

2026 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)*

- All Cats to be exhibited must be registered by April 1. Registrations are to be confirmed on the day of skill a thon.
- 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 the fair. *Please see Show Rules
- 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.*
- 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, and this cannot just be the litterbox area.
- Each member is responsible for material and the making of a cat cage. This could include blocks, boards, etc. The 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 in and out of the cage.

- Cats must be in place by 8pm on the Monday prior to the start of the fair. The cat must be at least 6 months old by the start of the fair. Shots required: 3 in 1, rabies and leukemia. Shots **MUST** be given at least 21 days before the fair. **Paper Records** are to be given to the advisors ***prior*** to bringing the cat on the fairgrounds, ***NO EXCEPTIONS***
- All cats must have a harness and leash on when taken out of their cage and **MUST** be removed when returned 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 stay at the fair the entire time. However, Advisors have the authority to recommend a cat be sent home due to illness. (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.)