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EXTENSION**



## Cats

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 Display Board 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)



**Beyond  
Ready**

# 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