

# 4-H Pet Project Record Book



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Iowa 4-H Teaches Life Skills

The mission of 4-H is to help youth become self-directing, contributing members of society. The Iowa State University 4-H Youth Development Program continues to offer opportunities for youth to practice life skills, the learned abilities they need to develop successful attitudes and behaviors for life.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is based on experiential learning, the idea that people learn best by practicing new information in real-life situations and reflecting on (thinking about) that experience.

Youth need to learn many life skills. The purpose of the 4-H Pet Project is to achieve the following:

- 1.) Develop a better understanding of your pet; develop responsibility for the care of your pet; and learn record keeping skills.
- 2.) Identify health needs for food, water, shelter, exercise, and medical attention
- 3.) Understand the costs of purchasing, feeding, and housing your pet.

The record book should be completed to the best of the member's ability (appropriate for age and experience). No additional record keeping forms are needed for the pet project. This document can be inserted in the 4-Hers overall record book that is due on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

With the support and guidance of parents and 4-H leaders, youth involved in 4-H Youth Development Programs are more prepared to grow in personal well-being and to be contributing members of our society. 4-H helps youth gain the most from, and give the most to, life.

## A.) Pet Project Story:

Include one copy of this page for each pet you raised this year:

Pet's name:	
Species:	
Breed (if applicable):	
Male or female:	
Birthdate:	
Color/description:	
Is your pet registered with any group?	
<i>If registered, name of group and registration number:</i>	

**Attach a photo of your pet:**



**Tell us the story of why you chose this pet for your project:**

## **B.) Project Goals**

*What did you want to learn or accomplish in your Pet Project this year?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **C.) Housing:**

- 1.) Describe where your pet lives (hutch, cage, house, barn, etc.)

2.) Describe what you had to do to provide a good environment for your pet to live in, including cleaning up after your pet:

## D.) Diet and Nutrition

1.) Describe your pet's feeding program:

## E.) Health Record

### *Veterinarian Information:*

Veterinarian's Name	
Phone number:	
Address:	

### *List of Vaccines my pet received:*

Description:	Date:

***If your pet was sick or injured, list any treatment, medicine, or procedures he/she received:***

<b>Description:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

## **F.) Summary**

**1.) What was the biggest problem you had and what did you do to solve it?**

**2.) Were you able to accomplish all of your goals, and how do you feel about that?**

**3.) What is the most important thing you learned through your project this year?**

**4.) What might you do differently next year?**

**5.) What did you enjoy the most about your project?**





Optional: Please include your two favorite pictures from your pet project each year and include a short description. More pictures can be included if desired.