

My 4-H Cat Project Record Book



Member name: _____

Years in Project: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

4-H County: _____

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Introduction

This project record book is to be used for members enrolled in the 4-H Cat project. Keeping a record book is an important part of the project. It will help you set goals for the project year, record your accomplishments and help guide your efforts to keep important records on your animal(s).

Taking Inventory

For the Cat project, you will want to keep track of the animals you own. For each animal, list its name, breed/specie (if known), date of purchase (if applicable), how the animal left your ownership and date, sex (abbreviations are OK) and value (this may be the purchase price or appraised value.) You should record all animals that are “project animals” or that you enter in any show.

Animal Name	Breed/Specie	Tattoo Number	Date of Purchase	How animal left & date	Sex	Value	
						Project Start	Project End
<i>Example: Fluffy</i>	<i>Siamese</i>	<i>12345</i>	<i>1/5/03</i>	<i>Sold 10/25/04</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
Total Value of Animals (Add all values of animals and put number in box at right.)							

Project Animal Information

Spayed or neutered? Yes ____ No ____

If no, why not? _____

Cat's Age: _____

Height at shoulders: _____

Is your cat registered with any group? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, name the group and record the cat's number _____



Be sure to include at least one photo of your project animal.

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Along the Way

Keeping track of what I do

The following page is where you can list what you did in this 4-H project. Don't forget to include these types of 4-H events and activities you might have done this year:

Name of event/activity	Date & Location	What I did	Level (Club, County, State, National)	Award or Recognition Earned
<i>Example: Kitty-Kat Invitation Cat Show</i>	<i>1/1/03 Somewhere, USA</i>	<i>Entered a cat (id #34) in the female Siamese division</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Best of Breed</i>

Animal Care & Management

Because your project is a living creature, it requires regular care and management. Here is the place to explain what you regularly do for or with your animal on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis. Be as specific as possible.

Do not forget to list the following:

- Feeding and watering practices
- Exercising
- Grooming (brushing, clipping nails, check health)
- Clean and disinfect food/water containers
- Cleaning litter box

What I do for/with my project animal...
Daily
Weekly
Monthly
Yearly

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Animal Breeding Record

Many project members choose to include breeding as part of their 4-H project. If you have chosen to breed your animals, use the chart below to keep track of the animals bred and their offspring.

Date Bred	Number & Name of Female	Male Used	Number of Offspring		Date Weaned
<i>Example: 3/8/03</i>	<i>111 Sally</i>	<i>222 Dracula</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5/1/03</i>

Project Finances

It is likely that you spent money on your 4-H project this year. This section will help you add up what it cost to complete your project.

(E) Expenses

This section is where you can keep track of what you purchased and the other materials, supplies and equipment you purchased or used for your project and what it cost to use. Feel free to add more copies of these pages if necessary.

Expenses are divided into four categories (E 1, 2, 3, 4):

- Feed expenses (Remember the cost of feed = number of pounds of feed x price per pound.)
- Equipment expenses (including hardware for repair of carriers, etc.)
- Other expenses (such as animals purchased, breeding charges, shows, transportation.)
- Health/Medical expenses (including veterinary and medicine.)

(E1) Feed Expenses

Date	Description of expense (include quantities)	Cost (\$)
11/1/04	<i>Example: 50 lbs. feed</i>	\$8.50
E1 Total (Add up all expenses from above and put number in box at right.)		

(E2) Equipment Expenses

Date	Description of expense (include quantities)	Cost (\$)
3/2/04	<i>Example: 1 water dish</i>	\$5.25
E2 Total (Add up all expenses from above and put number in box at right.)		

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Example

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