

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			
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:			
	termine when your record book needs to be submitted ines or rules for completion.			

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 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.

	Project Pictures
Information About My Cat	Make sure to include at least two pictures of your project animal.
Breed of cat	and ending project picture
Name of cat	on page 12.
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	
My cat was (check all that apply)	(date)
My cat was (check all that apply)	
	Gift
	Purchased
	Value when purchased
	Where purchased
	Other (explain)
Date I started my project	
Date I completed my project	
Description of my cat (include size, weight, colo	or, and other identifying characteristics of your pet)
Average time I spend with my cat each day (obse	erving, 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 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 Re	COrdS (Use thi	is chart to record all fo	Feeding Records (Use this chart to record all foods purchased for your cat for the year. Include dry, canned, treats, etc.)	for the year. Include	dry, canned, treats, etc.)
Name of Food Purchased	Date Food Was Purchased	Date Food Was Purchased Food Purchased	Amount (weight oz. or lb.) of Food Purchased	Quantity Purchased	Comments
<i>Example:</i> 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.
Total Cost of Food Purchased	ood Purchased				
What does your cat like to eat?	t like to eat?				
What food is nutritionally good for your cat?	tionally good for yc	our cat?			
How often and how much do you feed your cat?	v much do you feed	d your cat?			
How often and how much does your cat drink?	v much does your o	cat drink?			

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Expenses
Health
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(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
<i>Example:</i> 10/9/2018	<i>Example:</i> 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.
			Total Costs		

Miscellaneous Expenses

(List purchases other than food and health products or practices: examples: eauinment. bedding. prooming supplies. entry fees. advertising fees. toys.)

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Date	Item Purchased or Service Performed	Reason for Item Purchased or Service Performed	Cost	Comments
<i>Example:</i> 10/9/2018	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 med	lical conditions that re	equire special 1	nedication(s)? Yes	No
What medication(s)?				
How often do you administe	er?			

Show Record

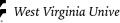
Record the results of all shows and showmanship events your cat enters during the year.

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

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

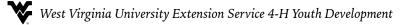
	Price received for any animal(s) sold	
	Show/fair premiums won (Page 7)	
	Other (Explain; example: care for your neighbor's cat while they w	ere away.)
	Total Income	
Expense	es	
	Cost of your project animal(s) (Page 1)	
	Total feed cost (Page 4)	
	Total health care costs (Page 5)	
	Total other expenses (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



Your Project Story (continued)	
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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: _____



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: _____

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) 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) Activity Record (Worth 20 points) TOTAL

Comments:





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