

Cat Project Book Guidelines

Completeness (Maximum 40 pts)

The book must be completed on the form provided by 4-H for your age.

The judge will be evaluating whether each section is filled out completely.

If something is not applicable to you and your cat, note that with "N.A." Don't leave it blank.

The judge will expect more detail from older youth than from younger ones. This is reflected in the forms by providing more space or asking more detailed questions.

Focus only on the current 4-H year, starting with last year's Armada Fair or the date you joined the cat project.

If you need more space for any item, insert an additional page following the page where you ran out of space. Repeat the subject or questions above your extended answer.

Additional pages reflecting items listed on the Table of Contents for lessons and activities should follow that page.

Neatness (Maximum 20 pts)

Cloversprouts may use pencil to write their responses. Be sure it is dark enough for the judge to read easily.

Older youth should type or print legibly in ink.

Numerous erasures (or whiteout corrections) means you should probably redo the page.

Grammar and correct spelling are also part of neatness.

Creativity (Maximum 15 pts)

You may use a duotang or a 3-ring binder. The cover may be decorated in any manner, but should not exceed the height and width of a regular binder by more than a small edging trim. Stickers, extra photo pages, your own artwork, and ribbons you earned, etc. will be judged as elements of creativity.

Interview (Maximum 25 pts)

Being pleasant with the judge, having eye contact, speaking audibly and clearly, and showing interest in your project area are important. The interview may cover more than the project book (the judge may ask about previous years in 4-H or the scope of your 4-H activities beyond cats).