

White County 4-H  
**Cat Project Record**



Year \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

## 4-H Cat Project

The purpose of a 4-H Cat project is to give you an opportunity to learn about and care for an animal. It will be your responsibility to feed, water, and care for your pet.

### Project General Requirements

1. Youth may join 4-H when they enter grade 3 and may continue as a member through grade 12, with a maximum of 10 years participation. Any regular 4-H member may become a 4-H Cat project member. \*See the White County 4-H Handbook for further information.
2. Each member must be enrolled in a local 4-H Club for the current calendar year.
3. Follow all General Rules, Exhibition Regulations, and Completion Requirements as set forth in the current White County 4-H Handbook.
4. Members may choose to exhibit any combination of live animals, a poster, and/or present an action demo detailing some aspect of the 4-H Cat project. The poster and action demo exhibit options may be in place of or in addition to the live cat exhibit. Posters should meet poster guidelines as described in the White County 4-H Handbook. Action Demo guidelines may also be found in the White County 4-H Handbook. One poster in each activity manual level may be selected for State Fair exhibit.
5. Members choosing to exhibit a poster and/or present an action demo in place of the live animal exhibit, must turn in a completed cat project manual at project check-in.

### Live Animal Exhibit Requirements

6. All animals must be fed, trained, and cared for by the 4-H member and owned by him or her and/or their family by May 15.
7. All 4-H project animals must be owned and cared for by May 15 of the current year.
8. All 4-H cats must have a valid certification of vaccination for the 4-H cat project (4-H 777). The certification of vaccination must be signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian, and it must be available at any county workshop with cats and at show check-in. A veterinary check may be done before show check-in and before the 4-H cat may be benched.
9. Cats must be free of fleas, fungus, ear mites, or other communicable diseases.
10. Turn in a completed cat project record sheet (WC-2) **by 4 p.m. July 1**. Members will also turn in the Cat Project manuals in which they have **completed at least 3 activities** each year. The member's adult helper will initial each completed activity. Each manual will be used for 3-4 years depending on the member's age level.
11. A record sheet is required **for each cat** exhibited.
12. Each member may show only his or her own cat(s) or family cat(s). Each 4-H member must exhibit their own animal at the cat show or have an authorized 4-H member to act as their agent. Each cat shall be under the restraint of the exhibitor.
13. The cat is to be brought for exhibit in a suitable cage. Each cat must wear a collar and have a leash, except when being judged. All exhibitors must bring their own kitty litter and water in suitable containers.
14. Cats must be at least four (4) months of age by the day of the show to be eligible for exhibit.
15. Cats do not need to be registered or pedigreed for exhibit.
16. Classes will be divided according to age (cat & kitten) and by hair type (long & short). Cats may be benched by sex. *Members will be allowed one entry per class.*  
**Kitten** - 4 to 8 months old on the day of the show. Any kitten becoming 8 months old on show day will be considered an adult cat.  
**Cat** - 8 months of age or older on show day.  
**Long haired** - cats whose coat has long top hairs, with a thick woolly undercoat. The length of hair on a cat's tail is often used as a determining factor. Hair length is normally 1 1/2" or more.  
**Short haired** - cats whose coat has only short hairs, a smooth, textured coat. Cat tail hair is usually less than 1 1/2" in length.
17. The cat will be removed from its cage during judging. The 4-H'er and/or his/her parent(s) should not speak with the judge unless conversation is initiated by the judge.
18. All cats will come to the show in a carrier and leave in their carrier. The only time the animal should be removed from the cage is when they are showing or for last minute grooming. 4-H cats shall not be left unattended at any time either at the show area and/or in an automobile.
19. No flea collars are permitted at the show.
20. No cat shall be devocalized.
21. It is recommended that all 4-H cats, other than pedigreed breeding stock, be neutered or spayed.
22. All 4-H cats must have the claws clipped or be de-clawed.
23. 4-H members will exhibit no more than one animal in each class.
24. Pregnant or lactating female cats will not be permitted to show.
25. Cat Classes to be offered: Kitten Short Hair; Kitten Long Hair; Cat Short Hair; Cat Long Hair. At the judge's discretion classes may be divided by: solid color; bi-color; parti-color (includes torbies, torties, tortie/white, torbie/white); shaded (includes silvers, goldens, smokes); pointed (includes Siamese, Burmese); tabby; tabby/white.
26. Each 4-H'er's cat will be judged on a) health, b) cleanliness, c) grooming, d) personality, and e) if all categories are equal, the judge will choose a winner by its "star quality."
27. Those interested in exhibiting their cat at State Fair should read appropriate State Fair guidelines. State Fair registration is due by July 1st.

## White County 4-H Cat Record Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Year in Cat Project \_\_\_\_\_ Year in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

*I reviewed this record and the cat project activity manual for completeness and correctness.*

4-H Club Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### 4-H Cat Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

**Kitten** 4 to 8 month       **Cat** 8 months or older

**Long Hair**                       **Short Hair**

**Household Pet**       **Purebred Pet**      Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Male**                                   **Female**

**Neutered**                           **Spayed**

**Owned by:**     **Myself**                       **My Family**

**Date of Possession** \_\_\_\_\_      **Date Project Started** \_\_\_\_\_  
No later than May 15

1. Write a short essay about your project on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this record. Tell what you have learned from taking this project and why you would recommend it to others.
  
2. Have you exhibited your cat at any shows besides the County Fair Show? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, attach a paper with the following information: name of show; date; class exhibited; number of cats in the class; placing; expenses (including entry fees, travel, etc.)

#### 3. Record of Veterinary and Other Medical Expenses

Date	Item or Service	Cost
<b>3. Total Vet/Medical Expenses</b>		<b>\$</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 80px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>

### 4. Feed and Labor Record

Month	Type & Kind of Food	Amount Fed	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Labor: Hours spent grooming & caring for cat.
<i>Example: January</i>	<i>Dry Iams Canned Amore</i>	<i>1/2—5 lb. bag 1/2 can twice daily = 31</i>	<i>\$10.00 .35</i>	<i>\$5.00 7.75</i>	<i>15 hours</i>
<b>4. Total Feed Expense</b>				\$	

### 5. Miscellaneous Expense Record

Date	Item (includes items such as kitty litter, cat toys, scratching post, collar, leash, shampoo, etc.)	Cost
<b>5. Total Miscellaneous Expense</b>		\$

### 6. Total Project Cost

<b>a. Total Show cost</b> (from #2 attached sheet, if any)	
<b>b. Total Veterinary/Medical cost</b> (#3, previous page)	
<b>c. Total Feed cost</b> (#4 above)	
<b>d. Total Miscellaneous cost</b> (#5 above)	
<b>Total Project Cost</b> Add lines a-d	\$

# 4-H Cat Project Release Form

**Note:** Turn in this completed form to the 4-H Cat Project Leader prior to bringing your cat(s) to any County workshop or show.

Name of 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cat's Name	Age or DOB	Breed	Color	Long or Short Hair	Sex
1.					
2.					
3.					

## Release

I hereby enroll the above mentioned cat(s) and agree to abide by all rules and regulation of this 4-H project. I agree not to bring my cat to any workshop or show unless it has had all the required tests and vaccinations and is free from any communicable disease. I agree not to hold the 4-H Cat Project Leaders or Directors responsible in any way for loss or harm to myself or my cat. I also agree to be responsible for my own cat is injury is caused by my cat to any other cat or to any person during the workshops or show at the 4-H Fair.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_