



Dog Care and Feed Book

Circle One:	Junior	Intermediate	Senior
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Name _____ Age (September 1) _____

Club _____

Years in 4-H _____ Years in Project _____

I hereby certify that I have personally been responsible for the care of this/these animal(s), have personally kept records on this project, and have personally completed this Care and Feed Book.

Member Signature _____ Final Date _____ Initials for fair _____

I, the parent/guardian certify that my child has completed this Care and Feed Book, and I have reviewed it for completeness and accuracy of reporting.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Final Date _____ Initials for fair _____

I have reviewed this Care and Feed Book for completeness and accuracy of reporting.

Organizational Leader Signature _____ Final Date _____ Initials for fair _____

FOR USE AT THE MANATEE COUNTY FAIR

Note: The Manatee County Fair requires that a Care and Feed Record Book (this book) is submitted for any project a youth submits a registration for at the Manatee County Fair. Even if the youth doesn't show at the fair or complete the project, they must still submit a Care and Feed Record Book. If you do not turn in a Care and Feed Record Book to the Fair, you may not participate in the next year's Manatee County Fair.

Purpose

The purpose of a Dog Project is:

- To acquire an understanding of animal care by preparing for, purchasing, caring for, and keeping records on one or more animals.
- To understand the business aspects and economics of purchasing animals, feeds, facilities, and equipment for an animal project.
- To keep an account of all your activities and accomplishments in one place.
- To develop integrity, sportsmanship, and cooperation.
- To develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities.

Dog Care and Feed Book Guidelines:

It is suggested that a copy of the Care and Feed Book be made for use as a work copy. Records should then be transferred into this book for submission.

- Your Care and Feed book should start with the **purchase date of your animal or September 1st of the current school year (for ongoing project animals)**.
- Your Care and Feed Book should contain information relating only to your current dog project animals. If you have more than one project animal you must identify which animal you are referring to when completing the various sections of this Care and Feed Book. **Do not use ditto marks anywhere in this book.**
- Always double-check your math and have someone check your Project Essay for spelling and grammar before you write it in the final Care and Feed Book.
- **Your final Care and Feed Book must be hand written by the 4-H'er (Juniors may use pencil or pen (blue or black ink), Intermediates & Seniors must use pen (blue or black ink), however the Project Essay may be typed (on 8 ½ X 11, single-sided paper, in a 12-point font, double-spaced, by the 4-H member and inserted. If you type your essay or write it on a separate sheet of paper, **DO NOT TAPE THE STORY TO THE PAGES. USE A HOLE PUNCH AND INSERT THE PAGES.** Write a note on the first page of the essay section to **“SEE ATTACHED”**.**
- **Do not submit your Overall Story to the fair** with this book. **This story should ONLY be included in your 4-H Record Book that is submitted to 4-H for judging.** For more information, see the “How To of Putting Your 4-H Member Record Book Together”.
 - Junior members (age 8-10) Essay length is at least one (1) page.
 - Intermediate members (age 11-13) Essay length is at least two (2) pages.
 - Senior members (age 14-18) Essay length is at least three (3) pages.

I. Project Plans and Goals (Answer in complete sentences)

These areas are to be filled in, signed, and dated at the beginning of the project for full points.

What would you like to learn or accomplish this year? (Goals)

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

What has your leader agreed to help you with this year?

Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

How will your parent(s)/guardian(s) help you with this project?

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

II. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DOG PROJECT

(You will need to make a copy of this page and insert it here if you have more than one project animal.)

Dog's Name: _____

Dog's Breed: _____ Circle one: Purebred Crossbred

My dog is registered in: ___ AKC ___ Canine Partners ___ UKC ___ CKC ___ ASCA

Other (please specify) _____ Dog's Age: _____ Dog's Sex _____

Pedigree – Complete as much as possible

Name _____

Sire	Paternal Grandsire	Reg. No.
Name	Paternal Granddam	Reg. No.
Reg. No.		
Dam	Maternal Grandsire	Reg. No.
Name	Maternal Granddam	Reg. No.
Reg. No.		

Record of Training

Check the Obedience Level at which your dog is training:

___ Basic ___ Sub-Novice ___ Beginner Novice ___ Open ___ Utility

Check the Obedience commands that your dog has learned:

___ Heel On Leash ___ Sit Stay ___ Retrieve a Dumbbell
___ Heel Off Leash ___ Down Stay ___ Retrieve Over High Jump
___ Recall On Leash ___ Stand for Exam ___ Broad Jump
___ Recall Off Leash ___ Drop-on-Recall ___ Scent Discrimination
___ Signal Exercise ___ Directed Retrieve ___ Utility Stand
___ Directed Jumping ___ Other (specify) _____

Did you and your dog graduate from an obedience class? _____ If so, which one? _____

Check the Agility Level, if any, at which your dog is training: ___ On Leash ___ Off Leash

Check the Agility Obstacles that your dog has learned:

___ A-Frame ___ Dog Walk ___ Teeter-Totter
___ Open Tunnel ___ Closed Tunnel ___ Hoop Tunnel
___ Crawl Tunnel ___ Sway Bridge ___ Swing Plank
___ Weave Poles ___ Platform Jump ___ Pause Table/Box
___ Bar/Wall Jumps ___ Hoop/Tire Jumps ___ Window Jump
___ Other (specify) _____

Check the Junior Showmanship Level, if any, at which your dog is showing:

___ Basic ___ Novice ___ Advanced

III. PROJECT INVENTORY * (must be completed by the Fair's Care and Feed Book check in)

List items you will keep past the end of this project on this page. List all equipment you had at the beginning of the project as well as those items you purchased this year. (Inventory examples include crates, clippers, clipper blades, grooming equip., brushes, leads, collars, etc.) **DO NOT** list expendable items such as shampoo. **Wear and tear occurs on equipment we use from year to year. These items will depreciate (go down in value) each year we use them. By listing the depreciated value, you will have a more accurate value of your inventory at the end of the project.**

Complete columns pertaining to your age. (Jr., Int., Sr.)

Please refer to Project Terms and Explanation, page 25, for help with this page

Item Description	Date Acquired	Purchase Cost or Value	Value at beginning of current project year	Depreciation (10% of purchase cost)	Value at end of project
Jr. Int. & Sr. complete this section	Jr. Int. & Sr. complete this section	Jr. Int. & Sr. complete this section	Seniors only	Seniors Only	Seniors Only
Total Depreciation (Depreciation is an Expense)					
Value at End/Total Assets					

IV. PROJECT ANIMAL INVENTORY

List all animals you own at the beginning of the project, and add animals you purchased or animals born during the project year. Animals sold during the year should also be recorded under OTHER INCOME. Animals sold should have a \$0 value at end of the project for this page.

****Beginning \$ Value:** Value of existing animals at the beginning of the project, OR purchase cost of new animals, OR value of animals born.

***\$ Value at end of project:** Your animal's value should increase and is an estimated value.

Animal Description	Breed	Sex	Date Acquired or Born	** Beginning \$ Value	* \$ Value at end of project	Indicate if animal sold, kept, died, etc.
Value at Beginning						
Value at End/Value of Animal Assets						

V. NON-FEED EXPENSES

List non-feed expenses (everything that you spend money on that you will **NOT** have at the end of the project) on pages 6 & 7. This should **NOT** include feed. This includes entry fees, nail trimming, veterinary expenses (such as vaccinations), bedding, and other expendable items such as shampoo, printing of pictures, ink, etc.

List items you will keep past the end of this project on the project inventory page (page 5) only.

Date	Description	Paid to	Total Cost
Total Non-Feed Expenses			

Continued on next page

V. NON-FEED EXPENSES continued.

List all non-feed expenses on pages 6 & 7.

Date	Description	Paid to	Total Cost
Total Non-Feed Expenses			

Total Non-Feed Cost page 6	\$ _____
Total Non-Feed Cost page 7	+ \$ _____
Total Non-Feed Cost	= \$ _____

VI. FEED EXPENSES * (must be up to date by the Fair's Care and Feed Book check in)

List all feed (feed, supplements, treats, etc.) expenses on pages 8 & 9. Each feed purchase should be listed separately. Be sure to always include the feed weight.

Date	Description	Paid To	Pounds	Total Cost
Page Total – Pounds of Feed				
Page Total – Feed Cost				

VI. FEED EXPENSES cont.* (to be up to date by the Fair's Care and Feed Book check in)

List all feed expenses on pages 8 & 9. Each feed purchase should be listed separately. Be sure to always include the feed weight.

Date	Description	Paid To	Pounds	Total Cost
Page Total – Pounds of Feed				
Page Total – Feed Cost				

Total Pounds of Feed page 8 _____
Total Pounds of Feed page 9 + _____
Total Pounds of Feed = _____

Total Feed Cost page 8 \$ _____
Total Feed Cost page 9 \$ _____
Total Feed Cost = \$ _____

VII. RATION RECORD

Entries should be made at the beginning of the project and any time you make a change in your animal’s ration. Dogs: For example, Puppy ration, Adult ration, or Senior ration. If you change the amount of feed per day, or add a supplement, enter that data also. If you do not make any changes in your ration pattern, indicate “no changes made”.

List all feed and supplement amounts on this page (list each change separately).

Date	Product Information Company & Feed Name, Nutrient Content	Cups or Pounds fed per day

VIII. INCOME - ANIMAL(S) SOLD

If you sold your project animal or any puppies from your project animal, list the income from those sales here.

If you have no income from this project, THEN ENTER ZERO.

Date	Description (Breed, ID# if any, # in litter)	Purchased by	Total Paid

Income from Sale of Animal(s) \$ _____

IX. OTHER INCOME – SHOW PREMIUMS

Other project income, such as show premiums (**ribbon money**) or other money earned, should be recorded here. **If you have no other income from this project, THEN ENTER ZERO.**

Date	Description (include information such as show/event name, contest entered, placing/ribbon earned)	Total
Total Other Income (if none, enter zero)		

X. SPONSOR INCOME

In this section, record any money given to you by sponsors to support your project. You can also record the estimated value of items given to you by sponsors. See example below.

Example: If someone buys feed for your animal. **IF NONE, ENTER ZERO.**

Sponsor's Name	Total
Total Sponsor Income (if none, enter zero)	

XI. HEALTH AND VETERINARY RECORD

This should include a record of any health related activities (heartworm control, flea control, de-wormer, vaccinations, or use of veterinarian's services for any reason). This should include what you used, how much you used, and what you used it for. Fill in all applicable information.

If your animal was healthy throughout the project, or was not due for vaccinations during the 4-H year, please note that.

Dog's Veterinarian: _____

Dog's Name: _____ **Date of Last Inoculation:** _____

Rabies Tag#: _____

Date	Description of activity & who administered	Product used	Dosage

XI. HEALTH AND VETERINARY RECORD (Continued for additional dogs)

Dog's Veterinarian: _____

Dog's Name: _____ **Date of Last Inoculation:** _____

Rabies Tag#: _____

Date	Description of activity & who administered	Product used	Dosage

Dog's Veterinarian: _____

Dog's Name: _____ **Date of Last Inoculation:** _____

Rabies Tag#: _____

Date	Description of activity & who administered	Product used	Dosage

XII. WORK RECORD – Time Spent Training, Grooming, and Exercising Animal(s)

	Number of Hours Spent Training	Number of Hours Spent Grooming	Number of Hours Spent Exercising	Monthly Total
September				
October				
November				
December				
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
Yearly Total				

XIII. BREEDING INFORMATION AND WHELPING CHART:

Breeding is not encouraged in the dog program, however, we understand some members may still choose to breed their dogs. Please record breeding information here.

CHECK HERE IF YOU DID NOT BREED YOUR ANIMAL DURING THIS PROJECT

Whelping Chart (Puppy Birth Record)

Sire's Name _____

Date Whelped _____

Dam's Name _____

Labor Started _____

Dates Bred _____

Puppy No.	Time Whelped	ID Mark	Sex	Color/Markings	Position	Weight	Notes
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							

Additional Notes:

XIV. WEEKLY WEIGHTS :

Making sure your newborn puppies are continuing to grow at a healthy weight is key to their success. Track your puppies’ weight gains below:

Litter ID: _____ Whelp Date: _____

Puppy ID	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Example: 1/Blue Collar	260 grams	265 grams						
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								

XV. PUPPY VACCINATIONS/DEWORMING/MICROCHIP:

Record your puppies’ vaccinations, worming, and microchip information below. Be sure to include the medications given and at what age.

Breeder comments:										
Vaccinations administered: Also list age (in weeks) each type of vaccination was given						Type of Dewormer administered:				
Puppy ID	Date(s) vaccinated:			Date dewormed:					Microchip	
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										

XVI. PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Dogs are companion animals and family pets. You are not expected to show a profit on your project. This section is to help you recognize the cost involved in caring for and maintaining these animals at home.

If your project ends at the County Fair, complete the lines with a *. If your project will continue past the County Fair, fill in areas with an * in PENCIL for the fair check-in then rewrite in PEN (if you are an Int. or Sr.) before you turn your completed book in.

INCOME		Section Total	Grand Total
1	Income – Animal(s) Sold <i>(From page 11, Sec. VIII)</i>		
2	Other Income <i>(From page 11, Sec. IX)</i>		
3	Sponsor Income <i>(From page 12, Sec. X)</i>		
4	TOTAL INCOME <i>(Add Lines 1 + 2 + 3)</i>		
EXPENSES			
5	Total Depreciation <i>(From page 5, Sec. III)</i> * ONLY SENIORS COMPLETE THIS LINE		
6	Total Non-Feed Expenses <i>(From page 7, Sec. V)</i> *		
7	Total Feed Expenses <i>(From page 9, Sec. VI)</i> *		
8	TOTAL EXPENSES <i>(Add Lines 5 + 6 + 7)</i> *		
SUMMARY			
9	FINAL PROFIT/LOSS <i>(Subtract Line 8 from Line 4)</i>		
ASSETS			
10	Value of Project Assets <i>(From page 5, Sec. III)</i> * ONLY SENIORS COMPLETE THIS LINE		
11	Value of Animal Assets <i>(From page 6, Sec. IV)</i> *		
12	Total Assets <i>(Add Lines 10 + 11)</i> ONLY SENIORS COMPLETE THIS LINE		

XVII. PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT * (You should have at least half of your pictures by the Fair's Care and Feed Book check in)

Show your project from the beginning to the end, along with different skills that you have learned. This should include a **minimum of 8 pictures**. Include a caption with each picture. Captions should be in complete sentences. The pictures and captions should compliment your project essay. Explain what you are doing and why you are doing the things shown in the picture. What skills are you demonstrating and why? **Limit the number of pictures of you just posing with your animal to (2) pictures. Limit the number of pictures of your project animal(s) without you in the picture demonstrating something to 2.** Spelling and grammar are included in the judge's decision.

Do not cover up the directions.

DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES

Pictures (continued):

DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES

Pictures (continued):

DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES

XVIII. PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Record major events and accomplishments having to do with your project in this section.
Example: Selecting your project animal(s), going to a clinic, going to a fair or show...

Date	Project Event or Accomplishment

XIX. PROJECT ESSAY * (must be up to date for the Fair Care and Feed Book check in)

Your essay may be hand written or typed (see page 2 for instruction for writing or typing and for the required length of your essay for your age). Your essay should be about your project from beginning to end. Be creative, use examples, use interesting facts or statistics, share your experiences, and build strong images by using descriptive words. **BE SURE TO REVISIT AND FINISH YOUR ESSAY AFTER THE FAIR and include what happened at the fair.** Your grammar, spelling and neatness will be evaluated. If you type your essay or write it on a separate paper, **DO NOT TAPE THE STORY TO THE PAGES. USE A HOLE PUNCH AND INSERT THE PAGES.** Write a note on this page to **“SEE ATTACHED.”**

PROJECT TERMS AND EXPLANATIONS

NOTES AND EXAMPLES FOR PROJECT INVENTORY (page 3)

- **Date Acquired** - List the date (mm/dd/yy) you obtained this item. On items older than one year, list only the year.
- **Purchase Cost or Value** - What did this item cost when you first got it? (If you did not purchase this item and it was given to you, what was its value?)
- **Value at Beginning of Project Year** – If you bought the item this 4-H project year, this number would be the same as the “Purchase Cost or Value”. If you had this item last project year, use the “Value at End of Project” from last year’s record book.
- **Depreciation of 10%** - Each year your items will “depreciate” (lose value) by 10% of the original purchase cost. For new items, estimate 10% depreciation even if you have had the item for less than a year (ex: purchased in November of the 4-H year and it is now January).
- **Value at the End of the Project** - This is the value at the beginning of the project year minus the depreciation.

Examples:

Items Description	Date Acquired	Purchase Cost or Value	Value at beginning of project year	Depreciation (10% of purchase cost)	Value at end of project
Lead	Purchased 4 years ago	\$10.00	(Value at end of last year’s project/had already depreciated 10% for 3 years) \$7.00	(\$10 x 0.10) \$1.00	(\$7 - \$1) \$6.00
Crate	Purchased 3 years ago	\$20.00	(Value at end of last year’s project/had already depreciated 10% for 2 years) \$16.00	(\$20 x 0.10) \$2.00	(\$16 - \$2) \$14.00
Brush	Purchased at the beginning of last year’s project	\$5.60	(Value at end of last year’s project/had already depreciated 10% for 1 year) \$5.04	(\$5.60 x 0.10) \$0.56	(\$5.04 - \$0.56) \$4.48
Dish	Purchased this project year	\$9.10	(No Previous Depreciation) \$9.10	\$0.91	(\$9.10 - \$0.91) \$8.19
Total Depreciation*				\$4.47	
Value of Project Assets					\$32.67

*Depreciation is an expense

SCORING SYSTEM

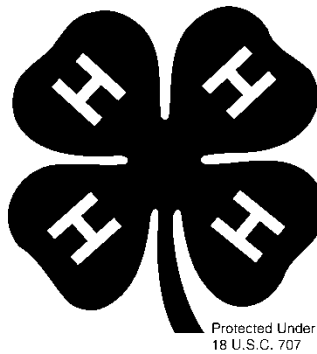
Dog Care and Feed Book

Section	Item	Points Possible
Title page & Summary page	All information completed	5
Properly Tabbed	All required sections of completed 4-H Record Book are tabbed and labeled (ie: Overall Story, Project book ...)	5
Care & Feed Cover Page	All information and signatures	5
I	Plans and Goals (Answered in complete sentences, signed and dated at beginning of project) (page 3)	10
II	Information for Dog (page 4)	8
III & IV	Project Inventory (page 5) Project Animal Inventory (page 6)	10
V	Non-Feed Expenses (pages 6 & 7)	8
VI, VII	Feed Expenses (pages 8-9) & Ration Record (page 10)	8
VIII, IX, X	Income – Animal(s) Sold & Other Income Sponsor Income (page 11 & 12)	4
XI	Health Record (page 12 & 13)	6
XII	Work Record (page 14)	8
XIII, XIV, XV	Breeding Information & Whelping Chart (page 15) Weekly weights and Puppy Vaccinations (page 16)	8
XVI	Project Financial Summary (page 17)	10
XVII	Pictures (pages 18-20)	8
XVIII	Project Highlights (page 21)	6
XIX	Project Story/Essay (page 22-24)	40
Overall Story	Overall Story (This story is not found in this book. It is part of the finished 4-H Record Book. See “How To” Guide)	45
	Neatness, Accuracy, Grammar & Spelling	6
	Total Points	200

Ribbon Awards

Blue	90% - 100%
Red	80% – 89%
White	79% - 0%

Notes



Credits:

Florida State Fair Youth Dog/Llama Record Book (Revised August 1, 2003).

4-H Dog Care and Feed Record Book (Claudia Cahill, Author), Manatee County 4-H (Revised July 1998)

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