

# CATCH-IT-GOAT CONTEST

Tuesday, July 24 – 6 p.m.

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General Rules

## INTRODUCTION

- The catch-it-goat program is under the direction of the catch-it-goat superintendent(s) and catch-it-goat committee.
- Superintendent(s) and or catch-it-goat committee will **NOT** be responsible for any injury or accident.
- Object of the contest is to provide a means whereby younger 4-H members may participate in catching, caring for and showing an animal at the county fair.
- Sponsors will provide a \$250 sponsorship fee upon successful completion of the project.
- The program will be limited to a maximum of 6 sponsored contestants (three members per age group). May be expanded at the discretion of department superintendent.

## ELIGIBILITY AND AGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Kit Carson County 4-H members currently enrolled and meeting all participation requirements of the Kit Carson County Fair are eligible to participate in the contest.
2. 4-H members 8-12 years of age by January 1 of exhibit year are eligible to participate. **(Must fall within age group by January 1 of exhibit year.)**
3. Contest may be split into two age groups if warranted. One group will consist of contestants in the 8 through 10 years of age and the other group will consist of those who are 11 through 12 years of age. **Note:** This division will be made at the discretion of the program superintendent(s) based on the number and age of contestants registered. The 8-10 age range will be classified as junior contestants and the 11-12 age range will be classified as senior contestants.
4. No more than two goats may be caught by any one 4-H member during his/her 4-H career. 4-H members will be eligible to participate once in the 8-10 age range and once in the 11-12 age range.
5. 4-H members will catch a goat at fair, but will not keep the goat they caught. 4-H members will purchase their goat and follow the 4-H program nomination date and requirements.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Completed application (including signatures) must be received no later than Monday noon of fair week. **Note:** You do not have to wait until fair week, as applications may be turned in to the Extension/Fair office at any time prior to Monday noon of fair.
- Contest will be held Tuesday evening during the Ranch Rodeo. Contestants must be in front of the grandstands by 5:45 p.m.

## ARENA CONTEST RULES

1. No more than two 4-H members per goat will go into the arena to participate in the contest.
2. Goats will be placed in a pen in front of the grandstands. Halters will be provided for the contest. The halter may not be used as a lariat. To establish ownership, the contestant must halter and take goat to the trailer.
3. The halter must be placed on the animal in the normal way. During the actual goat catching, it will not matter if the halter is placed on the animal so that it can lead from the right or left.
4. While one contestant has hold of a goat, no other person may touch the animal or take the contestant's halter to the member who has hold of the goat.
5. If two or more contestants take hold of the same goat at the same time, it will be returned to the middle of the catching arena and released.
6. If a goat gets away from a contestant with the halter attached, it may then be caught again by any other contestant; however, the halter of the contestant who lost the goat must not be used to catch it. Furthermore, the second, third, etc. contestant who catches the goat must remove the halter on the goat and place his or her halter on the animal.
7. If a contestant cannot halter the goat and get it to the trailer within 5 minutes after taking hold of the animal, the goat will be returned to the middle of the catching arena and turned loose for other contestants who have not caught a goat.

## LETTER WRITING

- Following fair you will be notified by letter the name of your sponsor, including address of your sponsor.
1. You are **required** to write your sponsor **three** times during the year. Listed below are the dates your letters are to be sent by. A copy of all required letters **must** be sent to the Extension/Fair office when you send your sponsor's so proper credit can be given. Letters must be postmarked or delivered by the required date. The address for the Extension/Fair office is: K.C.C. Fair – Attn: Catch-it-Goat Contest – 817-15<sup>th</sup> Street – Burlington, CO 80807 **or** e-mailed to csuext1@kitcarsoncounty.org.
    - A. **February 1** – In this letter you should introduce and tell a little about yourself, your family, your 4-H experiences and include a picture of yourself. Be sure to thank your sponsor for sponsoring you.

- B. **May 25** – In this letter you may want to let your sponsor know what kind of goat you purchased, weight feeding plan, etc., and a picture of your goat. You may also want to let your sponsor know about activities/events, etc. you have or are participating in, in school and 4-H.
- C. **July 10** – In this letter you may want to let your sponsor know approximately what your goat weighs, grooming, care, etc. and a picture to show your sponsor how your goat is doing. In addition you may want to tell your sponsor about your summer activities, etc. It is highly encouraged to invite your sponsor to watch you show your goat at fair.
- D. Although it is not required, please write a letter at the close of fair again thanking your sponsor for their sponsorship and support of you and the catch-it-goat contest and to let your sponsor know how you placed in the catch-it-goat and market classes. You may also want to let your sponsor know what your goat sold for at the livestock sale and who purchased your goat.

(Your letters should be informative.)

#### **PURCHASING AND DESIGNATING MY GOAT**

- 1. You are required to designate your catch-it-goat at the nomination deadline in May.
- 2. If the goat you designated does not make weight, or cannot show at fair due to loss, injury or illness, and you have another goat that makes weight, you may transfer that goat to your catch-it-goat project. In the event you do not have another goat then you can switch with a sibling or step-sibling living in the same household. Necessary transfer forms must be completed when you weigh in Monday of fair.

#### **RECORD KEEPING**

- 1. You will receive a catch-it-goat record book from the Extension office when enrollment requirements are met for the 4-H calendar year.
- 2. Your completed catch-it-goat record book is to be turned in to the Extension/Fair office by 3:00 p.m. Thursday of fair. It is a **must** to complete a record book!
- 3. A copy of your three required letters must be included in your record book.
- 4. Judges will be selected by the catch-it-goat superintendent(s). It is required to complete a record book on your goat in order to be considered for sponsorship money.

#### **WEIGHT AND FAIR REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. The same qualifications apply to the catch-it-goat contest as to other projects, including weight requirements in order to sell your goat at the 4-H livestock sale. Consult your fair book to find weight requirements, etc.
- 2. General rules and regulations as listed in the Kit Carson County Fair and Rodeo premium book will prevail where applicable.
- 3. You must show your catch-it-goat in the catch-it-goat class at fair, even if it does not make weight requirements.
- 4. Contestants **must** be present at the catch-it-goat awards presentation in order to receive the \$250 sponsorship money.
- 5. If a member has a goat other than the catch-it-goat, and the other goat receives grand or reserve grand champion, the member may waive the obligation to sell the catch-it-goat during the sale.
- 6. Judging criteria used to determine the overall catch-it-goat includes: rate-of-gain, class placing, correspondence, showmanship, and record book.

**Failure to comply with the rules & regulations will result in forfeiture of sponsorship money.**