

Cat



Youth will enjoy their cats more and more as they do the activities and read the Cat Facts sections shown with each activity.

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National Education Standards

Each unit identifies the Education Standard that corresponds with the learning in that unit.

Cat Project Outcomes

- Practice and develop skills in setting goals, making decisions, solving problems, communicating with others, and planning and organizing
- Identify and select cats
- Become responsible cat owners
- Master health and safety practices

Audience

Grades 3 -12, 4-H Clubs, after school, home schools, school enrichment, camps and other youth groups.

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Level 1 – Purr-fect Pals (40 pages)

Pet cats add fun and companionship to our lives. This guide assists youth in selecting a kitten or cat and in being a responsible cat owner. Youth will investigate daily care, health care, safety and having fun showing their cats. Activity topics include:

- Cat breed identification
- Selecting a compatible cat/pet
- Identifying parts of a cat
- Practicing grooming techniques with proper equipment
- Responsible pet ownership
- Making a home safe for cats
- Keeping a cat healthy

Level 2 - Climbing Up (40 pages)

Tune into a cat's unique personality, keen senses, habits and special needs. In this guide, youth will discover breeds of cats, emergency care, proper diets, temperament, and how to train a cat to be a good member of the household. Also, youth will check their knowledge of celebrity cats, real and fictional. Other activities include:

- Making ethical decisions
- Finding cats in literature and other media
- Becoming aware of cat overpopulation problems
- Exploring the importance of spaying and neutering
- Comparing the pros and cons of indoor and outdoor cats
- Learning first aid for a cat
- Feeding a cat a nutritional diet

Level 3—Leaping Forward (40 pages)

Our feline friends have been domesticated for thousands of years but they remain independent companions. In this guide, youth will learn how to cope with an aging cat, explore genetics, animal rights and other legal and ethical issues. They will also discover leadership and career possibilities in working with cats and other animals. Exciting activities focus on:

- Predicting cat characteristics through selective breeding, genetics
- Practicing cat showmanship
- Understanding fear and stress in cats
- Identifying cat diseases
- Caring for older cats
- Understanding a cat's body systems
- Becoming a leader and teacher

Cat Project Helper's Guide (40 pages)

FUN group activities engage youth in exploring more ways to enjoy their cat friends. This guide also contains ideas for group leaders to help youth develop life skills, the experiential learning model and the helper's leadership role. Try these activities and much more:

- Playing word games
- Separating facts from myths about cats
- Giving a demonstration
- Photographing cats
- Showing a cat
- Examining and showing cats
- Planning a cat quiz bowl and skillathon
- Identifying different breeds of cats
- Exploring animal control and adoption
- Meeting ideas

Cat Project Online

www.n4hccs.org

4HCCS Cat Online is an exciting addition to the 4HCCS cat curriculum. This series will become a valuable resource to members, helpers, educators, and volunteer club leaders. Look for the online logo shown above throughout the series as a reminder to go to www.n4hccs.org site for supporting activities, interactive games, fun facts, career exploration, information on National Education Standards, worksheets, handouts, potential service learning projects, field trips and project meeting ideas, other interesting sites and links and much more.

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