

Dog & Cat 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 in some cases.** The books are designed to be able to grow with the participant and showcase their knowledge to the best of their abilities. 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 youth Dog/Cat Project and develop responsible and knowledgeable future dog owners. They are also designed to prepare participants for the OPTIONAL Dog Versatility Exam as well as future 4H scholarship opportunities.

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 include your Full Name, 4-H age (age as of Jan. 1 of current year), 4-H Club, Project 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 and at the 4-H extension office. 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/Cat 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 pet, add a list behind the page or if you would like to tell us more about the importance of protein in your pet'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: Title Page, your age will change each year even if your level remains the same. Vaccinations, these update every 1-3 years and will need to be redone. You also need to add to the expense and log pages yearly.

Each Dog/Cat should have their own Vaccinations Page & Training Evaluation Log. (Feeding also— if different from other dogs/cats).

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's the limit. A Service Goal is something within community service or helping others. Please fill out new goal pages each year (even if some goals remain the same).

The 4-H/Project story is an essay found on almost every scholarship available through the youth and 4H programs, use this format to create and fine tune your essay throughout your 4H or fair career.

For Dog Books: Please note that there is an additional page (per exhibitor age) that must be completed each year and added- If you want to work ahead that is fine, but at minimum your current age worksheet is required.