



# PET PALS

## Unit I



### Project Overview

The objective of this project is to educate 4-H members about the needs, habits, and characteristics of small pets. This project will help you determine the type of pet that is right for you. Small Pets includes gerbils, turtles, cats, rabbits, mice, hamsters, birds, and fish.

### Key Learning Topics:

- Kinds of Pets
- Costs to raise them.
- Pet care
- Showmanship

### Expanding the Project

- Learn about different types of pets.
- Compare common small pets Show your pet at a local or county fair pet show
- Keep records of the expenses associated with having a pet
- Learn to handle your pet
- Learn about the equipment available and necessary to have a healthy pet
- Learn about pet feeding and care
- Give demonstrations or illustrated talks.

### Resources

- Unit I: Pet Pals Project Book 100.B-22
- Unit II: Scurrying Ahead
- Record Form 300.A-7

### Exhibit Guidelines

1. Pet Pal 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:

- Record Keeping
- Cooperation
- Problem Solving
- Empathy
- Resilience
- Critical Thinking
- Decision making
- Disease Prevention
- Self-discipline
- Character

