



4-H Cat Record Guide

Check Project Taken:

Purr-fect Pals

Climbing Up

Leaping Forward

Your Animal's Photo Here!

Year 20__ __

Name _____ Club _____

County _____ Address _____

Age _____ Years in 4-H _____ Date project completed _____

Introduction

The 4-H Cat project begins when you start your 4-H project year in October. Some sections of the record book require you to establish some goals to meet. It is important to do that at the start of the project year. If you need help understanding the material, contact your 4-H leader or county Extension agent.

This project is for those who want to learn how to care for their cat(s), keep their cat(s) healthy and contented, know the costs involved in raising a cat, and become responsible cat owners. In addition, project participants will practice important life skills such as decision-making, communicating with others, leading self and others, planning and organizing, and accepting responsibility.

This record guide is designed to be used with the Cat project. It is suggested that each project be used for three years before moving to the next level. After your first year in the Cat project, you will need to reorder only the Cat Record Guide until you move to the next level.

Project Guidelines

- ✓ Complete at least seven main chapter activities or More Fun with Felines activities in the Cat Achievement Program each year.
- ✓ Finish each level within three years.
- ✓ Complete 21 activities (11 from the required activities and 10 from the More Fun with Felines activities) in each level before advancing to the next level.
- ✓ If you choose to do More Fun with Felines activities, record in a notebook or portfolio the what, when, where, and how you accomplished each selected feline activity. Include your notebook or portfolio with your project book for grading.
- ✓ Practice and develop life skills as you learn more about pets.
- ✓ Participate in at least three learning experiences outlined in the Planning Guide each year.

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Information About My Cat

Name of cat _____

Breed of cat _____

Longhair _____ Shorthair _____

Sex of cat _____ Male _____ Female

My cat's age is _____ Year of birth _____ Month _____ Day _____ ;

Unknown but estimated age _____

I assumed ownership of my cat on _____
(date)

My cat was (check all that apply) _____ Already the family cat

_____ Gift

_____ Purchased

_____ Value when purchased

_____ Where purchased
(name of store, breeder, animal shelter, or pound)

_____ Other (explain) _____

Date I started my project _____

Date I completed my project _____

Description of my cat (include size, weight, color, and other identifying characteristics of your cat)

Average time I spend with my cat each day (observing, playing, exercising, caring, etc.) _____



Cat Care

What kind of home or cage does your cat live in? _____

What kind of bedding do you use? _____

How often do you clean your cat's litterbox? _____

What kind of food do you feed your cat? _____

How often do you clean your cat's food and water containers? _____

How often do you play with your cat? _____

How often do you brush your cat? _____

How often do you take your cat to the veterinarian? _____

What is your cat's favorite food? _____

What is your cat's favorite place? _____

What is your cat's favorite toy? _____

What is your cat's favorite thing to do? _____

Does your cat do any tricks? _____

 If yes, explain. _____

What do you do to keep your cat healthy? _____

Has your cat ever

 Been sick? _____

 Been hurt? _____

 Been lost? _____

 Been neutered or spayed? _____

 Been declawed? _____

 Had babies? _____

Do you have other pets? (Include their names and species)

What do you do to take care of them? _____



Cat Life Cycle

When was your cat born? _____

If unknown, estimate. _____

How many kittens are born at one time? _____

Has your cat had a litter? _____

What did you do with the litter? _____

What do newborn kittens look like? _____

What does the mother cat do to care for her young? _____

When are the kittens old enough to leave their mother? _____

At what age do they become able to breed? _____

How long does gestation (pregnancy) last? _____

How long does a cat usually live? _____





Feeding Records (Use this chart to record all foods purchased for your cat for the year. Include dry, canned, treats, etc.)

Name of Food Purchased	Date Food Was Purchased	Cost of Food Purchased	Amount (weight oz. or lb.) of Food Purchased	Quantity Purchased	Comments
<i>Example:</i> Canned cat food	10/9/2006	\$0.46	3 oz.	1 can	I feed my cat canned cat food for dinner. I keep dry food in a self-feeder at all times.
Total Cost of Food Purchased					

What does your cat like to eat? _____

What food is nutritionally good for your cat? _____

How often and how much do you feed your cat? _____

How often and how much does your cat drink? _____

Veterinary and Health Expenses

(Please list all medical expenses appropriate for your cat. Include costs of medicine, vaccinations, boarding fees, and other health practices performed by you, your parents, or others.)

Date	Treatment or Services	Performed by	Reason for Treatment or Service	Cost	Comments
Example: 10/9/2006	Kitten's first visit to vet	Dr. DVM	Kitty's first visit to vet for vaccinations and declawing	\$40.00	This was my kitten's first visit to a vet. Kitty liked her vet.
Total Costs					

Miscellaneous Expenses

(List purchases other than food and health products or practices; examples: equipment, bedding, grooming supplies, entry fees, sales fees, advertising fees, toys.)

Date	Item Purchased or Service Performed	Reason for Item Purchased or Service Performed	Cost	Comments
Example: 10/9/2006	Kitten bed	Bed to house train my kitten	\$10.00	My kitten likes her new bed.
Total Costs				



Annual Feline Health Care Practices

For your cat to achieve and maintain optimal health, your local veterinarian should carry out the following health care practices each year.

Vaccinations	Date	Parasite Control	Date
Panleukopenia	_____	Fecal Exam	_____
Rhinotracheitis	_____	Deworm	_____
Calicivirus	_____	Product: _____	
Chlamydia	_____	Heartworm Check	_____
Leukemia	_____	Preventive: _____	
Rabies	_____	External Parasite Control	_____
Feline Infectious Peritonitis	_____	Product: _____	
Physical Exam	_____		
Dental Prophylaxis	_____		
Blood Work	_____		

Veterinarian _____

Clinic _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Does your cat have any medical conditions that require special medication(s)? _____ Yes _____ No

What medication(s)? _____

How often do you administer? _____



Show Record

Record the results of all shows and showmanship events your cat enters during the year.

Name and Place of Show/Fair	Date	Class	Placing	Premiums/ Ribbons
<i>Example:</i> County Fair Pet Show, Morgantown, W.Va.	7/12/06	Breed Class – American Shorthair	Second	\$5 / Red Ribbon
Total Value of Premiums Won				

Record of Demonstrations, Talks, and Activities During the 4-H Year

Record your participation in events such as judging contests, project workshops, visits to farm operations, demonstrations, etc.

Date	Location	Activity	Comments



Financial Summary

Income

Price received for any animal(s) sold _____

Show/ fair premiums won (Page 7) _____

Other (Explain; example: care for your neighbor's cat while they were away.)

Total Income _____

Expenses

Cost of your project animal(s) (Page 1) _____

Total feed cost (Page 4) _____

Total health care costs (Page 5) _____

Total other expenses (Page 5) _____

Total Expenses _____

Total Income _____

Total Expenses _____

(Total income minus total expenses)
(Circle One) **Profit or Loss** _____
(amount)

The exercise reflects only the financial commitments you have made in caring for and loving your cat.



Your Project Story

Your project story should trace your progress through the year. Describe:

- Some of the important things you learned about your animal
- Some of the important things you learned about yourself
- Your accomplishments
- Improvements you need to make



4-H Project Evaluation

Now that you have finished this project, it is time for you to think about what you have learned. We also would like to know what you have learned and if the project needs to be improved. Your comments will help the people write the projects. Please write answers to the following questions. Then give this form to your 4-H leader or mail it to:

**Project Evaluation
State 4-H Office
Knapp Hall, PO Box 6031
Morgantown, WV 26506-6031**

Title of Project _____

Girl Boy (circle one) Age _____ Grade in School _____ Years in 4-H _____

1. Was this your first project in this subject? _____

2. Why did you pick this project? _____

3. What was your favorite part of this project? _____

4. By doing this project, what did you learn that you didn't know before? _____

5. Did you do the activities in the project book? Why or why not? _____

6. What activities did you like doing? _____

7. How would you change this project to make it better? _____

8. Would you tell others to take this project? Why or why not? _____

9. What other 4-H projects have you taken? _____

10. If you have something else to say, write it on the back.



Cat Project Score Sheet

- ★ If you are taking this project without an animal, check with your Extension agent for approval. It is suggested that the Self-Determined project be used with the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System cat project book as a resource. Consult with your Extension agent to plan your project work.

Cat Project Book

- ✓ Complete seven activities (from the main required activities and the extra More Fun with Felines activities) in the Cat Achievement Program of the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System Project Book (*Each activity is worth 5 points ~ Total 35 possible points*) _____

- ✓ Complete Planning Guide in National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System Project Book on pages 3 and 4 (*Worth 5 points*) _____

Cat Record Guide

(Worth 20 points) _____

Exhibit/Production Score *(Total 20 possible points)* ★

- ✓ This may be the actual exhibition of your cat or other designated project or service determined with your Extension agent. _____

Activity Record

(Worth 20 points) _____

Total _____

Comments:



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