Cat Show.
- Members must successfully complete project judging with a passing grade to exhibit at fair..
- There will be multiple judging groups and questions selected for each age group, with trophies for the top 3 places in each group. After the initial judging, announcement of placings and trophies, the Top 2 places in each age group will then compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. There will not be a repeat of Grand Champion two years in a row.
- No professional grooming after June 1st -- prior to fair.
- If an exhibitor brings their cat to the fair, he/she must exhibit that animal and must be judged.
- Only one cat per exhibitor. Each member has to provide a cage for their own cat. Each cat must have their own cage. Each cage must have separate levels, one for food and a separate one for litter box. Also, each cage must have an area where the cat can relax and "hide" out of view.
- Each member is responsible for material and the making of a cat cage. This could include blocks, boards, etc. Cage must be sturdy, clean and safe. Cage MUST have a solid bottom. Cage size must not exceed: 30 inches wide x 48 inches deep. The front and back width maximum is 30 inches; the length maximum is 48 inches. There is no limit in height. However, the exhibitor must be able to get their cat out of the cage.
- For the safety of the cats, the cages must have locks on all doors. There also must be an extra set of keys in the area where the cats are housed. Cat Chair Advisor will determine where the extra keys are to be kept and will give this information prior to

the start of fair. ***You are NOT to leave your cat if you have not provided a key to the advisors.**

- Cats must be in place by 8pm on the Monday prior to the start of the fair.
- The cat must stay at the fair the entire time. (A cat can be released early only under specific circumstances and/or with a veterinarian's excuse. There must also be review and approval by the Sr. and Jr. Fair Boards.)
- Advisors have the authority to recommend a cat be sent home due to illness.
- All cats must have a harness and leash on when taken out of their cage and **MUST** be removed when returning cat to their cage. *Cats are **NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE SALE BARN.**
- Cages must be cleaned DAILY by the 4H member and your cat checked on by 9am everyday. If a 4H member cannot, they shall designate another 4H member to do so.
- The cat must be at least 6 months old by the start of the fair. Shots required: 3 in 1, rabies, and leukemia. Shots should be given at least 21 days before the fair. Records to be given to the advisors prior to the start of the fair.