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# Cats

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Project units are designed for members 8-18 years old.

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## Unit 1

### Inspiring youth to:

- Gather information about owning a cat
  - Decide on best type of cat
  - Properly groom a cat
  - Communicate procedure and benefits of spaying/neutering
  - Use body type to help identify different breeds
  - Name, locate and describe at least 15 body parts
  - Conduct a cat hazards home survey
  - Decide on type of litter preferred
  - Develop a budget
  - Create an up-to-date record of vaccinations
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## Growing Career Pathways

Small Animal Veterinarian  
Veterinary Technician/Assistant  
Professional Cat Catcher

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## Unit 2

### Inspiring youth to:

- Learn more about cat identification
  - Learn about training and showing cats
  - Gain knowledge about responsible cat ownership
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## Unit 3

### Inspiring youth to:

- Compare aged vs younger cat
  - Identify cat's body system
  - Organize a cat show
  - Conduct showmanship clinic
  - Learn and record community cat laws
  - Assess own leadership skills
  - Teach cat activity
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## Related Projects

Veterinary Science  
Home Design & Décor  
Rabbits  
Dog

# Cats

## Tips:

- Complete the Companion Animal e-Record if you are showing your cat
- Complete the Cat e-record if you are only doing a display board to complete the project
- Do as many activities in the manual as possible
- Share new skills through demonstrations, talks and exhibits
- Find a topic for your exhibit from what you have learned
- Help put together a cat show at your county fair
- Enter your exhibit in your county fair
- Help put together a vet clinic for cat members in your club



## Judging Criteria

- Project will be judged on your completed e-record (demonstrations, talks, story, and pictures, with at least one action shot of you doing something with your project)
- e-Record should be neat and legible
- A display board illustrating a topic investigated during the project year



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## Resources:

- Exhibit & Judging Requirements
- Record Books
- Manual Information

Located at: [Colorado4h.org](http://Colorado4h.org)

# Cat Industry Careers



## Groomer

Provide grooming and salon services for owners of cats



## Retail

Provide sales of products at different retail levels for cat owners



## Veterinarian

Provide veterinary health services to cats



## Showing

Be a professional fitter or shower at cat shows



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## **Degrees/Certifications:**

Genetics and Research  
Animal Science  
Disease Management  
Human Resources  
Information Technology  
Nutrition  
Veterinary Medicine  
Zoology



## Rescue Operations

Work with emergency disaster organizations to assist with animals during a disaster or at animal care facilities



## Journalist

Provide informational articles and resources for those involved in the cat industry



## Information Technology

Support individuals and businesses that provide feline services, remote work, and education



## Zoologist

Study the effect of nutrition, environment, genetics and more for cat populations