



New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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New Mexico 4-H Pet Pals Project

Objective: To educate 4-H members about the needs, habits, and characteristics of small pets. This project will help you determine the type of pet that is right for you. Small Pets includes gerbils, turtles, cats, rabbits, mice, hamsters, birds, and fish.

Materials included in this project

- Pet Pals Project Book 100.B-22
- New Mexico 4-H Greentop 400.B-2 (R-16)
- Pet Record book 4H 300 B-24

Suggestions for completing the project

- Review the project book, record sheet, and Greentop to become familiar with the project before you begin
- Review needed materials: pet, cage, food, water, bedding, toys
- Choose the areas about pets in which you wish to study
- Keep a log or diary of the activities you participate in which are related to those areas. This will make it easier to complete your record sheet at the end of the 4-H year.
- Complete your record sheet for the project

To complete this project, you can

- Learn about different types of pets
- Compare common small pets
- Show your pet at a local or county fair pet show
- Keep records of the expenses associated with having a pet
- Learn to handle your pet
- Learn about the equipment available and necessary to have a healthy pet
- Learn about pet feeding and care

What can be exhibited with the small pet project?

- Your small pet in the county fair or pet show
- An exhibit related to your Pet Pals project

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If you enjoy this project, and want continue to learn about small pets, you can try

- Welding-build a pet cage
- Photography-take beautiful photos of your pet
- Art-draw pictures or create paintings of pets
- Citizenship-take your pet to a Cloverbud meeting and educate others or participate in a petting zoo
- Leadership- Teach a friend to set up or clean a cage or give a presentation at your club meeting

If you enjoy this project, here are some other great projects you might like

- Hamsters
- Rabbits
- Tropical Fish
- Birds
- Guinea Pig
- Pocket Pets
- Wildlife
- Veterinary Science
- Cats

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