4-H Rabbit/Cavy Project Record Book

Member’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Age as of Jan. 1st: ________  Years in Rabbit/Cavy Project: ______________________

Club Name or Independent: __________________________________________________

Records are kept from October 1 to September 30, or from when you began your project within that time period. This record book should be turned into the 4-H Office by October 1 following the project year.

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Introduction

Keeping a record book is an important part of your animal project. It will help you set goals for the project year, record your accomplishments and help guide your efforts to keep important records on your animal(s).

What is a 4-H project?
A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. More important, a project is something you do or make, which results from knowledge and skills you learned in the project. In this case, your project is your animal. You learn about your project from attending club meetings and educational workshops, and working with adult leaders and other 4-H members. You can also learn from field trips and camps, by participating in shows and competitions, as well as through your family and self-study.

Why complete a record book?
A record book is not meant to be a chore. Instead, it is a way for you to learn. Here are some important reasons why 4-H expects you to complete a 4-H record book for your project.

Keeping a 4-H record book will help you …
- Learn how to organize yourself
- Learn how to set reasonable goals for yourself
- Appreciate what you’ve learned this year from the goals you reached
- Recognize what things you learned in your 4-H project this year and compare your progress and successes from year to year
- Explain what you’ve learned
- Keep track of costs of your project
- Gather information needed to apply for awards and scholarships
- Complete applications and resumes for jobs and college
- Meet requirements to participate in some county, state, or national 4-H events.

Guidelines for the 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Project Record Book
One record book can be completed for up to five (5) of your project animals. Start your record book at the beginning of the 4-H year and keep all your expenses and receipts during the year. It is important to keep your record book up-to-date monthly. Keep your book neat and complete.

Start your year by setting at least three goals for the year. These goals may include knowledge and skills or personal development activities. To expand your horizons, each year in the project, try to accomplish new skills, or skills you did not accomplish in previous year(s).

The record book can be three-hole punched so that it may be easily kept in a three-ring binder. With each new project year, add your new record book to the binder. It is recommended that you save your record books from previous years in your binder. That way, you can easily compare your progress and achievements throughout the years. It will also help you when you apply for awards, jobs, college, etc.
# Rabbit/Cavy Description(s)

4-H members are allowed to enter up to seven (7) Rabbits and (7) Cavies to be judged at the Cayuga County 4-H Youth Fair. *For purposes of this Record Book*, please pick up to five (5) of your best animals and report on them. This can be 5 rabbits or 5 cavies or a combination of each.

1. Animals Name: __________________________ Tattoo Number: __________________________
   Sex: _______ Age: _____ Breed: __________________________ Weight: _______
   Coat Color: ____________ Distinguishing Markings: __________________________
   ![Rabbit]

2. Animals Name: ___________ Tattoo Number: __________________________
   Sex: _______ Age: _____ Breed: __________________________ Weight: _______
   Coat Color: ____________ Distinguishing Markings: __________________________
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3. Animals Name: __________________________ Tattoo Number: __________________________
   Sex: _______ Age: _____ Breed: __________________________ Weight: _______
   Coat Color: ____________ Distinguishing Markings: __________________________
   ![Rabbit]

4. Animals Name: __________________________ Tattoo Number: __________________________
   Sex: _______ Age: _____ Breed: __________________________ Weight: _______
   Coat Color: ____________ Distinguishing Markings: __________________________
   ![Rabbit]

5. Animals Name: __________________________ Tattoo Number: __________________________
   Sex: _______ Age: _____ Breed: __________________________ Weight: _______
   Coat Color: ____________ Distinguishing Markings: __________________________
   ![Rabbit]
Feed & Care Record for your 4-H Rabbit or Cavy Project

My rabbit(s)/cavy(ies) eat ________ of food daily.

The type of food my rabbit(s)/cavy(ies) eat is ________________________________

It contains _______ amount of protein and _______ amount of fat.

The reason I feed my rabbit(s)/cavy(ies) this food is _______________________________

The approximate cost of the food monthly is ________.

Grooming Record

I groom my rabbit(s)/cavy(ies): daily ________ weekly ________ other ________

Do you:
Make sure your rabbit(s)/cavy(ies) ears and eyes are clean? ________ How often? ________
Check your rabbit(s)/cavy(ies) for parasites or bald spots? ________ How often? ________
Check your rabbit(s)/cavy(ies) skin & coat condition? ________ How often? ________
Trim your rabbit(s)/cavy(ies) nails? ________ How often? ________

General Questions About Your 4-H Rabbit or Cavy Project

1. What breed of rabbit or cavy do you have? ________________________________

2. What variety (and color group if it applies) is your rabbit or cavy? __________

3. What type of coat does your rabbit or cavy have? __________________________

4. What are the complete weight ranges for each class for your breed according to the Standard of Perfection? ________________________________

5. List 1 – 2 disqualifications which could prevent your animal from being exhibited into a show.

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
Expense Record

Record feeds, medicines, equipment, show fees and other expenses that you’ve incurred for your rabbits/cavies. If it is feed purchase designate if it is pellets, hay, oats or other feed. If pellets – write the protein percentage next to the word pellets. Example: pellets 16% protein

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Total Cost for the Year
## Income Record
Show any money earned from animals sold, show earnings, equipment sold.

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Total Income for the Year
My Personal Story for My Current Year in 4-H

Please write a summary of your experiences for the current 4-H project year. You may write about how you have cared for your animal, genetics of breeding experiments, ARBA or 4-H show experiences, participating in volunteer activities with your rabbit, unusual happenings, challenges and triumphs. Be creative, this is your story – take pride!
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