

SPRING YOUTH FAIR
May 1-3, 2026
Southwest Washington Fairgrounds
Chehalis-Centralia
ALL EXHIBITS OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AGES 5-18

CAT DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

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CAGE DECORATING THEME: Red, White, and Mew! (Decorate your cage for the USA and get ready to celebrate our country's 250th birthday. Patriotic colors, national landmarks, or patriotic symbols are some ideas to get you started.)

Spring Youth Fair Website: www.springyouthfair.org

Cat Schedule of Events

FRIDAY:

6-8 p.m. Exhibitors may decorate cages & set up displays (no cats)

SATURDAY:

8:45 - 9:30 am Check in; cat health & vaccination record check

9:00-10:00 am Final Set-up of cage decorations/displays

10:00 am Exhibitor's meeting

10:30 am - 12:30 pm Fitting and Showing Clinic

12:30-2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Intro to the Judging Contest Clinic

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Cat Judging Contest

5:00 p.m. Cat Costume Contest

6:00 pm Cats Dismissed

SUNDAY:

9:00-10:00 a.m.	Cats arrive and must be in place by 10:00 a.m.
10:30 am	Cat Fitting and Showing followed by Type and Feline Good Citizen Contest
4:30 p.m.	Cat Awards (Judging Contest, Ed. Displays, Cat Cage)
5:00 p.m.	Cats Released

Entry Fees:

Register by April 15th—\$15.00 for both days for 1 cat/+\$5.00 for 2nd cat

After April 15th—\$20.00 for 1 cat/+\$10.00 for 2nd cat

No entries will be accepted after April 25. No day-of-show entries.

\$5 for judging contest only (for exhibitors without a cat)

All cat entries will be through the Showman App.

RULES/SHOW INFORMATION:

1. Exhibitors may enter up to two cats. Please let the superintendent know if you need separate cages. Only one cat can be entered in Fitting and Showing.
2. Vaccination Certificates are required at check-in. A current Rabies shot by licensed vet is required. FVRCP & Feline Leukemia vaccinations are strongly recommended. The signature of the licensed vet must be on the vet papers.
3. Please use a cat carrier to transport your cat on and off the fairgrounds.
4. No pregnant or nursing cats allowed.
5. Cats must be a minimum of four months of age to show.
6. Kittens are 4 months to 8 months of age. Adults are 9 months through 9 years of age. Senior cats are 10 years of age and over.
7. All cats must arrive at the show clean, groomed, healthy, free of parasites, and have clipped claws. Grooming touch-ups may be done before judging.
8. ALL CATS MUST BE ON HARNESS AND LEASH AT ALL TIMES. An "H" style harness is recommended.

9. A limited number of full cages (size 21" W x 21" H x 45" L) will be provided. The top, sides, bottom, and back of the cage must be covered (sheet, fabric, poster board, etc.). Please let the superintendent know if you will bring your own cage.
10. Cage decorations and cat costumes must be made by the exhibitor. Store-bought accessories may be used, but preference will be given to homemade items that show creativity and craftsmanship.
11. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to care for their own cats or to see that someone is on duty at all times when cats are on display.
12. All cats are entered at the owner's risk. The show committee, Spring Youth Fair, or Southwest Washington Fairgrounds will not be held responsible for injury or loss of exhibits or exhibitors.
13. Class times are subject to change. Please check in with the superintendent for changes or adjustments to the show schedule.
14. Anyone under the age of 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult (parent, 4-H Leader, etc.)
15. Ribbons: Entries will be judged and awarded ribbon placings on the Danish System.
16. Fitting and Showing will be judged on the Washington State 4-H Fitting and Showing procedures: <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/cat-fitting-and-showmanship>
17. It is recommended that all exhibitors make an educational display/poster to go with their cat cage. Let's fill our cat barn with lots of information about cats. These will be judged and awards will be given.

BRING TO THE FAIR: Proof of vaccination for rabies and respiratory diseases. You also need to bring food and water dishes, litter & litter box, cat bed, harness & leash, and cat crate. You will need something to cover the top, sides, bottom, and back of the cage even if you are not participating in the cage decorating contest.

CAT CLASSES

1. Fitting and Showing
 - a. Pre-Junior
 - b. Junior
 - c. Intermediate
 - d. Senior
2. Type (Cat)
 - a. Household Pet – Shorthair (Kitten, Adult, Senior)
 - b. Household Pet – Longhair (Kitten, Adult, Senior)
 - c. Purebred (Kitten, Adult, Senior)

3. Costume Contest
 - a. Pre-Junior
 - b. Junior
 - c. Intermediate
 - d. Senior

4. Decorated Cage
 - a. Pre-Junior
 - b. Junior
 - c. Intermediate
 - d. Senior

5. Judging Contest
 - a. Pre-Junior
 - b. Junior
 - c. Intermediate
 - d. Senior

6. Feline Good Citizen Contest
 - a. Pre-Junior
 - b. Junior
 - c. Intermediate
 - d. Senior

7. Educational Display/Poster
 - a. Pre-Junior
 - b. Junior
 - c. Intermediate
 - d. Senior

Age Divisions (based on age on January 1 of current year):

Pre-Junior: 5-7 years

Junior: 8-10 years

Intermediate: 11-13 years

Senior: 14-18 years