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Asotin County Cats

### Quality

You will be judged on your cat's general health and overall condition, they must appear healthy. Cats should be well groomed. Claws must be trimmed, regardless of whether or not they are outdoor cats. Their coats must be free from mats and burs. Cats should not shed excessively. The eyes and nose must be free of discharge. The ears must not show any signs of mites or have any dirt in them. It is understood that most cats that are in an unfamiliar environment around unfamiliar cats are likely to be uptight. I expect to see a fair amount of nervous behavior. Try to keep something in the cat's cage that smells like they do for comfort and security. I will evaluate the cats for quality right after each person does showmanship to minimize the amount of handling the cat will have to go through.

### Showmanship

Please dress appropriately. Long sleeves should be worn. Have hair pulled back and no jewelry. Your cat should be in a harness and lead that is properly fitted for your cat. When you bring your animal to the table please introduce yourself and your cat by telling me your name, how long you have been in the cat project, and your cat's name and age. I will then have you go through showing me your cat. Explain what you are showing me and what you would be checking for. When you are done let your cat relax and I will have you answer questions. These questions can cover anatomy, health, terminology and care. It is fine to answer that you do not know the answer. Once you have provided your answer I will let you know if you are correct and if not I will provide you with the correct answer. The questions will probably be a bit challenging. Do not worry about this. My goal is for you to learn. I am looking at how you handle the situation. I will also ask you about your project and what you have done during it. When I am done with questions I will have you give me your cat to do the quality evaluation. Please remain calm if your cat is very upset. I will help you work through things and if the animal is unable to be handled safely I will have him placed back in his cage. We will then proceed. I will have you go through the parts of the cat that you would have shown me and explain what you would be checking for. We just won't have the animal there. Just because a cat worked well last year does not guarantee that it will be fine this year. We are more concerned with your safety so you will be able to complete showmanship and still compete even if your cat does not cooperate.