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# 4-H Cat Record Guide

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*Title Project Taken*

**20** \_\_\_\_\_

*Your Animal's Photo Here!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Date project completed \_\_\_\_\_



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## 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.

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## Project Guidelines

- ✓ Complete at least seven Purr-fect Pals and 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.
- ✓ 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

Breed of cat \_\_\_\_\_

Name of cat \_\_\_\_\_

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)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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# 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 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you do to take care of them? \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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. 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	Amount to Feed Pet	Comments
<i>Example:</i> Canned cat food	10/9/2002	35¢/can	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
<i>Example:</i> 10/9/2002	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, other.)*

Date	Item Purchased or Service Performed	Reason for Item Purchased or Service Performed	Cost	Comments
<i>Example:</i> 10/9/2002	Kitten bed	Bed to house train my kitten	\$10.00	My kitten likes her new bed.
Total Costs				

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# 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.

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

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit Record** (If you have exhibited your cat, list below.)

Name and Place of Show/Fair	Date	Class	Number in Class	Placing	Premium Won
<i>Example:</i> County Fair Pet Show	7/12/02	Showmanship	4	Second	\$5.00
Total Value of Premiums Won					

**Record of Demonstrations, Talks, and Activities During the 4-H Year (List All)**

Date	Location	Activity	Remarks

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# Financial Summary

## Income

Price received for any animal(s) sold \_\_\_\_\_

Show/fair premiums won (page 7) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Total Income \_\_\_\_\_

## Expenses

Cost of your project animal(s) (page 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Total feed costs (page 4) \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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

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## **My Project Story**

*(This should trace your progress throughout the year. List some important things you learned about your cat and yourself, your accomplishments, and improvements you need to make.)*

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## **My Project Story** *(Continued)*

# 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, P.O. 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.



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# 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 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 11 required activities and the 10 More Fun with Felines activities) in the Cat Achievement Program of the 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System Project Book *(Each activity is worth 5 points—Total 35 possible points)* \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ✓ Complete Planning Guide in 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System Project Book on pages 3-4 *(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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