

2nd Grade
MINI 4-H CATS



Hi! Welcome to Mini 4-H and the Mini 4-H Cats Project. You are going to have a great time this year as you learn about the different kinds of cats.

Before you begin the activities, please read the helpful information listed on the next two pages.

Good luck on your project and, most of all, have fun!

INSTRUCTIONS

Before you start working on this project, please read these instructions with an adult or 4-H member who will be helping you.

1. Read the Exhibit Requirements, Note to Parents, Helpful Hints, and Project Goals.
2. You should begin working on your project when you get this manual.
3. Be proud of your project if you have done the best you can do.

EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Read this project book.
2. Write a 50 word story on a specific breed of cat, include a picture of that breed of cat and add this information to your scrapbook from previous year (if applicable). Bring the scrapbook to the 4-H Fair and turn it in as your cat exhibit.

NOTE TO PARENTS

4-H is proud to be considered a "family affair." While it is expected that the 4-H member will actively complete his or her own project, please offer encouragement and guidance to your child throughout the project. Keep in mind that your child's exhibit is to be an exhibit of his or her best effort. Most importantly, take time to enjoy 4-H with your child.

HELPFUL HINTS

Each 4-H family should view a current copy of the Washington County 4-H Handbook. This book contains information on 4-H activities, rules and projects. Whenever you have 4-H related questions, please consult this information book.

Monthly 4-H Newsletters will be made available to families. Please read these Newsletters. They will contain information on upcoming 4-H activities, rule or project updates, and 4-H fair information.

Mini 4-H members are encouraged to attend 4-H Club meetings. At these meetings, you will learn more about 4-H, make new friends, and have fun.

PROJECT GOALS

Given the information in this manual and the help of an adult or older 4-H member you will complete an exhibit in the Mini Cat Project.

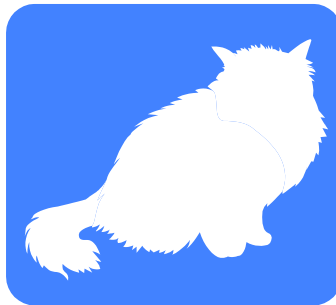
Your Cat Project Exhibit

Your cat project exhibit will be a 50 word story you have written on a specific breed of cat, include a picture of that breed of cat and add this information to your cat scrapbook from previous year (if applicable). You may include pictures or drawings of yourself caring for the cat.

Long Hair Cats

Persian

The Persian cat may have come from Persia (Iran). These longhaired cats may be part Angoras. They moved to Italy in the 16th century. And then spread to France and Great Britain. They became quite popular with royalty. These cats are one of the favorites. Their hair can be a wide range of color including black, white, brown, and many more shades.





Himalayan

A Himalayan is a combination of a black Persian and a Siamese cat. Two Harvard Medical School employees wanted a cat fuzzy like a Persian, but with the coloring of the Siamese cat. They have fuzzy light colored coats with chocolate, seal, lilac, or blue colored points. They did this in 1935.

Ragdoll

The breed Ragdoll came to life in the 1960's. The Ragdoll is a combination of a white Persian, a seal point Birman and a Sable Burmese. The name probably came about because this cat is very friendly and becomes very limp and relaxed when petted. They have color on their tails and heads. The colored parts or points come in four colors seal, chocolate, blue, and lilac.

Maine Coon

This cat comes from Maine. They were the first American longhairs. The cat's name comes from the state of Maine and from the fact that it once looked like a raccoon.



Short Hair Cats

Bombay

A Bombay cat is a combination of a black American Shorthair and a sable-brown Burmese. This combination made a cat that looked like a wild Panther. They are all black in color. The name Bombay came from the Indian city of Bombay. A Kentucky woman founded this breed in 1958.

Sphynx

In Ontario, Canada in 1966 a hairless cat was produced in a litter of cats. Although they look like they have no hair, they really have a thin covering of fine hair.



American Shorthair

Before settlers came to North America, there were no cats. Maybe the first cat came over with the Mayflower. The early cats protected homes and food supplies by hunting mice. The American Shorthair became an official breed in 1904 with the registration of Buster Brown. They exist in over 30 different colors.



Siamese

Another popular breed is the Siamese cat. They lived in Thailand as early as the 14th century. True Siamese cats have light coats with chocolate, seal, lilac, or blue colored points.

Check List for Your Cat Project Exhibit

The judge will consider these things when they look at your exhibit. Can you answer "yes" to each question?

- | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
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| 1. Is your story at least 50 words? | ___ | ___ |
| 2. Is your story about a specific breed? | ___ | ___ |
| 3. Did you give your story a title? | ___ | ___ |
| 4. Is your story neatly written? | ___ | ___ |
| 5. Did you include pictures or drawings? | ___ | ___ |
| 6. Are the pictures or drawings labeled? | ___ | ___ |

It is important that you get your exhibit to the fair on time. Check your 4-H Newsletter or ask your 4-H Club leader when your mini cat project exhibit needs to be checked-in at the 4-H Fair. Write that information here and on your family calendar.

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