



NM 4-H Pet Pals Greentop

400.B-2 R-18



Objectives: 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.

Materials Included in this project:

- Pet Pals Project Book 100.B-22
- Pet Pals Greentop 400.B-2 (R-16)
- Pet Record Form 300 L-5

Suggested tips for successful project completion:

- Review the project book, record sheet, and Greentop to become familiar with the project before you begin.
- Review needed materials: pet, cage, food, water, bedding, toys
- Choose the areas about pets in which you wish to study.
- 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
- Participate in county, state and regional fairs.
- Complete the record form, and turn in a county record book to your local Extension Agent.

Suggested Activities:

- 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.

Citizenship Activities:

- Conduct a clinic for less experienced members.
- Assist with local achievement days and small pets fairs.

Additional info can be found from:

- County Extension Agent
- Internet
- Library
- Veterinarian

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