

4-H Small Pet Record

Year _____

Name _____ Club _____

Signature (I have completed this project) _____

4-H Age _____ Years in 4-H _____ Years in Project _____

I have worked my project during this time period:

from _____ through _____, totaling _____ months



Introduction

The 4-H Small Pet Record is for members wanting to learn to raise small pets. Whether they are raised as breeders or simply as pets, this record booklet will help you to keep track of your project animal(s).

Objectives for Small Pet Project:

1. Learn basic principles of Animal Science.
2. Acquire skills in the selection, management, and marketing of healthy small pets.
3. Learn and practice skills in selection, evaluation, judging, and reasons.
4. Learn and develop proper showmanship skills.
5. Develop presentation skills through public speaking, demonstrations, tours, judging, etc.

Minimum requirements:

1. Feed, care for, and keep records (i.e. this book) on *at least* one small pet.
2. Participate in, or at least attend, one small stock show or exposition where small pets are featured.
3. Participate in at least one judging event that contains at least one class of small pets (such as a fair or county achievement day).
4. Participate in at least one showmanship event (may or may not be the same as the judging event).

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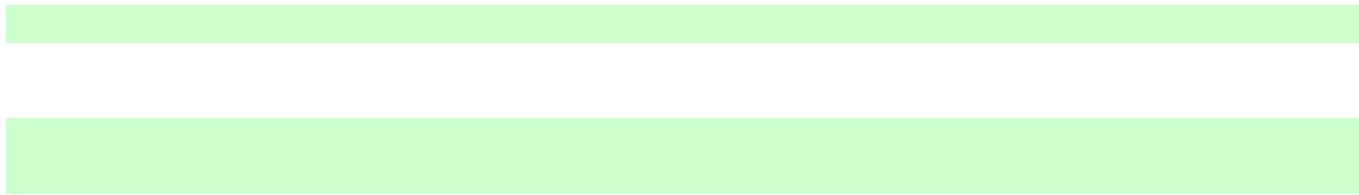
Project Inventory

An inventory at the start and the close of your small pet project is a necessary part of your record. The beginning inventory lists all items on hand at the start of the project (animals & equipment) together with their value. Beginning inventory values are either (1) the amount paid or (2) the estimated market value of the stock or items at the start of the project. Inventory items purchased after the project starts will be entered as expenses and in the closing inventory. The closing inventory is the estimated market value. Use current price for small pets, either from breeders or pet stores. Items such as crocks, feeders, etc. should be depreciated at a rate of **15-20%** per year. *Therefore, a cage purchased new for \$25.00 would be worth \$20 at the end of the year.* Items that are four years or older may be given a salvage value - generally the lowest percent depreciated after four years, or the fair market value one might expect to get if selling the item *(a four-year-old \$25 hutch would be valued about \$10.24).* If part of a larger operation, show estimated value only for that portion used for this project.

Opening Inventory	Value	Closing Inventory	Value
Stock (animals)		Stock (animals)	
Facilities, Equipment, & Supplies		Facilities, Equipment, & Supplies	
Building(s)			
Cage(s)			
Feeders			
Waterers			
Nesting materials			
Grooming supplies			
Show supplies & fees			
Reference Materials			
Feed		Feed	
Medications/health care items		Medications/health care items	
TOTAL Opening VALUE		TOTAL Closing VALUE	

Expense/Income Worksheet

Date	Amount (# or lbs, etc.)	Item	New Stock Expense	Equipment Expense	Feed Expense	Other Expense	INCOME
Jan 1	10 lbs.	Animal Feed			\$15.00		
Jan 18	1	Baby					\$12.00
Feb. 2	1	New male for breeding	\$6.00				
Mar. 3		Sale of old cage					\$2.00



Use this worksheet throughout your year. Transfer information to Financial Summary below.

SMALL PET PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY - Year _____

Income

Opening Inventory on hand (page 3)	\$
Equipment – sold	\$
Animals – sold	\$
Other Products – sold	\$
Cash Awards, including fair premiums*	\$
Sub - total INCOME	\$
Closing Inventory on hand (page 3)	\$
TOTAL INCOME	\$

Expenses

Stock – purchased		\$		
Equipment / Facilities purchased/rented		\$		
Feed Cost		\$		
Other	[healthcare	\$]	
	[medications	\$]	
	[show expense	\$]	
	[miscellaneous exp.	\$]	\$
Labor Cost (page 2)		\$		
		\$		
	TOTAL EXPENSES			\$

NET PROJECT INCOME (+ or -) \$

Total Expense subtracted from total income equals net project income. If total income is less than total expenses, you have lost money on your project. Find the reason and make necessary changes if you are keeping the Small Pet Project as a business. Keep in mind, though, that not all projects make money. For example, a show animal has several show expenses and may not produce income, but the pleasure and experience of having the pet is well worth the expense. You must keep records to have a better idea from where the money comes and for what it is spent. Your good animals will appear on the closing inventory because of their value as breeders. You can sell animals with poor records.

OVERALL PROJECT SUMMARY: (circle appropriate response, and explain)

This project was *worth / not worth* my effort because:

I *will / will not* continue in this project next year because: