Washtenaw County

Dog Project

Record Book

All Ages

Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

4-H Leader: _____

Age (as of 1/1): _____ Years in Dog Project: _____

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4-H Project Record Book

Introduction

This project record book has been created specifically for 4-H members enrolled in a dog 4-H project. Keeping a record book is an important part of the project. It will help you set goals for the project year, record your accomplishments, and provide a place to keep important records on your dog.

What is a 4-H project?

A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. In this case, your project is dog. You learn about your project by attending club meetings and educational workshops and working with adult leaders and other 4-H members. You can also learn from field trips and by participating in shows and competitions.
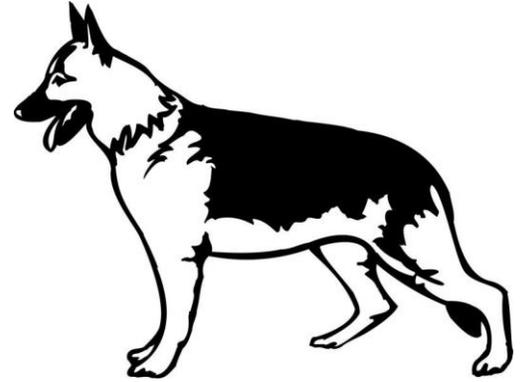
Why complete a record book?

A record book is a way for you to learn about your project, as well as other valuable skills such as setting goals, collecting information, evaluating information, tracking cost and expenses, organization, and others.

The record book can be three-hole punched so that it may be easily kept in a 3-ring binder. Your 4-H dog records should be accumulative – meaning that you keep and add to your records from year to year, keeping them all in a 3-ring binder or portfolio. You can organize your notebook however you choose. Some 4-Hers may anticipate having the same project animal for more than one year. In this case you might choose to organize your notebook by project animal and will simply continue to add information and pages to your records for that animal over the years.

This is just an example of one way that you might organize and present your 4-H dog project records. But, remember – these are YOUR records and part of the goal for completing them is that you use your imagination and be creative in how you develop them. The idea is that as the completion of your 4-H career, you will have a compilation of records that shows your progression in your project from year to year.

Why Keep Records?

- Members learn more about their project animals - costs, feed, health and management skills.

- Document activities and progress in the project.

- Improve management and production practices.

- Helps plan future projects.

Keep this record as part of your Personal 4-H Records.
This information is helpful in applying for 4-H awards and scholarships.
Remember - records are no better than what YOU put into them!

Leader's Comments:

_____

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_____

Dog Leader's Signature: _____

An outstanding 4-H Project Record is one that goes above and beyond what is expected.
Be creative! You are not limited to using only these pages!

ABOUT YOU

Other 4-H Projects I am involved in are: _____

_____

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My responsibilities to my 4H dog club: _____

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I like these qualities about myself: _____

_____

One person I admire is: _____

      Because: _____

      _____

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I'd like to learn this new skill: _____

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I'd change this about the world (if I could): _____

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My short-term career goal is: _____

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After high school I'd like to: _____

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DOG PROJECT SUMMARY

Number of years in the Dog Project, including this year: _____

Number of project meetings held: _____

Number of meetings I attended: _____

What are your goals for this year's dog project? Did you accomplish these goals?

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What are areas where you could benefit to increase your dog knowledge? (such as training skills, nutrition and feeding, grooming, showing, etc.)

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What are the three most important things you learned this year about dogs?

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<u>DOG PROJECT STORY</u>

Write a summary of you and your project dog for the current 4-H project year. Tell about how you have cared for your project dog, training procedures, unusual experiences, challenges and pleasures. Be creative, <u>*this is your story*</u>. Additional pages may be added.

DOG PROJECT PHOTOS

Be creative. The more photographs, the better! You are encouraged to be in the photo with your project dog. You should include captions, including the date. Additional pages may be added.

ABOUT YOUR PROJECT DOG

MY DOG IS…

Dog's Name: _____

Gender: _____

Neutered/Spayed: _____

Registered: _____

Breed(s): _____

Color: _____

Dog's date of birth: _____

Height: _____

Weight: _____

How did you obtain your project dog? _____

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_____

How did you pick your dog's name? _____

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What are the qualities your dog's breed(s) is known for? _____

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_____

HEALTH

<u>VACCINATION RECORDS</u>

Rabies Given: _____ Expires: _____

Distemper:_____ Hepatitis: _____

Parainfluenza: _____ Parvovirus:_____

Leptospirosis :_____ Bordatella:_____

Heartworm Test Date:_____

Type of Heartworm preventions and dosage: _____

_____

What happens if a dog gets heartworm? _____

_____

_____

Other medications/dosages: _____

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Diseases/Health conditions my project dog has/had: _____

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Why must your dog visit the veterinarian regularly? _____

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FEEDING

How many times a day do you feed your project dog? _____

How much does your project dog eat at each meal? _____

What brand/type of food does your project dog eat and why? _____

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Have there been any changes in your project dog's food or eating patterns lately? If so,

why? _____

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Do you give your project dog any extra supplements, such as vitamins or treats, and if so,

how often and why? _____

_____

Does your dog have any allergies? If so, what are they? _____

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What are some symptoms that a dog has if they have allergies? _____

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EXERCISE

How often do you exercise, not train, your project dog? _____

_____

Describe what kind of exercises you do with your project dog. _____

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Why is it important to exercise your dog? _____

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GROOMING

What kinds of things do you do to groom your project dog, and how often do you do them?

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What kinds of professional grooming do you get for your project dog, and how often do you

get them done? _____

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Describe a normal grooming session with your project dog. _____

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If your dog does not like grooming, what do you do to make it better for them?

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TRAINING

How often do you train your project dog? _____

Where do you train your project dog? _____

How long does the average training session last? _____

OBEDIENCE

What obedience commands can your project dog confidently follow? _____

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What obedience commands are you currently working on with your project dog?

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Describe a normal obedience training session with your project dog.

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SHOWMANSHIP

What do you do to train for a showmanship competition? _____

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What does your project dog do well in showmanship? _____

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What do you need to work on in showmanship? _____

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AGILITY

What obstacles can your project dog confidently do on an agility course?

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What obstacles are you currently working on with your project dog?

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What commands do you use with your project dog in agility?

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SPECIAL/EXTRA TRAINING

What special tricks can your project dog do?

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What other sort of things do you train your project dog for and why?

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Describe one special/extra trick and the process you used to teach it to your project dog.

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PLAY TIME

How do you play with your project dog? _____

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How often do you play with your project dog? _____

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What are your project dog's favorite toys? _____

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Where do you play with your dog? _____

_____

Why should you spend extra time playing with your dog? _____

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EXPENSES

List below any expenses that you have incurred during this 4-H year that are <u>required</u> for owning and caring for a dog, such as food, medical, grooming, etc.

Item/Brief Description	Cost
Total of Required Expenses	

EXPENSES CONTINUED

List below any expenses that you have incurred during this 4-H year that are <u>optional</u> for owning and caring for a dog, such as treats, toys, equipment, etc.

Item/Brief Description	Cost
Total of Optional Expenses	

How did you pay for these items/expenses? _____

_____

_____

My 4-H Dog Project Record Book
Senior and Intermediate (Age 13-19) Score Sheet

4-H Member: _____

4-H Club: _____

Page		Possible Points	Your Points
1	COVER SHEET All information is neat and complete.	5	
3	WHY KEEP RECORDS Leader signed book.	5	
4	ABOUT YOU All information is neat and complete. All questions are answered.	5	
5	DOG PROJECT SUMMARY Information complete.	5	
6	DOG PROJECT STORY Information complete.	10	
7	DOG PROJECT PHOTOS	5	
8	ABOUT YOUR PROJECT DOG	5	
9	HEALTH	5	
10	FEEDING & EXERCISE	5	
11	GROOMING	5	
12-14	TRAINING	20	
15	PLAY TIME	5	
16-17	EXPENSES	10	
	TOTAL Points A: 90 - 100, B: 80 - 89, C: 65 - 79	100	

My 4-H Dog Project Record Book
Young (Age 8-12) Score Sheet

4-H Member: _____

4-H Club: _____

Page		Possible Points	Your Points
1	COVER SHEET All information is neat and complete.	5	
3	WHY KEEP RECORDS Leader signed book.	5	
4	ABOUT YOU All information is neat and complete. All questions are answered.	10	
5	DOG PROJECT SUMMARY Information complete.	10	
6	DOG PROJECT STORY Information complete.	20	
7	DOG PROJECT PHOTOS	5	
8	ABOUT YOUR PROJECT DOG	5	
9	HEALTH	5	
10	FEEDING & EXERCISE	5	
11	GROOMING	5	
12-14	TRAINING	20	
15	PLAY TIME	5	
	TOTAL Points A: 90 - 100, B: 80 - 89, C: 65 - 79	100	

My 4-H Dog Project Record Book
Cloverbud (Age 5-7) Score Sheet

4-H Member: _____

4-H Club: _____

Page		Possible Points	Your Points
1	COVER SHEET All information is neat and complete.	10	
3	WHY KEEP RECORDS Leader signed book.	10	
4	ABOUT YOU All information is neat and complete. All questions are answered.	15	
5	DOG PROJECT SUMMARY Information complete.	15	
6	DOG PROJECT STORY Information complete.	20	
7	DOG PROJECT PHOTOS	10	
8	ABOUT YOUR PROJECT DOG	10	
15	PLAY TIME	10	
	TOTAL Points A: 90 - 100, B: 80 - 89, C: 65 - 79	100	