

Cat Evaluation Book

Senior 15+ years

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age on January 1st: _____

Grade in School: _____
(of the program year listed above)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Program Year: _____ Total Years in 4-H: _____
(Include years as a Cloverbud member)

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cat's Name: _____ Gender: Male or Female

Breed: _____
(or closest resembled)

Spayed or Neutered: Yes or No

Cat's Date of Birth: _____ Cat's Age at Fair: _____
(or closest if not known)

Weight: _____ Height: _____

Color and Markings: _____

Where did you get your cat? _____

PROJECT AGREEMENT

I _____ (the Exhibitor) will be responsible for the primary care of my animal project. I will keep accurate records throughout the project year and agree to finish this record as part of completing my 4-H small animal project.

Signed _____ (Exhibitor) Date _____

I _____ (Parent) will be responsible for helping my child in the care of their project. I agree to make this an educational experience and do all I can to teach my child ethical principles of care, treatment, training and record keeping related to this project.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date _____

CAT PROJECT HUMANE TREATMENT POLICY

I, _____, am responsible for the care, welfare, and training of my animals. I promise to care for and train them in a humane and ethical way.

I know that a healthy animal needs the proper kind and amount of food, water, shelter and health care. I understand that proper administration of vaccinations and medicine is important. I know that it is my responsibility to provide that care.

It is my duty to see that my animals are cared for properly.

I know that practice by me is required prior to fair and that I am aware of any signs in behavior changes of my cat. I am aware that if my cat is under stress that I am to make the judge and/or leaders alert to give my animal time to adjust. I understand that cruel or excessively harsh training and handling practices are not to be used in the program.

I will be honest and consistent in my care and training of my project animal.

Member Signature

Date

IMPORTANT NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

4-H Leader	Phone:
Veterinarian Office:	Phone:
Project Leader	Phone:
Local Extension Office	Phone:
Other:	Phone:
Other:	Phone:

BODY CONDITION SCORE

A helpful tool to use when assessing the overall health of an animal is body condition scoring. Body condition scoring is used to assign a value, 1-5 based on defined criteria. Evaluation of an animal's body condition involves both visual examination and palpation of the bone structure, especially the ribs, vertebrae and pelvis. Specific criteria for scoring the body condition of the cat is described below.

Body condition scores:

1.) Emaciated, poor:

Ribs, spine and boy protrusions are easily seen at a distance. These pets have lost muscle mass and there is no observable body fat. Emaciated, bony, and starved in appearance.

2.) Under-conditioned, thin

Ribs, spine and other bones are easily felt. These pets have an obvious waist when viewed from above and have an abdominal tuck. Thin, lean or skinny in appearance.

3.) Well-conditioned, optimal

Ribs and spine are easily felt but not necessarily seen. There is a waist when viewed from above and the abdomen is raised and not sagging when viewed from the side. Normal, ideal and often muscular in appearance.

4.) Over-conditioned, fat

Ribs and spine are hard to feel or count underneath fat deposits. Waist is distended or often pear-shaped when viewed from above. The abdomen sags when seen from the side. There are typically fat deposits on the hips, base of tail and chest. Overweight, heavy, husky or stout.

5.) Obese, grossly fat

Large fat deposits over the chest, back, tail base and hindquarters. The abdomen sags prominently and there is no waist when viewed from above. The chest and abdomen often appear distended or swollen. Obese.

www.PetObesityPrevention.com

What is your cat's score?

What does the score tell you about the health of your cat?

FEEDING RECORD

Answers to the following questions should reflect age and knowledge; older members should give more complete and detailed answers.

What do feed your animal? Please include any nutritional supplements that are being given.
(Example: brand name and how much)

What is the main ingredient of the food?

Why is this ingredient a good choice for your cat?

How do you know this is a complete and balanced cat food for the maintenance of your cat?

Why is protein a requirement for cat?

Why is fat important in a cat diet?

List at least three foods that should be avoided when feeding your cat?

What other snacks or treats do give your cat?

VACCINATIONS

Cat Name _____

Breed _____

Age of Cat _____

Fill in the chart below with the vaccinations that your cat has received and the dates they were administered.

Vaccines	Date Received
Rabies	
<u>Panleukopenia</u>	
Feline Calici Virus	
Rhinotracheitis	
Feline Leukemia Virus	
Bordetella	
Chlamydomphila Felis	
Feline Immunodeficiency Virus	

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM YOUR CAT PROJECT

A minimum of one photo of you and your cat is required.

LIMIT PHOTOS TO THE CAT PROJECT OR ACTIVITIES ONLY

RESEARCH TOPIC

Chose one topic from below and write a research essay exhibiting the knowledge learned in your study.

It is your choice to type or hand-write your essay. If you hand-write the essay, use ink on lined white notebook paper. If typed, use plain white paper 12-point font and Times New Roman or Calibri font, single or double spaced.

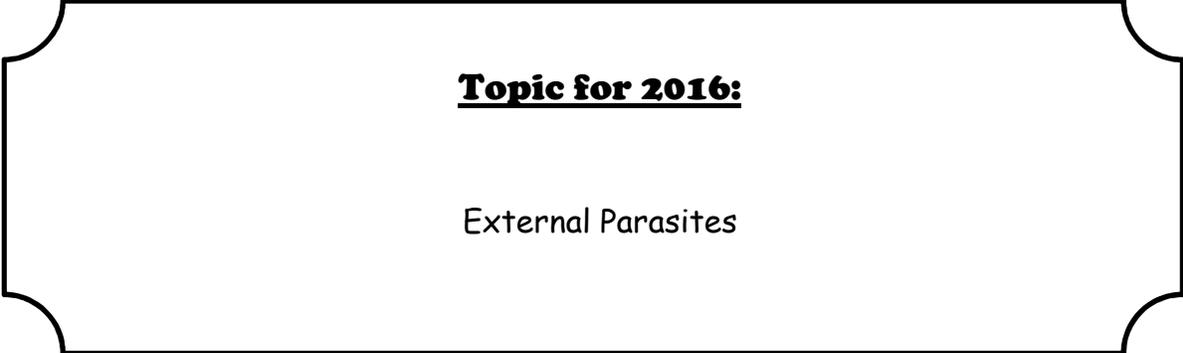
Leave wide enough margins so the story can be read if inserted into a report cover.

Senior minimum required: 750 words

Be sure to use proper grammar and sentence structure and MLA format. Use the following websites for format information: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>
<http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/>

Edit your essay when finished and use spell check if available. Have someone else read your essay to help in your editing process.

At the end of your essay, include a bibliography of book, websites or people that were interviewed. The bibliography will not be included in your word count. You must use your own words, no plagiarizing will be allowed, just as with school papers.



Topic for 2016:

External Parasites

PROJECT COMPLETION

I declare that the information in this book is correct and all requirements have been completed to the best of my knowledge

Exhibitor Signature

Date

Leader Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

NOTE: Include this as the very last page of your record book.