



# West Virginia 4-H Cat Record Guide

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of Jan. 1): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Project Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Project Taken:

Purr-fect Pals       Climbing Up       Leaping Forward

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I hereby certify that, as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally been responsible for the care of this animal, record keeping, and have completed this record guide. I am aware that this record book may be on display and thus all content will be appropriate for all audiences.

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the parent/guardian, certify that my son/daughter has completed this project and record guide and will comply with all rules and regulations. I give permission for this record book to be displayed and will ensure that all content is appropriate for all audiences.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Check with your local WVU Extension office to determine when your record book needs to be submitted and any additional guidelines or rules for completion.*

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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.
  - If you choose to do additional feline 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

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

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

Sex of pet: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

My cat's age is \_\_\_\_\_ Year of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown; estimated age \_\_\_\_\_

I assumed ownership of my cat on \_\_\_\_\_

(date)

My cat was (check all that apply) \_\_\_\_\_ Already the family pet

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 pet)

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Project Pictures

Make sure to include at least two pictures of your project animal.

Beginning project picture on page 11 and ending project picture on page 12.

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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What do newborn kittens look like? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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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
Example: Canned cat food	10/9/2018	\$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.
<b>Total Cost of Food Purchased</b>					

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 Service	Performed by	Reason for Treatment or Service	Cost	Comments
Example: 10/9/2018	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.
<b>Total Costs</b>					

## 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: 10/9/2018	Kitten bed	Bed to house train my kitten	\$10.00	My kitten likes her new bed.
<b>Total Costs</b>				

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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.

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.	7/12/18	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

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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 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.



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# 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

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## **Beginning Project Picture**

Take a picture of your project animal(s) at the beginning of your project and include it here.

Date of photo: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ending Project Picture

Take a picture of your project animal(s) at the end of your project and include it here. This will help show how your animal(s) have grown and developed.

Date of ending photo: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 National 4-H Curriculum Cat project book as a resource. Consult with your Extension agent to plan your project work.

## 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 *National 4-H Curriculum Project Book*  
(Each activity is worth 5 points – Total 35 possible points)

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

\_\_\_\_\_

## Cat Record Guide

(Worth 20 points)

\_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibit/Production Score

This may be the actual exhibition of your cat or other designated project or service determined with your Extension agent  
(Total 20 possible points)

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## Activity Record

(Worth 20 points)

\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL**

\_\_\_\_\_

Comments:



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