

AWARDS

All participants will receive awards, **based half on in-ring judging and half on judging by a panel of "secret" judges**, who will observe participants throughout the day and rank them based on the following formula:

- 20 points - How they treat/relate to their cat
 - 20 points - Sportsmanship
 - 30 points - Courtesy/helpfulness to other exhibitors/spectators
 - 10 points - Neatness of benching area
 - 20 points - General attitude
- 100 points - TOTAL For Secret Judges**

In-ring judging is based on:

- 25 points - Exhibitor's presentation of cat, including: (5 points each) picking up cat, showing head, showing body, showing tail, exhibiting control of cat
 - 20 points - Examination by exhibitor - The exhibitor checks: (2 points each): both eyes, both ears, nose, mouth, teeth, gums, nails, skin, coat, general body condition
 - 20 points - Grooming Examination by Judge: (2 Points each): eyes, ears, nose, mouth, teeth, gums, nails, skin, coat, general body condition
 - 20 points - Interview of Exhibitor about general knowledge of cats including: (5 Points each): cat health (prevention of disease, cleanliness, vaccinations, safety, basic anatomy, etc.), emotional welfare of cat (socialization, play, comfort, relationship to humans, discipline, etc.), grooming, nutrition
 - 15 points - Exhibitor's: (5 points each): appearance, attitude, sportsmanship
- 100 points - TOTAL For In-Ring Judging**

200 TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE

Remember, you must enter your cat by *ENTRY DEADLINE HERE*.

Entry forms and details are available at:

<http://home.comcast.net/~bigsioux/>

You will receive a written confirmation of your entry by DATE HERE. If not, please contact our Entry Clerk:

ENTRY CLERK NAME HERE

ADDRESS HERE

CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE HERE

Phone: *NUMBER HERE*

Email: *ADDRESS HERE*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You may enter showmanship only OR showmanship, plus participate in the other judging classes. If you aren't familiar with the qualifications for the other classes, or have other questions, please contact:

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Junior ACFA Program Chair

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FOR OTHER INFORMATION

Go to the American Cat Fanciers Association (ACFA) Web site at:
www.acfacat.com

Two brochures explaining how cat shows work are located at the Web site. They are:

***So You Want To Show Your Cat
The Cat Show***

**Presenting
Junior ACFA's
Showmanship
Program**

**Sponsored By
NAME OF CLUB
Cat Club
DATE
PLACE
CITY, STATE**

Guidelines to participating in the junior showmanship contest

SCHEDULE

7:30-8:30 am Check-in and set-up. Parents are allowed to help you set up. **Cats MUST be in carriers. See enclosed list of suggested items to bring along.**

8:30 am Exhibitor meeting at the judging ring. All showmanship exhibitors should attend this meeting to go over the rules. **Parents are encouraged to attend.**

9:00 am Cat show officially begins. PARENTS ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED IN THE BENCHING AREA. Exhibitors must be able to groom and present their cats on their own. Parents may stay in the show hall, but can not enter the benching area.

1:00 pm Showmanship Judging Anyone in the show hall may watch.

4:00 pm Awards Presentation

4:30 pm Official release of entries

NOTE: Because part of the judging is how the participant relates to the cat, grooms, keeps benching area neat, etc., parents will NOT be allowed in the benching area once setup is complete. **Parents are welcome in the show hall and participants are allowed to go ask questions, etc.** There will be an adult assigned to the showmanship program to supervise activities and help with any emergencies.

If parents intend to leave the show hall, they should provide the participant with lunch money. Participants are expected to remain in the show hall and adjacent lobby area throughout the day.

If a parent is also an exhibitor, they should bring enough supplies that the showmanship contestant can set up his/her own benching area.

JUNIOR ACFA

The American Cat Fanciers Association (ACFA) presents Junior ACFA, a group for children and youth up to age 18 who love cats, desire to learn more about cats, and want to participate in the sport of showing cats. Some Junior ACFA members are already active cat breeders and exhibitors at ACFA cat shows; many have become involved as a family hobby; some are affiliated with cat clubs from other youth organizations such as 4-H and Scouts. Junior ACFA members are full of energy and enthusiasm, have many fun ideas; and have a great time making new friends as they learn more about cats.

Junior ACFA members have many opportunities to develop positive character traits such as kindness, fairness, caring, citizenship, trustworthiness, responsibility, and respect; as well as leadership and communications skills while learning about and participating in showmanship, cat grooming, feline health care, and sportsmanship. Junior ACFA members are the leaders of tomorrow, in the Cat Fancy and beyond.

For membership and other information about Junior ACFA, contact:

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TYPICAL SUPPLIES TO TAKE:

Food & Litter:

Food & Water Dishes
Food (dry, canned & treats)
Catnip
Litter Box

Cage Curtains/Coverings:

Top, Bottom, Sides
Cage Clips, Safety Pins,
Cat Beds

Cage Decorations:

Photos
Cattery Nameplate
Breed Info/Displays

Grooming:

Comb
Q-Tips
Scissors
Nail Clippers
Face Cloth
Coat Gloss or Anti-Static Mixture
Lint Brush
Grooming Stand

Paperwork:

Pen
Registration Papers
Confirmation Forms
Health Papers
Directions to Show, Hotel

In case of emergency:

Shampoo
Blowdryer
Deodorizer
Disinfectant
Towels

A cage will be provided. **You are expected to bring something to cover the sides, back and top of the cage, which is 22"X22"X45" long.** Towels or sheets are helpful to cover the cage, or you can make coverings. Your cat will probably enjoy having a bed, towel or something comfortable inside the cage on which to sleep.

REMEMBER A LITTER BOX!