

FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS

1. In Fitting & Showmanship, the emphasis is on the knowledge and performance of the 4-H member. In type judging the emphasis is on the condition, conformation and characteristics of the animal. We are most concerned with personal development of the 4-H member. Therefore, all fitting & showmanship contests have the same premium points (blue-75, red-55, white-40) regardless of the type, size, training or value of the animal involved.
2. All exhibitors must complete a fitting and showmanship class in order to receive premiums and/or ribbons in their animal section. Fitting and showmanship classes are concluded with the selection of champion/reserve champion exhibitors. Exhibitors, if selected, may choose to not enter the championship contest but must make that decision prior to the start of the championship contest. Leaving the show ring after the contest has begun will result in loss of all premiums/ribbons for the exhibitor in that animal section.
3. All animals used for fitting and showmanship must also be entered in type (performance, games, obedience) competition in the 4-H show.
 - a. In order for fitting and showmanship premiums to be assigned, exhibitors must show their own livestock in type class except when given permission by the superintendent to substitute another exhibitor-handler. Example: when two or more livestock animals are being exhibited by the same exhibitor in the same show ring, or if the exhibitor becomes ill.
 - b. Llama, dog and cat exhibitors are required to show their own animal in fitting and showmanship as well as their riding, driving, performance, type, or obedience class. (Llama exhibitors must participate in a minimum of one performance event to qualify for any show premiums.) Permission for llama, dog or cat exhibitors to be excused from the performance requirement (due to illness or other emergency) must be obtained from the assistant manager or designated show official in order for fitting and showmanship premiums to be retained.
 - c. Rabbit and Cavy exhibitors are required to show their own animals in fitting and showmanship, and are strongly encouraged to also participate in the type classes with their own animals.
4. See appropriate animals portion of the premium list for class and lot numbers.
5. **Fit/Show Class Attire:** In general, clothing should be clean and in good shape (no holes, tears, or wrinkles). Hair should be neatly combed. Long hair needs to be pulled back so it does not cover your face. Take jewelry off, including rings, necklaces, dangling earrings, watches, and bracelets. Avoid bright nail polish. Footwear should be appropriate to the project. Potentially offensive statements on clothing will not be permitted. In general, the following items are not permitted: hats, cell phones and other electronic devices, and chewing gum. Accommodations may be accepted upon request. Adaptions for religious religions will be permitted. Please notify Fair Management prior to the fair. A breakdown of project follows:

DOGS	Girls: suits, dresses, skirts, pant or pant suits. Boys: suites, sports jacket, or casual slacks; dress shirt (sports or polo shirts, sweaters, or vests are recommended).
CATS	Long sleeved shirt. Close toes and flat heeled shoes.
RABBIT CAVY	White button-down, long sleeves shirt, dark pants (slacks or jeans). No shorts, sweaters, jackets, short sleeved shirts, shirts with club names or logos. All clothing should be clean and in good shape. Show coats are permitted as long as they do not have the member's name, 4-H club, county, farm name, or logo of any type (4-H clover is permitted).
EQUINE	Please refer to PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide, PNW 574.
BEEF SHEEP SWINE MEAT GOAT FLEECE GOAT PYGMY GOAT	Collared shirt, Jeans, Leather Boots (slip on or lace up), Belt.
PACK GOAT	Collared Shirt, Jeans or Hiking Shorts, Belt, Appropriate Footwear. Back pack required.
DAIRY GOAT DAIRY CATTLE	White collared shirt, buttoned at the neck (tie or pin optional). White pants, Belt – black, white, or brown. Close toed shoes. White skirt or dress will be permitted for religious reasons.
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