

4-H Small Animal Project

Purpose of the 4-H Small Animal Project

The 4-H Small Animal Project will give you the opportunity to learn about the life history, management, and care of a pet of your choice. You will also enjoy participating with your friends in the other activities of your 4-H club. These may include tours, camps, shows, club parties, and club meetings. You will also get to present information about your pet at the county 4-H fair.

Pets that might be included

- Turtles
- Hamsters
- Gerbils
- Guinea Pigs
- Parakeets
- Parrots
- Dogs
- Snakes
- Cats
- White Mice
- Tropical Fish
- And Many More!



Things you will do in this project

1. Feed and care for your chosen pet for at least 4 months
2. Keep record of the money you spent caring for your pet.
3. Learn more about your pet. Fun ways to do this can include: viewing a film, reading a book, or visiting an organization or individual that is knowledgeable about your pet.



Management and Care of Your Pet

Name:

Club:

- 1. List the equipment that you use to care for your pet and explain its use and why it's important.**
- 2. Give your pet's diet (food fed, amount, how often).**
- 3. Give your schedule for visiting the veterinarian for checkups and shots to keep your pet healthy (if you need a vet) or how you prevent common disease or ailments (include bating and grooming).**
- 4. Explain your pet's reproduction process (breeding age, gestation, average litter size, life expectancy).**
- 5. What are some possibilities of making money with a pet like yours? (Is there any commercial use?)**
- 6. Where have you exhibited your pet?**
- 7. Tell what you have learned about your pet since you have had it for a project.**

8. Describe any special problems that you may have had with your pet.

9. Describe any interesting experiences you've had with other people who were interested in your pet. (Included questions they asked or misinformation they had about your pet like yours.)

10. List the expenses you had in keeping your pet (vet, food, equipment, purchase of pet, etc.).

Date	Item	Amount
	Grand total	\$

11. List any income you had from your pet (sale of babies, etc.)

Date	Item	Amount
	Grand Total	\$