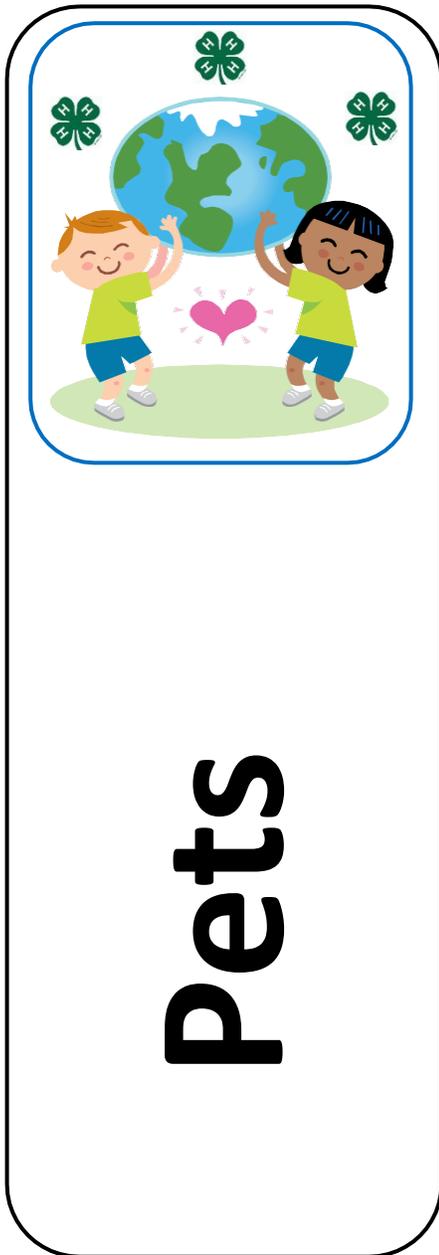


# LaPorte County

## Mini 4-H



# Pets



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# Mini 4-H Parent's Page

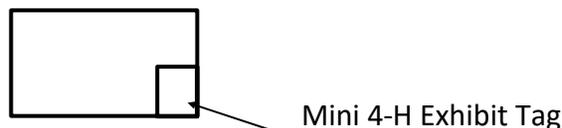
We welcome you and your child to the LaPorte County Mini 4-H program. Mini 4-H is for youth who are in kindergarten, first or second grade during the 4-H year (October 1-September 30). This program is designed to encourage positive development, give youth the opportunity to explore interests, practice small and large muscle control, and introduce you to the LaPorte County 4-H program.

As a Mini 4-H parent or guardian, please support your child through the activities in this handbook. Encourage and praise your child as they have fun learning and sharing with you. Please avoid completing activities for them. Learning by doing is the best educational tool that we can provide for youth.

Mini 4-H exhibition, held annually at the LaPorte County Fair, is an exciting time for all 4-H members, families and friends. It is a week that allows youth to showcase their talents, interests and enthusiasm for learning.

## Where Do I Begin?

1. Mini 4-H is open to any youth who is enrolled in either kindergarten, first or second grade on January 1st of the current year.
2. Enroll your Mini 4-H youth on [v24honline.com](http://v24honline.com) and pay the annual \$5 program fee to be an active Mini 4-H member. Once registered, you will receive a bimonthly email bulletin keeping you informed of Mini 4-H and 4-H opportunities. Any questions can be answered by LaPorte County Purdue Extension at 219-324-9407.
3. Mini 4-H participants complete activities and projects found in this guide. Activities and projects are completed at home.
4. One (1) project from this handbook can be exhibited at the Mini 4-H exhibition. Please complete the Mini 4-H Exhibit tag and attach it to your project, as well as a record sheet (both are included in this manual). Watch your email for dates of exhibit check-in.
5. Some projects require a poster to exhibit. Following are **POSTER EXHIBIT guidelines**:
  - A. Stiff backing 14" high by 22" wide. (This can be cardboard or foam core board.)
  - B. Position poster board **HORIZONTALLY**.



# What Do the H's in 4-H Mean?

## Head, Heart, Hands, and Health

4-H Symbol: A four-leaf clover with an "H" on each leaf

4-H Colors: Green and White

4-H Motto: "To make the best, better!"



# 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

I promise to use my head to make good choices.

my **HEART** to greater loyalty,

I promise to use my heart to be a good friend.

My **HANDS** to larger service,

I promise to use my hands to do helpful things for others.

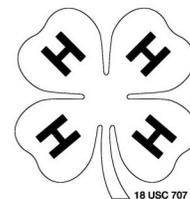
And my **HEALTH** to better living,

I promise to take care of my body and to show others to live in a healthy way.

For my club, my community,

I promise to help my group, my community,

My country, and my world.



# Pets Activities

Do you love animals? Would you like to share with others information about the animals that live in your house? In this project, you will learn more about your pet. You will get to share your pet through pictures, stories and drawings.

## Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Project Options

Poster: What Pet is Best? or Poster: My Favorite Pet  
Completed Record Sheet

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Project Options:

Poster: Pet Observation or Poster: Pet Research  
Complete Record Sheet

Emails and the biweekly 4-H bulletin will note the date and time for Mini 4-H exhibit check in. You may exhibit 1 project from this handbook. Remember to include the completed Record Sheet and Mini 4-H Exhibit Tag with your exhibit.

Your questions can be answered by calling Purdue Extension at 219-324-9407.

MINI 4-H EXHIBIT		
Project: (Circle One)		
Arts & Crafts	Bicycle Safety	Bugs
Collections	Cookie Decorating	
Farm Animals	Foods	Gardening
Little Peeps	Models	Nature/Plants/Trees
Pets	Recycling	Sewing
Sun, Stars & Space	Wearable Art	
NAME: _____		GRADE: _____

# Kindergarten & First Grade

## Poster: What Pet is Best?

People choose pets for many different reasons. What will be the cost, space required and time needed to care for a pet? How will the pet fit into the family?

### **Needed Materials:**

- Family members
- ***The Best Pet Worksheet***, in manual
- Pencil
- Crayons or Colored Pencils
- Animal Pictures (optional)
- Glue
- Poster Board (see page 3)

### **Directions:**

Meet with all of your family members to talk about the questions on your ***The Best Pet Worksheet***.

Answer the questions on the worksheet (have an adult help you if needed).

Draw or find a picture of the best pet for your family and mount it on a poster board.

Cut-out the shapes from ***The Best Pet Worksheet*** and add them to your poster.

Remember to give your poster a title.

If this is your exhibit for the county fair, attach the County Tag.

Clean up work area.

# Poster: My Favorite Pet

Pets are all very different. You can learn about pets by talking to friends, searching the internet, finding books at the library, or watching a pet show. Find information about your favorite pet and follow the directions below.

## Needed Materials:

- Poster Board (see page 3)
- ***Pet Information Sheet***, in manual
- Scissors
- Glue
- Crayons or Colored Pencils
- One 8 1/2" x 11" White Paper

## Directions:

Gather information about your favorite pet.

Cut out any bubbles on the ***Pet Information Sheet*** you would like to use on your poster, and fill in the answers. Have an adult help you.

Draw a picture of your favorite pet on the white paper (photographs can also be used).

Mount a picture and completed bubbles from the ***Pet Information Sheet*** on the poster board. Be sure to give your poster a title.

Decorate and be creative.

If this is your exhibit for the county fair, attach the County Tag.

Clean up work area.

# Second Grade

## Poster: Pet Observation

### Needed Materials:

- Your pet
- Time to spend with your pet
- One 8 1/2" X 11" Piece of White Paper
- Glue
- Pencil
- ***Pet Observation Worksheet***, in manual
- Poster Board (see page 3)

### Directions:

Pick a day to observe your pet and watch your pet throughout an entire day.

Use your ***Pet Observation Worksheet*** to record what your pet did during the day.

Share it with your friends and family.

Draw a picture of your pet (photo can also be used).

Mount picture and worksheet to your poster board. Be sure to give your poster a title.

Be Creative!

If this is your exhibit for the county fair, attach the County Tag.

Clean up work area.

# Poster: Pet Research

## Needed Materials:

- Books from home, library or internet
- One 8 1/2" X 11" White Paper
- **Research Thoughts Bubble Page**, in manual
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pencil, Crayons or Colored Pencils
- Poster Board (see page 3)

## Directions:

Pick an animal that you think would make a good pet to research.

Read books and search the internet about the pet you picked. Ask an adult for help.

Write facts or interesting information about the pet you are researching in the bubbles on the **Research Thoughts Bubble Page**. Have adult make more if necessary. (ex. shelter, food, exercise, grooming, etc.)

Draw a picture of the pet on the white paper (photos can also be used).

Mount the picture and the information from your **Research Thoughts Bubble Page** on your poster board. Be sure to give your poster a title.

Be Creative!

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Clean up work area.



# The Best Pet Worksheet

Why do we want a pet?

Where can we keep our pet?

Who will take care of our pet?

What name would we give our pet?

What are our favorite animals we could have as a pet?

What allergies exist in our family we need to consider?

What concerns do we have about getting a pet?



# Pet Information Sheet

My pet sleeps ...

My pets name is ...

My pet eats ...

I like my pet because ...

My pet likes to ...

My pet lives ...

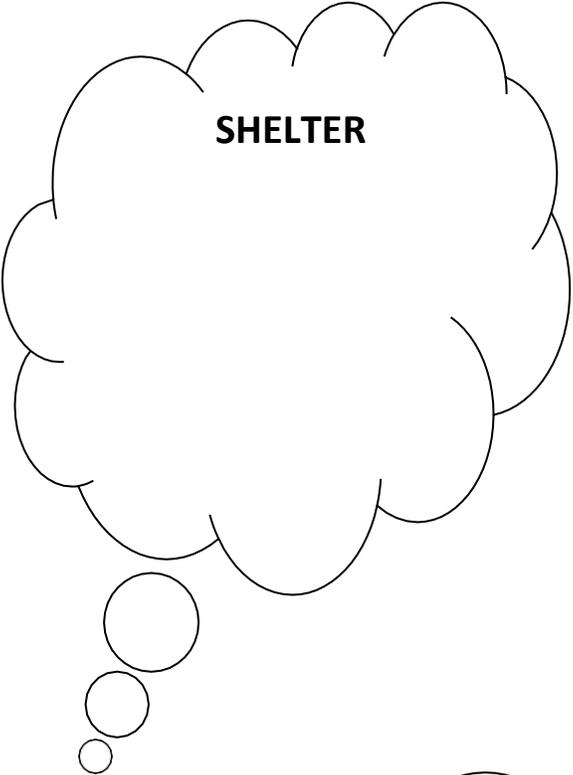




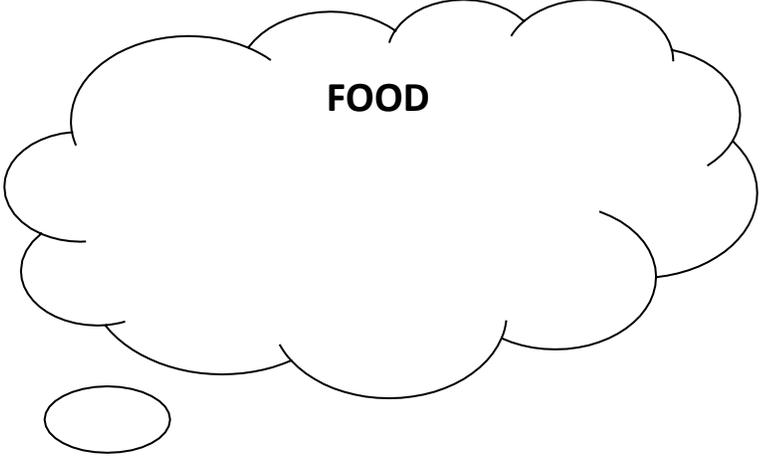


# Research Thoughts Bubble Page

**SHELTER**

A large, cloud-shaped thought bubble with a scalloped border. Inside, the word "SHELTER" is written in bold, black, uppercase letters. Three smaller, circular thought bubbles trail off to the bottom-left from the main bubble.

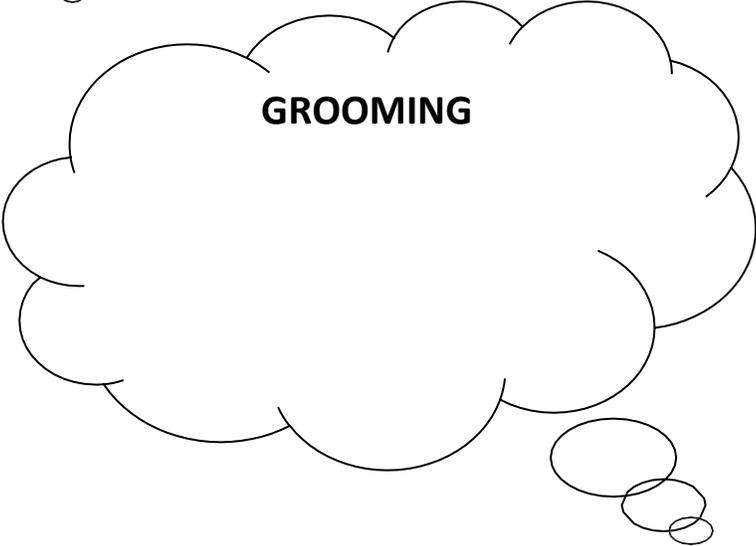
**FOOD**

A large, cloud-shaped thought bubble with a scalloped border. Inside, the word "FOOD" is written in bold, black, uppercase letters. Three smaller, circular thought bubbles trail off to the bottom-left from the main bubble.

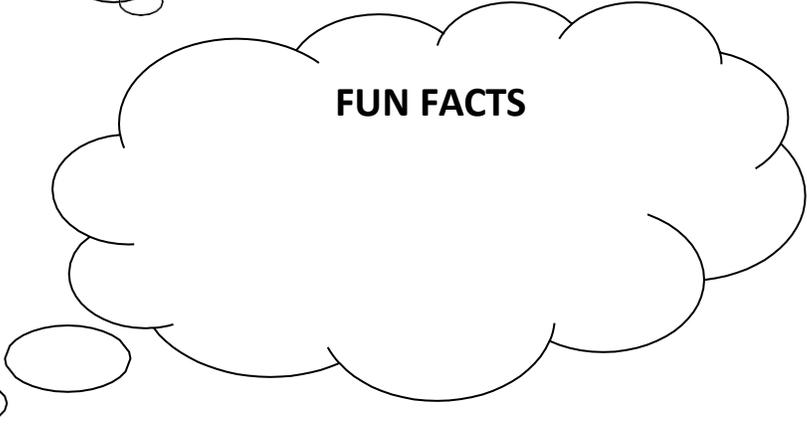
**SPECIAL SUPPLIES**

A large, cloud-shaped thought bubble with a scalloped border. Inside, the words "SPECIAL SUPPLIES" are written in bold, black, uppercase letters. Three smaller, circular thought bubbles trail off to the bottom-left from the main bubble.

**GROOMING**

A large, cloud-shaped thought bubble with a scalloped border. Inside, the word "GROOMING" is written in bold, black, uppercase letters. Three smaller, circular thought bubbles trail off to the bottom-left from the main bubble.

**FUN FACTS**

A large, cloud-shaped thought bubble with a scalloped border. Inside, the words "FUN FACTS" are written in bold, black, uppercase letters. Three smaller, circular thought bubbles trail off to the bottom-left from the main bubble.





# Mini 4-H Pets Record Sheet

My pet's name is \_\_\_\_\_.

My pet is a \_\_\_\_\_.

I take care of my pet by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

My pet is happy when \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_