

Dog Evaluation Book Cover Letter

Evaluation Books are accumulative books. Included in each book are age divisions, please pay close attention to age requirements as Beginners are not expected to completely fill out each section. The books are designed to be able to grow with the child. Every age group will be included in a book for reference & studying for the Versatility Test if they choose. The goal of the Record Books is to promote additional learning of the 4-H Dog Project and develop responsible and knowledgeable future dog owners. They are also designed to prepare participants for the OPTIONAL Versatility Exam.

Books are recommended to be placed in binder format to make it easy to add to each year.

Please design or create your own cover Page, scrapbook style is acceptable but not required. The first page inside your book should be the official Dog Evaluation Book Title Page that includes your **Full Name, 4-H age** (age as of Jan. 1 of current year), **4-H Club, Dog Leader's name, Number of years in the project & Age Division** (Beginner 8-10, Intermediate 11-14, or Senior 15+).

Evaluation Books are accessible online. You may print individual pages to add for additional dogs, only one evaluation book per exhibitor is to be turned in; this one book includes all project animals. Therefore, each dog shown should have their own *Dog Identification Page*. As your dogs' health changes it would be appropriate for the member to update other pages in their book.

Books are to be accumulative, if you update your book in full, keep the old book, just file it behind the new one; this shows growth in your project.

If you need additional space, be creative and add pages into the book; for example, under the Nutrition page if you know more than three foods poisonous to your dog, add a list behind the page or if you would like to tell us more about the importance of protein in your dog's diet you may do so on an additional page. None of that is required but creativity and personalization of books is optional and encouraged.

On pages such as Health Records, you may choose to summarize a vet visit by listing a date and refer to hard copies of Dr.'s notes or itemized lists attached/added to your book in this section.

Yearly pages to Print: Vaccinations, these update every 1-3 years and will need redone. Essays also need to be new each year. With both of these pages, keep your old pages in the back of your book.

Each Dog Should have their own Vaccinations Page & Dog Training Evaluation Log. (Feeding also, if different from other dogs).

Goal Page: A Project Goal is something you strive to achieve within the dog project. A Personal Goal is open to your imagination, it can be anything from making a new friend to completing a teen leadership activity; the sky is the limit. A Service Goal is something within community service or helping others.