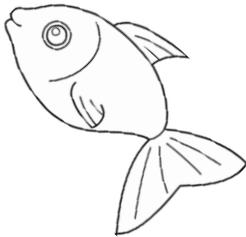


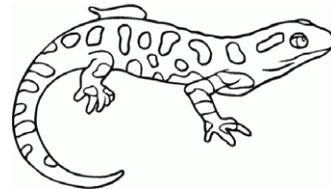
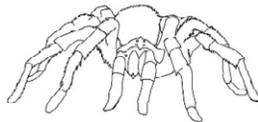
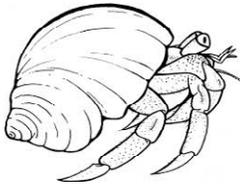


Lancaster County

4-H Household Pets Record Book



Place a picture of your household pet project here



Member Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____ Grade: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____



Introduction:

This project book has been created specifically for 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Household Pet Project. Keeping a record book is an important part of the project. It will help you set goals for the project year, record your accomplishments and help guide your effort to keep important records on your pet(s). This project is for those who want to learn more about their household pet. As well as practice important life skills such as decision-making, communicating with others, planning and organizing and accepting responsibility.

What is a 4-H Project?

A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. It is also something you do or make, with knowledge and skills you learned in the project. In this case, your project is Household Pets. You learn about your project from attending club meetings and educational workshops, and from working with adults and other 4-H members. You can also learned from field trips and camps, by participating in shows and competitions, as wells as from your family and self-study. The Household Pet project is for kids who love their pets and want to learn about them.

Why Complete a Record Book?

A record book is a way for you to learn and keep track of what you learn. Here are some important reasons why 4-H expects you to complete a 4-H record book for your particular project.

Keeping a 4-H record book will help you...

- To organize yourself
- Set reasonable goals for yourself
- Appreciate what you've learned this year from the goals you reached
- Recognize what you've learned in your 4-H project this year and track your progress and successes from year to year
- Keep track of costs of your project
- Gather information needed to apply for awards and scholarships
- Complete applications and resumes for jobs and college
- Meet requirements to participate in some county, state, and national 4-H events

End-of-the-year Signatures

Due to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Lancaster County office by July 15.

By signing below, I am stating I have completed this record book myself and to the best of my knowledge, the information included is correct.

4-H member signature: _____ Date: _____

4-H parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____



Guidelines for the Household Pet Project Record Book

One record book can be completed for all of your project animals. Start your record book at the beginning of the 4-H year (In October or when you join) and keep track of all your expenses and receipts during the year. It is important to update your record book monthly. Keep your book neat and complete.

Start the 4-H year off by at least three goals to complete. These goals could include “Household Pet care Skills” or “Personal Development Activities”. To expand your horizons, try to accomplish new skills each year you are in the project.

A record book should be kept in a folder. It is recommended you save your record books from previous years. That way, you can easily compare your progress and achievements throughout your years in 4-H. It will also help you when you apply for awards, jobs, college, etc.

4-H Member Program Growth Ideas

In general, all 4-H members are challenged to meet the following standards each year. These are just suggestions and your individual club may have additional requirements.

- Complete a 4-H project, doing your own work with minimal assistance from parents or others, including being responsible for the physical care and training of pets to the fullest extent.
- Complete a project record book.



Information about My Household Pet(s) (Use one sheet per pet)

Name of Pet: _____

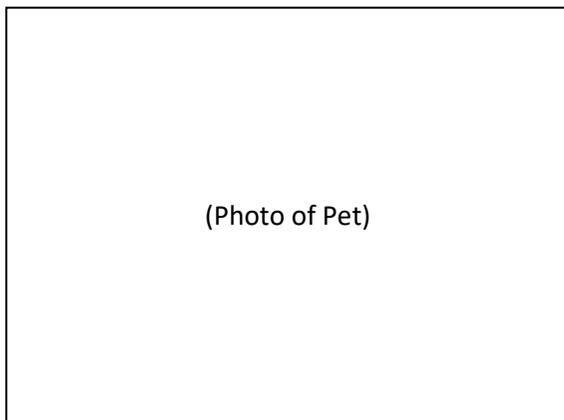
Type of Pet: _____

Coloring of Pet: _____

Sex of Pet: _____

Age of Pet (if known): _____ Birth Date if known: _____

If age is unknown, estimate your pet's age: _____



My Pet was (Check all that apply)

____ Already a family pet

____ Gift

____ Adopted from a shelter or rescue

____ Purchased

____ Other (please explain)

My pet was acquired at: _____

(Name of store, breeder, animal shelter, rescue, etc.)

Was a fee charged for your pet? _____

Date I started my project: _____ Date I completed my project: _____

Description of my pet (include size, weight, color, and other identifying characteristics):

Average time I spend with my pet each day (observing, playing exercising, caring etc.): _____



Pet Care

(Use one sheet per pet)

How often do you clean your pet's cage or tank? _____

What kind of food do you feed your pet? _____

How often do you play or observe your pet? _____

How often do you groom your pet (if necessary)? _____

How often do you take your pet to the veterinarian? _____

Does your pet have a favorite food? What is it? _____

Are there any toys you can use to play with your pet? If so what? _____

Does your pet do any tricks? _____

If yes, explain:

What do you do to keep your pet healthy? _____

Does your pet have any particular habits? (Ex: Fish—usually swims around plants, or rat—squeaks when you begin to feed) _____

Has your pet ever been sick? If yes, do you know what it was sick with? Explain _____

Has your pet ever been hurt? If yes, explain _____

Has your pet ever been lost? If yes, explain _____

Has your pet ever been spayed or neutered? (if applies) _____

Do you have other pets? (Include names and species) _____
