



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

4-H Cat Project



Do you love learning about cats? Would you like to learn more about cat breeds, behavior, good health, grooming and feeding? Then the cat project is for you. This project is for youth ages 8-18 years old.

Unit 1 - Purr-fect Pals

Jr./Int./Sr

This unit is designed for members who have little to no knowledge about their cats. Members will accomplish the following learning experiences:

- Gather information about owning a cat
- Decide on the best type of cat for your family
- Properly groom a cat
- Demonstrate how to pick up, hold and carry a cat
- Communicate the procedure and benefits of spaying/neutering
- Use body type to help you identify different breeds of cats
- Name, locate and describe at least 15 cat body parts
- Conduct a cat hazards home survey
- Decide which type of litter cats prefer
- Develop a budget for keeping a cat
- Create an up-to-date record of a cat's vaccination history

Unit 2 - Climbing Up

Jr./Int./Sr.

This unit is designed for members with more experience in owning and showing cats. Members will accomplish the following learning experiences

- Learn more about cat identification and characteristics
- Learn more about training and showing cats
- Learn more about responsible cat ownership

Unit 3 - Leaping Forward

Jr./Int./Sr.

This unit is designed for members who have advance skills in showing and training cats. Members will need to do the following:

- Compare a aged cat with a young cat
- Identify cat's body system
- Organize a cat show
- Conduct a cat showmanship clinic
- Record community cat laws
- Assess your own leadership skills
- Teach a cat activity

Resources and Links

- Unit 1 Purr-fect Pals MD3401
- Unit 2 Climbing Up MD3402
- Unit 3 Leaping Forward MD3403
- Cat Helpers Guide MD3400
- Exhibit Requirements
- Companion Animal e-Record
- Cat Tip Sheet
- Cat Score Sheet
- Washington State Cat Project Unit1
- Washington State Cat Project Unit 2
- WashingtonState Cat Project Unit 3
- Washington State Cat Fitting & Showing