

4-H PET ANIMAL PROJECT

(In place of 4-H Small Animals Project)

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I. Manuals

A. Use the North Central Region Extension Pet Manuals:

1. Pet Level 1 (grades 3, 4, & 5)
2. Pet Level 2 (grades 6, 7, & 8)
3. Pet Level 3 (grades 9, 10, 11, & 12).

II. Project Requirements

A. Read and study the grade appropriate manual plus other supplementary materials found concerning the pet selected. Complete the manual activities.

1. The 4-H'er should complete 3 - 4 different activities each year.
2. The manual will serve as the 4-H'ers record sheet.
3. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

B. Select and care for a pet animal, either one of those discussed in the manual or another one of their choice.

1. The 4-H'er may choose any animal for this project as long as a county club is not available for the pet chosen.
2. A different animal could be studied and raised each year.

III. 4-H Fair Exhibit

A. An educational poster (22" x 28" with stiff backing, displayed horizontally) or a three-ring binder.

1. Objective: To demonstrate what they have learned and to provide the viewer with educational information concerning pet animals.
2. Subject Examples: Selection, care, feeding, equipment needed, combination of others, or one of their choosing. The 4-H'er may complete the project each year in the above manner, provided a different topic is selected for their poster or added to a three-ring binder each year.