Project Tips - *Cats*

Important Dates

February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

April 1:

4-H Enrollment Deadline

(New Members)

May 1:

Animal ID due on 4Honline

Animal Care (Primary Care) Form due

Current Distemper & Rabies vaccines deadline

Mid June:

Animal Record Book Interviews

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

Early August:

Adams County Fair

September:

Animal Record Books Due

(Friday before Labor Day)

View the 4-H Calendar:

http://adams4h.org/4-h-events/

Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

$

Do you have a pet cat at home that you want to show in 4-H?

Are you unable to house large livestock or other 4-H project animals?

Project Timeline

Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.

About the Project

	Project Skills	Life Skills
Head	• Care for, train, and socialize your cat • Select a cat based on breed, disposition etc. • Track animal health, feed costs, training etc.	• Goal Setting • Decision Making • Keeping Records
Heart	• Present to a judge how to handle and care for your cat. • Help another member groom their animal for show • Vote on 4-H club decisions using parliamentary procedure	• Communication • Sharing • Cooperation
Hands	• Learn how to train and groom your cat to exhibit. • Recognize and serve community needs • Teach the public about animals and citizenship	• Self-motivation • Community service volunteering • Leadership
Health	• Practice showing my cat regularly • Feed and care for my cat daily • Learn from mistakes or failures.	• Self-discipline • Self-responsibility • Character

Project Requirements

Cat Project members who intend to exhibit their animal(s) at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:

1. Enroll in the Cats Project by the enrollment deadline..
2. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form on 4HOnline by deadline.
3. ID all animals in 4HOnline by May 1 deadline (project cat must be owned by ID deadline)
4. Attend Animal Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
5. Enter fair classes online by deadline.
6. Your cat must meet the vaccination requirements to be eligible to enter in the County Fair. (see premium book)
7. Complete and turn in Record book the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4hOnline

1. 4-H members are required to enter their animals in the 4hOnline enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All Cat project animals must be entered in the 4hOnline system no later than May 1st of the current project year.
3. It is highly recommended any and all animals with the potential of attending Fair have ID in 4hOnline. if an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.

Log in to [4hOnline](#)
Select the 4-H member
1 - Click Animals
2 - Click Add an Animal
3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window

Required Information for Cat Project Animals:
Tag (Animal Name)
Colors and Markings
Birthdate
Upload: Photo and Vaccination Record from Veterinarian
Optional Information for Cat Project Animals:
Ownership Date (all cats must be owned no later than May 1 of current year)
Breed
Sex
Weight
License (registration number)
Tattoo

Steps for Success:

1. Sign up for 4-H Fourcast Newsletters
2. Attend club meetings & meet your club's cat leader & other cat members
3. Order the cat project manual through your Club Leader to help you learn
4. Download the Companion Animal E-Recordbook
5. Review Fair premium book to understand show rules and classes
6. Attend required and optional club and county workshops to learn
7. Work on Companion Animal E-Recordbooks regularly.
8. When in doubt, contact the 4-H office with questions

Resources

- *Cat Project Manuals - available through shop4-h.org*
- *Adams County Fair Premium Book - www. adamscountyextension.org*
- *4-H Cat Project Leader or Superintendent*
  Stay up to date!
  News/Events/Social Media Posts
  http://adams4h.org/4-h-news-events/

Record Book

Cat Project Members complete the 4-H Companion Animal E-Record:
http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/

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