


Mini 4-H ANIMAL FRIENDS

- Mini 4-H is open to youth who are currently in **Kindergarten, first, or second grade** at the time of their enrollment on 4HOnline.
- Enroll in Mini 4-H through the 4HOnline website by January 15, <https://in.4HOnline.com> 
- There is no state program fee or manual fee for Mini 4-H, a local club fee may apply.
- Each Mini 4-H member can enroll in up to 5 mini 4-H projects and is able to **exhibit 2 mini-projects** at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair.
- All projects to be exhibited must be entered into Fairentry.com (<https://stjoseph-in.fairentry.com>) prior to check-in.
- All Mini 4-H projects are checked in on Monday or Tuesday of project turn-in week, one week before fair starts, in the 4-H Exhibit Hall of the Esther Singer Building. Enter Gate 2 off Ironwood Road.
- Your completed Mini 4-H project will receive a 4-H ribbon once it is exhibited at the 4-H Fair.

ANIMAL FRIENDS:

In this project, you will learn about selecting a pet, its safety, shelter, food, exercise and all about caring for an animal you love. You will also learn the 4-H pledge from the manual.

Exhibit Requirements: You will exhibit a 14" x 22" horizontal poster with two photographs and your completed record sheet on it. The title on the poster should be: "My Animal Friend". You should participate in the Mini 4-H Pet Parade. Check your Fairbook for correct time and location.

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge...



My head to clearer thinking



My heart to greater loyalty



My hands to larger service



My health to better living

For my CLUB, my COMMUNITY, my COUNTRY, and my WORLD.

Mini 4-H Animal Friends

We are glad you decided to join Mini 4-H. Having a pet can be a lot of fun!

In the eyes of your animal friend, you are the most important person in the world. Your pet counts on you for his food, water, exercise, health, safety and love. How does that make you feel?

If you love and take care of your pet, you will have an animal friend for life. What a neat feeling!

Here are some questions for you to answer about your Special Pet. Read the following questions very carefully. How many can you answer "YES" to?

Food

Animals are like you. They like good, clean water and food. They also like to be fed every day.

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| 1. Do you always remember to feed your pet? | Yes | No |
| 2. Do you feed your pet at the same time each day? | Yes | No |
| 3. Does your pet always have a clean food dish or pan? | Yes | No |
| 4. Do you always have clean, fresh water for your pet? | Yes | No |

Exercise

Animals like to run and play, so spend time with your pet!

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| 1. Do you take time to play with your pet each day? | Yes | No |
| 2. Do you enjoy playing with your pet? | Yes | No |

Animals are like people. They get sick too. Do you know the name given to an animal doctor? He or she is called a veterinarian.

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| 1. If your pet should get sick or have an accident, do you know the name and number of your local veterinarian? | Yes | No |
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Write your veterinarian's name and phone number here:

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____



Safety

Our animal friends depend on us for their safety.

Do you keep your pet on a leash, in a pen, a fenced yard or in a safe place? Yes No

Love

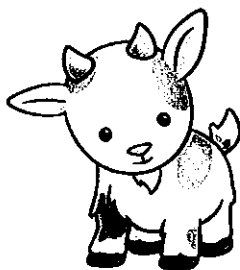
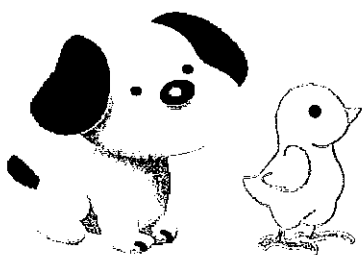
You know how it feels when your family loves you. You can give this same feeling to your animal friend. Sometimes you may have to correct him when he does something wrong. You do this because you love your pet.

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| 1. | Does your pet know you love him? | Yes | No |
| 2. | When your pet is bad, can you correct him without getting mad? | Yes | No |

MINI 4-H MEMBERS LOVE



ANIMALS!



Let's learn about selecting a pet

1. There are many kinds of pets for you to choose from; you need to select the pet that will best fit in with you and your family.
2. If you live in a small house or apartment, you may decide a small pet will be best. Some nice small pets are cats, small dogs, birds, gerbils, fish, and turtles.
3. If you live in the country or on a farm, you could have a larger animal for a pet. You may decide to own a large dog, horse, goat or some other big pet.
4. It is easier to train a young pet than an older pet if you have patience and time.
5. If you get a pet and decide you do not want it, give it to a good friend or take it to an animal shelter for adoption. Unwanted pets should never be turned loose. They will not have anyone to take care of them.
6. You may buy a pet from breeders, dealers, pet shops or private owners. You may also adopt them from the Humane Society Animal Shelters.
7. Be sure your pet is healthy. Have it examined by a veterinarian as soon as possible. A veterinarian is one of your animal's best friends.

Exhibit

You will exhibit the following and should participate in the Mini 4-H Pet Parade.

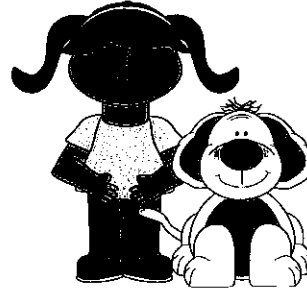
***If your pet is a large animal, such as a cow, a horse, pig, sheep or goat, then you will exhibit a 14" x 22" stiff backed horizontal poster.

1. Have someone in your family take two photographs of you with your pet.
 - A. One picture should show you having fun with your pet.
 - B. The other picture should show you taking care of your pet (feeding, grooming, training, etc.)

Place photographs on the left hand side of your poster. (See Diagram on the next page)

2. Label or title your poster NEATLY across the top with "MY ANIMAL FRIEND". To make sure your lettering is straight, you might use a ruler and draw the lines with pencil.
3. Complete the record sheet NEATLY and attach it to the right hand side of your poster. (See Diagram on the next page)

You should participate in the Mini 4-H Pet Parade showing your animal at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair. Check your Fairbook for exact date, time and location.



Mini 4-H Pet Parade Agenda

1. Line up of entrants
2. Bring completed registration form to turn in
3. Parade with music march from starting point and end up where they began in numerical order.
4. Interview Mini 4-H'er at microphone.
5. Parade again to music.
6. Receive 4-H ribbon and gifts.
7. Winner announced.

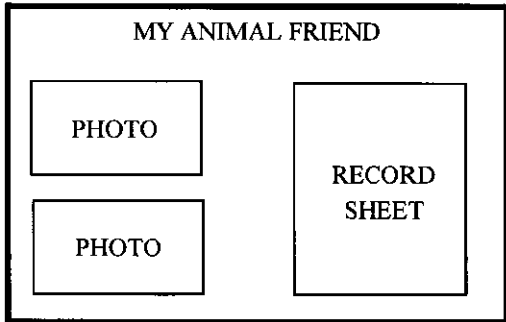
***Don't forget to register your project in 4-H Fair Entry, <https://stjoseph-in.fairentry.com>. A label will be provided at project check-in for your poster.**

You may exhibit the poster and participate in the Mini 4-H Pet Parade.

Remember: You will receive a special Mini 4-H Ribbon when you exhibit your poster and pet at the 4-H Fair!

DIAGRAM

22"



14"

BRING THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE MINI PET PARADE

MINI 4-H PET PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF 4-H'ER: _____

CLUB: _____

GRADE: _____ SCHOOL _____

NAME OF PET: _____

TYPE OF ANIMAL: _____

CONTESTANT: _____

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Mini 4-H Animal Friends Record Sheet

What I do to make my pet healthy & happy

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Club: _____

Please answer these questions the best you can

1. My pet is a (type of animal): _____

2. The name of my pet is: _____

3. I chose this name because: _____

4. My pet's age is: _____

5. My pet lives in a (House, Barn, Cage, Etc.): _____

6. My pet gets fed (How Often): _____

7. My pet enjoys: _____

8. For exercise, my pet: _____

9. My pet likes to sleep (when and where): _____

10. I like my pet because: _____

11. Tell a funny story about your pet: _____

Cut neatly along this line and attach completed upper half to right hand side of your poster.

(See diagram)