



Pocket Pet Project Record Book



Record for Project Year 20__ to 20__

The completion of a Record Book is required to participate in the Pocket Pet Project. The Record Book must be submitted on show day by 10:30am. Record books will be included in the judging of the pocket pet show, NOT as a separate class.

My Exhibitor Profile

Name of Exhibitor: _____

My Age as of Jan 1st of Current Year: _____

Years in Pocket Pet Project: _____

Name of 4H Club / FFA Chapter / Open Exhibitor: _____

Club Leader / Chapter Advisor / Parent: _____

Project Start Date: _____

picture of exhibitor and their pocket pet

Signatures

By signing below, I certify that I have completed this record book myself (with minimal assistance from leader/advisor/parent) and to the best of my knowledge, the information included is correct.

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____

Leader/Advisor/Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Why Complete a Record Book?

A record book is a way for you to learn. Keeping a Pocket Pet Project Record Book will help you:

- To organize yourself
- Set reasonable goals for yourself
- Recognize and appreciate what you've learned this year from the goals you reached
- Track your progress and successes from year to year
- Explain what you've learned
- Keep track of your project costs

Guidelines for the Pocket Pet Project Record Book:

Start your record book at the beginning of the project year (typically September 1st of year prior to fair) and keep track of all your expenses and receipts during the year. It is important to update your record book monthly. You need to complete your record book in your own handwriting.

Start the project year by setting goals to complete. These goals could include "Pocket Pet Care Skills" or "Personal Development Activities." To expand your horizons, try to accomplish new skills each year you are in the project.

Your record book should be kept in a folder. It is recommended you save your record books from previous years. That way, you can easily compare your progress and achievements throughout your years in the Pocket Pet Project Area. It will also help you when you apply for awards, jobs, college, etc.

You should consider the following when completing your record book: completeness; neatness; creativity; grammar and punctuation.

My Pocket Pet's Profile

Name of Pet: _____

Type of Pet: _____

Coloring of Pet: _____

Sex of Pet: _____

Age of Pet (if known or estimate): _____ Birth Date if known: _____

My Pet was (Check all that apply)

____ From a breeder

____ Gift

____ Adopted from a shelter or rescue

____ Purchased at pet store

____ Other (please explain)

Name of place my pet was acquired from: _____

Was a fee charged for your pet? _____

Description of my pet (include size, weight, color, and other identifying characteristics):

Husbandry:

Housed Indoors/Outdoors or Both: _____

Is animal allowed to roam free in the house: Yes No

Type of habitat: _____

Size of habitat: _____

How often is the habitat cleaned: _____

Explain the process: _____

What type of disinfectant is used when cleaning cage or tank: _____

Type of habitat furniture: _____

Pocket Pet Care

What kind of food do you feed your pet? _____ What brand? _____

What amount do you feed and the frequency? _____

Supplements offered and frequency (i.e. seeds, vegetables etc)? _____

Water source? _____ How often is it changed? _____

How often do you play or observe your pet? _____

How often do you groom your pet (if necessary)? _____

Explain the process:

How often do you take your pet to the veterinarian? _____

Are there any toys you can use to play with your pet? If so what? _____

What is your pocket pet's favorite thing to do? _____

Does your pet do any tricks? _____

If yes, explain: _____

What do you do to keep your pet healthy? _____

Does your pet have any particular habits? (Ex: Rat—squeaks when you begin to feed)

Has your pet ever been sick? If yes, do you know what it was sick with? Explain _____

Has your pet ever been hurt? If yes, explain _____

Has your pet been spayed or neutered? (if applies) _____

Does your pocket pet require special medication(s)? Yes No

What medication(s)? _____ How often do you administer? _____

My Pocket Pet and Me in Pictures: A completed record book should have photos of yourself and your animal. Provide 4-6 photographs with captions. Also include one picture of your pet's habitat.

My Pocket Pet Project in Retrospect:

Reflect on your project experiences that focuses on the current record book year. You should trace your progress through the year.

What are some of the important things you learned about your animal?

What improvements or changes will you make next year?

What have you enjoyed most about your pet this year?
