Montcalm County

Cavy Project Record Book

(ages 8-11)

Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

4-H Leader: _____

4-H Age (as of 1/1): _____ Years in Project: _____

Record Started: _____ Record Closed: _____

4-H Project Record Book

This Project Record Book has been created specifically for 4-H members enrolled in a cavy 4-H project. Keeping a record book is an important part of the project. It will help you set goals for the project year, record your accomplishments, and provide a place to keep important records on your cavy.

<u>What is a 4-H project?</u> A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. In this case, your project is cavies. You learn about your project by attending club meetings and educational workshops and working with adult leaders and other 4-H members. You can also learn from field trips and by participating in shows and competitions.

<u>Why complete a record book?</u> A record book is not meant to be a chore. Instead, it is a way for you to learn about your project, as well as other valuable skills such as setting goals, collecting information, evaluating information, tracking costs and expenses, organization, and others.

<u>Completing your 4-H Cavy Project Record Book</u>. At the beginning of the 4-H year you should select one/several of your animals to be your 4-H project animal(s) for the year. Then begin recording all the relevant information on your animal in your record book monthly. It is important to keep your record book up to date, so that completing it doesn't become a chore at the end of the year.

What are your goals for this year's cavy project?

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Did you accomplish your goal? Yes   or   No

Can you explain why or why not?

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Member Signature_____   Leader Signature_____

Cavy Project Details

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Beginning Project Picture Here
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Name of Animal: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Sex_____ **Breed** _____**Ear Tag Information:** _____

Color: _____ **Pedigreed/Registered?** _____

How did you acquire your animal?

☐ **I purchased my animal (farm / breeder name):**

_____

☐ **My project was born on our family farm**

☐ **Other:**

_____

Purchase Price or beginning estimated value of animal:

$_____

Cavy Project Details

In my 4-H project, I started with: **During the year, I added:**

_____ Boar(s)   **_____ Boar(s)**

_____ Sow (s)   **_____ Sow (s)**

Why did you choose this project?

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Complete the breeding record below, if you bred your project animal(s):

Sow # and Name: _____ Breed: _____

Boar # and Name: _____ Breed: _____

Date Bred	Date Tested	Date Kindled	Number Kindled	Sow	Boar	Remarks

Housing

If you have multiple cavies, do you keep them all in the same area? Why?

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Draw or explain the type of housing, watering system and feeder you use.

What are some of the advantages to your set-up?

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What are some of the disadvantages to your set-up?

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What are some things to consider when choosing a location to house your cavy (ies)? Should they be indoors or outside, and why?

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Feeding Program

How many cavy(ies) do you have in your muddle/herd?

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What brand of feed do you use?

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Describe your feeding routine.

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Are there any other products or treats that you give to your cavy(ies)?

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List some items that you cannot feed cavy(ies)and why.

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Feed Tag

Insert a copy of your feed tag here

Cavy Health

What are some signs of illness or injury in cavy(ies)?

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Describe some common health problems in raising cavies, and what you would do to solve them.

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Project Inventory and Expense Record

List each item used in this year's project. Include the cost or value of cavy(ies) and equipment purchased, to include feed.

Item	Cost or Value	Date

End Date: _____ Total Project Cost: _____

Show and Award Records

Date	Ear # or Animal Name	Where	Name of Class	Placing

Have you participated in any additional cavy activities? Yes or No

If yes, please describe: _____

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Pictures during shows/activities:

Standard of Perfection

Complete the Standard of Perfection using any ONE of your current project animal(s). If your project is a mixed breed, choose a breed to study.

Name / Breed of Chosen Animal: _____

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Which showroom class / weight does your cavy fit into?

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Pedigree

Insert a copy of your project's pedigree, if available.

If your project does not have a pedigree, draw your family tree.

Project Knowledge

1. **What is the ideal temperature for a cavy's cage?**

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2. **What are the 5 color groups?**

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3. **How many toes do cavies have on their front and back feet?**

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4. **What is a crest?**

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5. **What are some symptoms of illness?**

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6. **What is Scurvy?**

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Identifying Parts of a Cavy

Ages 8-11 - Complete 6 labels.   Ages 12-15 - Complete 9 labels.   Ages 16-19 - Complete all labels
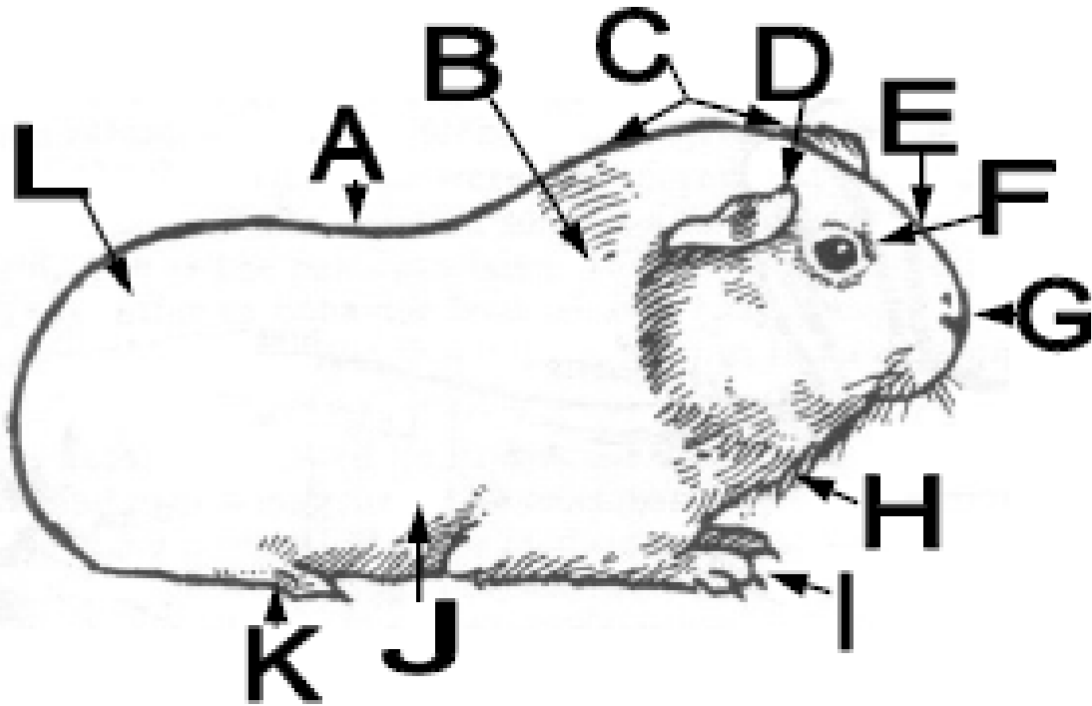
____Hindquarters   ____Ears   ____Shoulders

____Nose   ____Eyes   ____Side of Body

____Back   ____Face

____Chest   ____Fore Feet

____Crown   ____Hind Feet

Project Review

(Use additional pages if needed)

Number of project meetings held _____ Number I attended _____

What training did you do with your project animal?

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What was your favorite part of your cavy project?

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What were the three most important things you learned this year?

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List below any interesting things you did with your cavy, learned about your cavy or write a story about your cavy.

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Project Pictures

(Use additional pages if needed)

Extra Credit
This is not mandatory! Complete any of the following, if you would like the judges to consider extra credit for your overall record book scoring.

1. Additional pictures of 4-H'er with project species.

2. Decorate your book.

3. Design a housing diagram.

4. Find information from ACBA on breed clubs/associations.

5. Photography report.

   a. My project animal

   b. Show/farm visit

My 4-H Cavy Project Record Book Score Sheet

4-H Member: _____

4-H Club: _____

Page		Possible Points	Your Points
1	**COVER SHEET**	**5**	
	All information is neat and complete.		
2	**4-H PROJECT RECORD**	**5**	
	4-H Member and Leader signed book.		
3-4	**CAVY PROJECT DETAILS**	**15**	
	All information is neat and complete. All questions are answered. Photo from start of project.		
5-7	**HOUSING / FEEDING PROGRAM**	**15**	
	Information is neat and complete. Feed tags are copied and placed on page 7		
8	**HEALTH RECORDS**	**10**	
	Information is neat and complete.		
9	**PROJECT INVENTORY AND EXPENSES**	**5**	
	Information is neat and complete.		
10	**SHOW AND AWARDS RECORDS**	**5**	
	Information is neat and complete.		
11-12	**STANDARD OF PERFECTION/PEDIGREE**	**10**	
	Information and pedigree are neat and complete.		
13-14	**PROJECT KNOWLEDGE/CAVY DIAGRAM**	**10**	
	Information and diagram are complete and accurate		
15	**PROJECT REVIEW**	**10**	
	Information neat and complete.		
16	**PROJECT PICTURES**	**10**	
	Has at least 3 pictures of their animal with captions.		
	TOTAL POINTS - Non-Market Cavy Only **A: 100 - 80; B: 79 - 60; C: 59 - 30**	**100**	
17	**Extra Credit (any additional points (up to judge's discretion) or can be used to break a tie)**		