



Indoor Birds



Project Overview

You will learn about the characteristics, differences, anatomy, environments, diseases, identification, and behavior of indoor birds. The project is designed to teach you about how to care for a bird in your home, as it focuses on cage management, nutrition, and expenses associated with owning a pet bird.

Key Learning Topics:

- The anatomy of birds and how they are different from other animals.
- Learn about breeds of pet birds.
- Learn about common bird diseases.
- Learn about reproduction of birds
- Learn to tame your pet bird

Expanding the Project

- Construct a poster or photo journal of your hamster project to exhibit at a fair.
- Keep records of the expenses associated with having a bird.
- Keep a log or diary of the activities you participate in which are related to those areas. This will make it easier to complete your record sheet at the end of the 4-H year.
- Attend Project meetings and workshops.
- Deliver a demonstration or illustrated talk on your project.

Resources

- Hamster
- Guinea pig
- Birds
- Tropical Fish
- Record Form 300.A-7



Exhibit Guidelines

1. Birds(Indoor) Exhibit
2. Self-Determined advanced Small Pets Exhibit including Self-Determined Project Record Sheet 300.SD.1

- Posters may be no larger than 14 X 22 inches. Posters are defined as any flat paper, foam board, cardboard, or other backing appropriate for hanging on the wall.
- Display Boards may be no larger than 18 x 48 inches. Display boards are defined as scored, freestanding science boards.
- Exhibits: Exhibit bases for three dimensional vertical displays may be no larger than 24 x 24 inches

Targeting Life Skills:

- Goal Setting
- Cooperation
- Problem Solving
- Empathy
- Resilience
- Healthy lifestyle choices
- Decision making
- Disease Prevention
- Self-discipline
- Character

