

- 91710 - Dressage Training Level - Test III, W/T/C, exhibitors All Ages
 91711 - Musical Freestyle, exhibitors All Ages
 91712 - Western Intro, Test I, W/T, exhibitors All Ages
 91713 - Western Intro, Test II, W/T exhibitors All Ages
 91714 - Western Basic, Test I, W/T/C, exhibitors All Ages
 91715 - Western Basic - Test II, W/T/C, exhibitors All Ages

Section U - Reining
(Placing premium table = 102)

- Pattern 1 will be used for odd years, pattern 2 will be used for even years. Patterns available in the Horse Project rule book: www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony

Class

91801 - Reining Pattern, exhibitors All Ages

Section V - Horse Judging
(A, B, C premium table = 2)

Educational Objective: To show knowledge gained throughout Horse Judging this year.

- Exhibit poster (11" x 14") that illustrates what has been learned about a single aspect of horse judging.

Class

91901 - Horse Judging, exhibitors 8-11 years old.
 91902 - Best Exhibit in class 91901. (R)
 91903 - Horse Judging, exhibitors 12-14 years old.
 91904 - Best Exhibit in class 91903. (R)
 91905 - Horse Judging, exhibitors 15-19 years old.
 91906 - Best Exhibit in class 91905. (R)

Department 22 - Cats & Dogs

Cats and Cat Care
Sandy Summey, Superintendent

General Rules and Information

- A cat is a feline over one year of age as of the show date. A kitten is any feline four months to one year of age as of the show date.
- Pregnant cats and kittens less than four months of age are ineligible to show.
- Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter an exhibit in this species department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
- For sections D & E exhibitor is NOT required to exhibit a feline for show.

Health Requirements

- Felines with infectious, contagious or toxicological disease may not be brought to the 4-H Cat Show (see leaders to learn requirements for receiving a "complete" for the project).
- The exhibitor is responsible for documenting to their cat leaders that their feline(s) have received the required vaccinations:
 - Cats and Kittens: 3-in-1 vaccination and/or booster within past three years and receive their rabies booster within 12 months of the show or document

from the veterinarian that the cat has received a three-year rabies vaccination within three years of the show date. Feline panleukopenia (distemper), rhinotracheitis and calci vaccinations (3-in-1) and booster 3 in 1 prior to the show.

- If a licensed veterinarian did not administer vaccinations, the exhibitor must complete the 4-H Feline Vaccination Verification Form and submit it to their cat leader.

Fair Rules and Information

- Feline must be brought to the fair in a well-ventilated carrier suitable for its size.
- All cats must be removed from the fairgrounds upon completion of judging.
- All cats must have their toenails clipped.
- First-year exhibitors may show only one feline.
- Second-year exhibitors may show one or two different felines. One entry per class.
- Third-year and more advanced exhibitors may show up to four different felines. One entry per class.
- The 4-H Cat Show date: **Thursday, September 11, 2025**, 6:00 p.m. in the Henningsen Show Arena, registration is 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- Cat must be shown with collar/harness and leash, and must be under the control of the exhibitor at all times.
- Cat judging criteria:
 - Animal:** Eyes clear and moist; ears free of parasites and dirt; well groomed; shiny coat that is free of dirt, dandruff and parasites; clipped nails; strong straight limbs; appropriate weight. No penalty for de-clawing.
 - Exhibitor:** Handles feline in proper, considerate manner.
- Reference materials available for download at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project

Section A - Cat Fitting & Showmanship
(Placing premium table = 102)

Class

- 601 - Senior Showmanship, exhibitors 15-19 or 3rd year exhibitor and up. (TR)
 602 - Intermediate Showmanship, exhibitors 12-14 or 2nd year exhibitors ages 13-19. (TR)
 603 - Junior Showmanship, exhibitors 8-11 or 1st year exhibitors ages 8-12. (TR)
 604 - Super Showmanship: All previous years' class winners from classes 600 and 601 are eligible to compete. **Pre-registration is required.** (TR)

Section B - Household/Purebred Cats and Kittens
(A, B, C premium table = 2)

Class

- 605 - Longhair Female Cat.
 606 - Shorthair Female Cat.
 607 - Champion Female. (PR)
 608 - Reserve Champion Female. (R)
 609 - Longhair Male Cat.
 610 - Shorthair Male Cat.
 611 - Champion Male. (PR)
 612 - Reserve Champion Male. (R)
 613 - Male/Female Kitten.
 614 - Champion Kitten. (PR)
 615 - Reserve Champion Kitten. (R)
 616 - Purebred Cat/Kitten.
 617 - Champion Purebred. (PR)
 618 - Reserve Champion Purebred. (R)

- 619 - Grand Champion. (PR)
 620 - Reserve Grand Champion. (PR)

Section C - Outstanding Feline Personality

1. Awarded to any cat or kitten entered into the show.
2. This award recognizes a feline for its outstanding behavior and personality.

Class

- 621 - "Feline Personality Award". To be awarded to the feline with the best feline personality. (P)

Section D - Cat Husbandry (A, B, C premium table = 2)

Educational Objective: To show knowledge gained throughout Cat Husbandry Project year.

1. Exhibitors should show knowledge gained from the study of cats and cat care, and should consist of a 3-ring binder notebook.
2. To obtain a copy of the "4-H Cat Husbandry Guidelines" requirements for each year in the project visit www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project
3. Judging will take place at the Cat Show on **Thursday, September 11, 2025.**

Class

- 622 - Level I
 623 - Best-of-Show in class 622 (TR)
 624 - Level II
 625 - Best-of-Show in class 624 (TR)
 626 - Level III
 627 - Best-of-Show in class 626 (TR)
 628 - Level IV
 629 - Best-of-Show in class 628 (TR)
 630 - Level V
 631 - Best-of-Show in class 630 (TR)
 632 - Level VI
 633 - Best-of-Show in class 632 (TR)

Section E - Cage Decorating & Cat Craft (A, B, C premium table = 2)

Educational Objective: To show creativity and original work encompassing a central theme for your cage or Cat Craft.

1. The exhibitor has the choice of either decorating one of the 4-H cat "holding cages" provided at fair (cage dimensions are 18" high, 24" long, and 24" wide) or his/her own cat carrying or show cage or crate.
2. No costumes on cats/kittens.
3. Decorations must cover the back and sides of the cage. The front of the cage may be covered but the door must be accessible and visible. Coverage on top of cage is optional. A blanket, cushion, etc. should be placed inside the cage for the feline to rest on.
4. Judging to be based on originality and neatness.
5. The exhibitor must change the theme for cage decorating each year.
6. All cat crafts and decorated cat cages will be kept and displayed during fair week.
7. Judging will take place at the Cat Show on **Thursday, September 11, 2025.**

Class

- 634 - Decorated cage
 635 - Best-of-Show in class 633 (TR)
 636 - Creative Cat Craft. (No premium)
 637 - Best-of-Show in class 635 (TR)

Dog Care and Training Katy Myers, Superintendent

General Rules and Information

1. The exhibitor must have access to the project dog on or before May 1 of the current project year.
2. The exhibitor must train the dog from May 1 through the fair.
3. 50% participation in meetings/workouts is **required** to be eligible for exhibition at the fair.
4. Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter an exhibit in this species department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
5. Dog must be trained in a St. Joseph County, Michigan 4-H dog club and attend at least one-half of the meetings/workouts offered by the dog club they are enrolled in, of the current year, unless pre-approved by the Dog Superintendent.
6. Each project animal will be judged on whether it has been properly conditioned, groomed and fit for show in any and all 4-H dog classes.
7. Exhibitors may exhibit no more than two dogs per class. The exhibitor must be prepared to complete the sits and downs in either a separate class or both dogs at the same time. If both dogs are in the same class handler must show both dogs with no handler assistance.
8. The judge's decision is final.

Health Requirements

9. The exhibitor must present his/her 4-H dog club organizational leader with documentation that his/her project dog has current license and required vaccinations, documented with the St. Joseph County Canine Immunization and License Form. The club organizational leader is responsible for providing all completed forms to the Superintendent by June 1 of the current project year.

Fair Rules and Information

10. Each exhibitor is required to participate in the dog project skill-a-thon on **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**, (see section P).
11. **Registration for ALL show classes will be Saturday, September 13, 2025, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. in the Henningsen Show Arena.** Project dogs will be brought into the show arena, shown, and taken home following the show.
12. Cloverbuds, Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, Agility, Grooming Inspections, Exhibitor Interviews, and presentation of Husbandry Notebooks will take place on **Saturday, September 13, 2025, starting at 8:30 a.m.**
13. All dogs exhibited at the fair must be kept on a leash when not being shown in the ring.
14. Exhibitors may use "slip" collars when exhibiting in 4-H dog obedience and/or rally classes at fair. No pinch collars, "halties" or other similar type of collars allowed. "Gentle" leaders may be used in the beginner Novice class and/or the Pre Novice-A classes. In Pre-Novice classes, leashes must be 6-foot long. In all other Obedience and/or Rally classes the leash need only be long enough to provide adequate slack for heeling in

Obedience and to perform all Rally exercises. For Agility, see Agility guidelines.

15. **No outside the ring coaching allowed.** If coaching is observed, the judge can and will deduct points at their discretion.
16. Any dog showing excessive aggression as determined by show officials is to be reported to the Superintendent. Members may be asked to remove the dog from the show area and may be told the dog cannot be shown.
17. If an exhibitor's female dog is "in season" the day of the show, the following rules apply:
 - a. Exhibitors must notify 4-H Dog Project Superintendent at least ½ hour prior to the start of the show that the dog is in season.
 - b. Exhibitors must keep the dog outside the show arena building until called by the ring steward to show in a given class. The dog must then be taken back outside the building until called for the next class. Dogs must be shown in one of the show rings inside the show arena.
 - c. Obedience class competition will be done on an individual basis after all other obedience classes have been completed, regardless of where obedience class in question is in "order of show".
 - d. If a given showmanship class line-up includes an "in season" female, the class will not be held until all obedience classes in the show have been completed. Therefore, the Dog Project Superintendent under this circumstance may change the published order of showmanship classes.
18. In obedience classes, if exhibitor's dog received less than 50% on the total score, he/she may remain in the same class the following year. **Exception:** If class has "A" and "B" divisions, exhibitor must advance to "B" division. Total years in class not to exceed 2 consecutive years. (i.e., One year in "A" and one year in "B" **or** two years in "B".) If they received less than 50% on three or more exercises, they do not qualify for a trophy and/or award. In Rally classes if a dog fails three (3) or more stations they do not qualify for a trophy and/or award.
19. In Obedience, Agility, and Rally classes the exhibitor must show his/her dog at the next highest level at which the dog/dogs have received a qualifying score in any 4-H or non-4-H show.
20. In obedience classes, once a dog has advanced to the next higher-class level, it may not be dropped back to a lower-class level to show except if a new member is showing the dog, it may drop back multiple classes with approval of superintendent.
21. In any dog project classes, exhibitor must have an "A" rating in order to qualify for any trophy and/or award.
22. Each dog entered in any class of the Dog Project, must be judged on grooming on Saturday, September 13, 2025 in the Henningsen Show Arena as part of the scoring process. Any dog not judged on grooming will result in not being eligible to participate in the 4-H Dog Show for the current year.

Section F - Dog Fitting & Showmanship (Placing premium table = 102)

1. Classes may be divided at the discretion of Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.
2. Exhibitors must show their own project animal.
3. All rules listed above apply to Dog Fitting & Showmanship.
4. Show lead with attached chain is **not** allowed.

5. To obtain a copy of the "Dog Project Dress Code" for information on dress code requirements for this section go to www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project.

Class

- 701 - Dog Fitting & Showmanship, exhibitors 15-19 (TR)
- 702 - Dog Fitting & Showmanship, exhibitors 13-14 (TR)
- 703 - Dog Fitting & Showmanship, exhibitors 11-12 (TR)
- 704 - Dog Fitting & Showmanship, exhibitors 8-10 (TR)
- 705 - Top Dog Showman - Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 700 - 703. (Special T & R, U.S. Savings Bond)

Section G - Dog Obedience (Placing premium table = 102)

1. See St. Joseph County **4-H Dog Obedience Project Guidelines** (available on the 4-H webpage at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project for specific requirements for each class of the Dog Obedience Project.
2. Given dog and/or handler may only exhibit in "A" level classes one time.
3. A given dog may only be exhibited in "B" level classes one time unless the dog starts at the "B" level, and it had a non-qualifying score the first time it was exhibited at the "B" level.
4. The exhibitors 4-H Dog Project Leader, based on the observation of the exhibitor and their dog, determine eligibility for all obedience classes.

Class

- 706 - Pre-Novice A
- 707 - Pre-Novice B
- 708 - Best of Show Class 708 & 709 (R)
- 709 - Beginner Novice A (on leash), exhibitors 8-12 years old
- 710 - Beginner Novice A (on leash), exhibitors 13-19 years old
- 711 - Best of Show in classes 709 and 710 (R)
- 712 - Beginner Novice B, exhibitors 8-12 years old
- 713 - Beginner Novice B, exhibitors 13-19 years old
- 714 - Best of Show in classes 712 and 713 (R)
- 715 - Beginner Overall Champion (TR)
- 716 - Novice A
- 717 - Novice B
- 718 - Best of Show in classes 716 and 717 (R)
- 719 - Graduate Novice A
- 720 - Graduate Novice B
- 721 - Best of Show in classes 719 and 720 (R)
- 722 - Intermediate Overall Champion (PR)
- 723 - Advanced Graduate Novice A
- 724 - Advanced Graduate Novice B
- 725 - Best of Show in classes 723 and 724 (R)
- 726 - Open A
- 727 - Open B
- 728 - Best of Show in classes 726 and 727 (R)
- 729 - Pre-Utility A
- 730 - Pre-Utility B
- 731 - Best of Show classes 729 and 730 (R)
- 732 - Utility A
- 733 - Utility B
- 734 - Best of Show in classes 732 and 733 (R)
- 735 - Advanced Overall Champion (PR)

Section H - Dog Husbandry
(A, B, C premium table = 2)

Educational Objective: To show knowledge gained throughout Dog Project year.

1. See St. Joseph County **4-H Dog Husbandry Project Guidelines** for specific notebook requirements for each year of the Dog Husbandry Project at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project.
2. 3-ring binder notebook must be added to each year and must be divided by year.
3. Dog Husbandry project evaluations will take place in the Henningsen Show Arena **Saturday, September 13, 2025**. Notebooks and posters will be left with the Dog Superintendent. Results of the judging of the notebooks and posters will be available in the still exhibit barns throughout the week.

Class

- 736 - 1st-Year. See Rule 1
737 - Best Exhibit in class 736 **(R)**
738 - 2nd-Year. See Rule 1
739 - Best Exhibit in class 738 **(R)**
740 - 3rd-Year. See Rule 1
741 - Best Exhibit in class 740 **(R)**
742 - 4th-Year. See Rule 1
743 - Best Exhibit in class 742 **(R)**
744 - Best of Show in Beginner Division in classes 737, 739, 741, & 743 **(TR)**
745 - 5th-Year. See Rule 1
746 - Best Exhibit in class 745 **(R)**
747 - 6th-Year. See Rule 1
748 - Best Exhibit in class 747 **(R)**
749 - 7th-Year. See Rule 1
750 - Best Exhibit in class 749 **(R)**
751 - 8th-Year. See Rule 1
752 - Best Exhibit in class 751 **(R)**
753 - Best of Show in Intermediate Division in classes 746, 748, 750, & 752 **(TR)**
754 - 9th-Year. See Rule 1
755 - 10th-Year. See Rule 1
756 - Best Exhibit in classes 754 and 755 **(R)**
757 - 11th-Year. See Rule 1
758 - Best Exhibit in class 757 **(R)**
759 - Best of Show in Advance Division in classes 756 & 758 **(PR)**

Section J - 4-H Leader/Service Dog Puppies
(A, B, C premium table = 2)

Class

- 760 - Performance trial appropriate for type of service dog.

Section K - 4-H Leader/Service Dog
"Puppy Program" Educational Exhibit
(A, B, C premium table = 2)

Class

- 761 - 3-ring binder notebook and 11" wide and 14" tall poster showing knowledge gained from study of a specific service dog puppy-training program. Notebook should contain information on the history of the service dog program in question, plus information on obtaining, socializing and training a puppy. The exhibitor must report on a different program each year.

762 - Best Exhibit in class 761. **(R)**

Section L - Specialty Classes
(A, B, C premium table = 6)

1. The team is composed of four dogs and handlers, with each dog showing at Novice level or higher in the obedience classes at the current year's fair. All exercises will be executed at the same time except the "recall".
2. The team may be composed of exhibitors from more than one club.
3. Each team member must make an entry in the Team class.
4. Each team class member will receive an A, B or C premium according to the team A, B or C rating.
5. Each member of the 1st place team will receive an award.
6. Brace is composed of two dogs coupled or uncoupled, handled by one handler during Novice exercises. Dogs must be novice level or higher (no Pre-novice).

Class

- 763 - Team (See rules 1 - 4).
764 - Champion in Class 763. **(Special TR)**
765 - Brace (See rule 1 and 6).
766 - Champion in Class 765. **(PR)**
767 - Veteran's Class - obedience class for dogs seven years old or older by January 1 of current year. Exercises to be performed and judged at the Novice level. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in any class in Sections G or M. Dogs can be shown in any other class at highest level the handler and/or dog is qualified for. Documentation of dog's age must be provided to dog project leader.
768 - Champion in Class 767. **(PR)**

Section M - Agility
(Placing premium table = 102)

1. 4-H Dog Project Leader(s) determine eligibility. First year exhibitors and/or dogs must complete and show a pre-novice obedience class in order to be eligible for agility class(es).
2. Dogs over seven (7) years old must have a signed veterinarian approval turned in to the club organizational leader by July 1, 2025.
3. Agility competitors must attend 50% of available agility sessions offered before the fair.
4. **Agility Levels/Classes:** There are four levels of competition within the St. Joseph County 4-H Agility Program: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Graduate. Each level is further divided into class "A" and "B". "A" is for handlers and/or dogs that will be competing at a given agility level for the first time. "B" is for handlers and/or dogs that have competed previously in the "A" class of the agility level.
5. A given dog and/or handler may only exhibit in "A" level classes one time.
6. A given dog may only exhibit in "B" level classes with the same handler one time unless the dog and/or handler starts at the "B" level.
7. See St. Joseph County **4-H Dog Agility Project Guidelines** for specific requirements for each class of the Dog Agility Project at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project.
8. Dogs will wear a flat buckle collar for all agility classes. Beginner Agility class participants will use a 3 foot leash. Dogs are not permitted to wear any collar tags.

Class

- 769 - Beginner A.
- 770 - Best in Class - Beginner A (R)
- 771 - Beginner B.
- 772 - Best in Class - Beginner B (R)
- 773 - Beginner Overall Champion. (PR)
- 774 - Intermediate A.
- 775 - Best in Class - Intermediate A (R)
- 776 - Intermediate B.
- 777 - Best in Class - Intermediated B (R)
- 778 - Intermediate Overall Champion. (PR)
- 779 - Advanced A.
- 780 - Best in Class - Advanced A (R)
- 781 - Advanced B.
- 782 - Best in Class - Advanced B (R)
- 783 - Graduate A.
- 784 - Best in Class - Graduate A (R)
- 785 - Graduate B.
- 786 - Best in Class - Graduate B (R)
- 787 - Advanced Overall Champion. (PR)

Section N - Rally Classes (Placing premium table = 102)

1. See St. Joseph County **4-H Dog Rally Project Guidelines** at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project for specific requirements for each class of the Dog Rally Project.
2. A given dog and/or handler may exhibit in "A" level classes one time.
3. In all Rally classes handler and dog must receive a minimum score of 70 to qualify for trophy.
4. In all Rally classes if the handler and dog receive a non-qualifying score (less than 70) they may stay in same class at B level not to exceed 2 consecutive years.
5. **Rally Levels/Classes:** There are four (4) levels of competition within the St. Joseph County 4-H Rally Program: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Excellent. Each level is further divided into class "A" and "B". "A" is for handlers and/or dogs that will be competing at a given rally level for the first time. "B" is for handlers and/or dogs that have competed previously in the "A" class of the rally level.
6. A given dog and/or handler may only exhibit in "A" level classes one time.
7. A given dog may only exhibit in "B" level classes with the same handler one time unless the dog and/or handler starts at the "B" level.
8. Intermediate, Advance and Excellent classes will be shown off-leash.

Class

- 788 - Beginner A Rally.
- 789 - Best in Class - Beginner A Rally (R)
- 790 - Beginner B Rally.
- 791 - Best in Class - Beginner B Rally (R)
- 792 - Beginner Overall Champion. (TR)
- 793 - Intermediate A Rally.
- 794 - Best in Class - Intermediate A Rally (R)
- 795 - Intermediate B Rally.
- 796 - Best in Class - Intermediate B Rally (R)
- 797 - Intermediate Overall Champion. (PR)
- 798 - Advance A Rally.
- 799 - Best in Class - Advance A Rally (R)
- 800 - Advance B Rally.
- 801 - Best in Class - Advance B Rally (R)

- 802 - Excellent A Rally.
- 803 - Best in Class - Excellent A Rally (R)
- 804 - Excellent B Rally.
- 805 - Best in Class - Excellent B Rally (R)
- 806 - Master A and Master B.
- 807 - Best in Class – Master A and Master B (R)
- 808 - Advanced Overall Champion (PR)

Section P - Dog Project Skill-A-Thon (No premiums - Ribbon only)

1. **Required participation by all exhibitors:** All 4-H members exhibiting any type of dog project must participate in the 4-H Dog Project Skill-A-Thon. Failure to complete the appropriate skill-a-thon will result in their dog project animal(s) disqualification from the show(s) and require the removal of their dogs from the fairgrounds on show day.
2. The dog project skill-a-thon will take place at the fairgrounds in the Henningsen Show Arena on **Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

- 809 - Dog Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 8-11 years old (R)
- 810 - Dog Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 12-14 years old (R)
- 811 - Dog Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 15-19 years old (R)

Still Exhibits

1. Exhibits that require hangers:
 - a. Department 60: Candlewicking/Embroidery/Needlepoint/Other Needlecraft, Counted Cross-Stitch, Plastic Canvas, Quilting Other Than Quilts
 - b. Department 62: Drawing, Painting
 - c. Department 63: Ball-Point Tube Painting, Ink on Glass, Latch Hook, Paint by Number, Other Crafts, Tin Punch, Wood Burning, Puzzles
2. All projects that require additional sheets/forms, notebooks, photos, patterns, recipes, etc. **must** have those accompanied with the project to receive an "A" rating. **Read through all projects thoroughly for instructions.**

Department 60 - Needlework

Section A - Crocheting (A, B, C premium table = 2)

1. Section A - Crocheting is limited to personal garments only. Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit in the appropriate garment construction class.
2. Beginning Crocheting (8-11 years old) - Crochet skills to be utilized by members at this level include: chain, single crochet, and/or double crochet.
3. Intermediate Crocheting (12-14 years old) - Garment made may include a simple crocheted-in design requiring the use of two or more colors and types of yarn.