



# Skill-a-Thon

## Cats

### Pick up and Hold

#### Supplies Needed

Stuffed animal (cat) or real cat (make sure it has a good temperament)  
Procedure key (for younger members you may want to let them read the key before performing the task)

*Source: National 4-H Cat Curriculum*

#### Situation

You have entered your cat in the local county fair. To prepare for the show you want to practice the proper way to pick up and hold your.

#### Task

Demonstrate the proper way to pick up and hold the cat.

#### Directions

Keeping safety of yourself and the cat in mind carefully pick up the cat and hold the cat reciting the importance of each technique used.



**Key for task and can be set out for younger kids as a helpful guide to complete the task.**

<b>Proper Procedures:</b>	
<u>Picking up a Cat:</u>  When first picking up your cat, put one hand under the chest behind its forelegs. Grasp both hind legs and tail with your other hand.	<u>Holding a Cat:</u>  Put one hand under the cat's rump and over the hind legs. The hind legs should be together in your hand. Put your other hand across the cat's ribs and back and press it to your front. Keep the cat's face away from your face.

