



Cavy Project



Monthly Lesson Plan
April 2022



Upcoming Deadlines

- ✓ **June 1st:** Project animals ID'd in 4HOnline
- ✓ ****Announcement**** - Adams County Fair will have a one day live 4-H Cavy show this year. Cavies will arrive, show and be released on Friday Aug. 5th.



Project Progress

Suggest the following as things your members should work on or accomplish with their project this month. Follow up to see which they achieved:



1. **E Record Books:** Update their "Equipment/Supplies Inventory" (p. 3) & "Animal Inventory" pages (p. 4)
2. **Hands On:** Members should practice trimming their cavy's claws so they do not scratch when being handled.
3. **Knowledge:** Members should learn what types of feed they should feed their cavies, and which foods they should avoid (Cavy Resource Handbook p. 43)
4. **Other:** Brainstorm a topic for their Cavy educational poster and/or demonstration.
5. **Other:** Update your calendar with 2022 Animal Project Dates



Opportunities

See 4-H Calendars for full details & more recently added events

- **April 12** - Record Book Workshop (virtual)
- **April 30** - ADCO Speech & Demonstration Contest



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Attached Activities

Use these suggested activities at club project meetings to increase member knowledge and keep members engaged in their project.

Group: Healthy Marks

- Help members examine their cavy's health.



Fun Fact

Baby guinea pigs are born with fur, teeth and eyes open ready to romp!



Timely Tips to Share

Springtime can be fun time to let cavies spend some time outside. Members should be careful to limit outside time however as newly grown grass can be very rich and may cause stomach upset.



Resources



- The following & more can be found on the ADCO 4-H Cavy Project Webpage: <http://adams4h.org/4-h-cavy-project/>
 - 2022 Animal Project Save the Dates
 - Cavy Resource Handbook (Ohio State)
 - E Record Books
 - Fourcast Newsletter Signup
 - Project Tipsheets



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Healthy Marks

Cavy Health Evaluation Activity

Members should work with their 4-H Cavy leader to evaluate the health of their cavies. Our 4-H project animals rely on us to keep them healthy and know what is normal and abnormal for you animal will help you seek veterinary care when needed.

Veterinary Clinic Name:

Veterinary Clinic Phone Number:

Cavy Info:

Name: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Weight: _____

Vital Signs:

Respiration Rate (breaths/min): _____ Pulse (beats/min) _____

Temperature: _____

Characteristics: Review what normal healthy observations would be, then help members assess their own animal.

Attitude:

Stance/Movement:

Hair Coat Condition (type, length, shiny, texture):

Ears (redness, discharge):

Mucous Membranes (color, moistness):

Eyes (color, clarity, discharge):

Teeth (color, gums, missing, broken):

Claws (length)
