Did you know that domesticated cats have been around since 3600 B.C.E? In the 4-H cat project you will learn about the history of cats, selecting and owning a cat, cat health and behavior, and the anatomy of a cat. The cat project will help you:

- Learn and practice animal ownership care and responsibilities.
- Learn about the different cat breeds and characteristics.
- Demonstrate knowledge of cat health and care including nutrition, common health concerns, and grooming procedures.

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.
Expand Your Experiences!

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

- Visit your veterinarian and learn about cat first aid.
- Create a map highlighting the origin of different cat breeds. How has this impacted their size, fur and body shape?

Healthy Living

- Discuss the necessity and practice of washing your hands before and after handling your cat.
- Discuss your cat’s life expectancy, what to look for when they get older, and how

Citizenship

- Visit and volunteer at your local animal shelter.
- Take a Pet First Aid/CPR course through the American Red Cross.

Leadership

- Teach others about the importance of caring for animals.
- Become a role model for others by taking the position of junior/teen leader.

Resources

- Washington 4-H Cats
  https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?CategoryID=284

- The Cat Fancier’s Association
  http://cfa.org/

- The International Cat Association
  http://www.tica.org/

- Pet and Disaster Safety

Connections & Events | Curriculum | 4-H Record Book
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**Presentation Days** – Share what you’ve learned with others through a presentation.
**Cat Shows** - Meet with breeders and watch/participate in cat showmanship and judging.
**Field Days** – At these events, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests related to their
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**National 4-H Curriculum**-
- Purr-fect Pals, Level 1
- Climbing Up! Level 2
- Leaping Forward, Level 3
- Cat-Helper’s Guild
  http://www.4-hmall.org/Category/cat.aspx

4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to record events and reflect on their experiences. For each project, members document their experiences, learning and development.

4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals.

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