



# New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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## **New Mexico 4-H Cat II: *Climbing Up***

*Climbing Up* is the second in the series of three for youth, which also includes Cat I, *Purr-fect Pals* and Cat III *Leaping Ahead*. In Cat II you will build on what you learned in Cat I. You will learn about first aid, genetics, showmanship, cat diseases and lots more. You will also gain life skills along the way like problem solving, getting organized and using resources. This guide is developmentally appropriate for grades 5 through 7, but may be used by youth in any grade.

### **In this project, you will:**

- Surf the web for cat information.
- Learn to travel successfully with a cat.
- Learn what qualities you and your cat must possess to make pet-assisted visits.
- Learn what cat-related garbage is and how to reduce it.
- Identify and research the different characteristics of cat breeds.
- Show a cat in cat showmanship.
- Record and learn to read cat sounds and body language.
- Read cat food labels prior to purchasing cat food.
- Identify cat conditions or illnesses that require special diets.
- Describe five emergency first aid situations in cats.

### **Project Materials:**

- Cat II, *Climbing Up*, 100.F-31
- Cat II, *Climbing Up* Greentop 400.F-31
- Pet Record Form, 300.B-24

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### **Suggestions for completing this project and suggested learning activities:**

- Complete Cat II within three years by completing a minimum of seven of the main chapter activities or “More Fun with Felines” activities each year you are enrolled in the project.
- Participate in a minimum of three of these learning activities: give a demonstration, attend three cat project meetings, help organize a cat show, recruit a cat project member, teach at a cat clinic, operate a cat skill-a-thon station, participate on a cat quiz bowl team, organize a cat showmanship contest and help a younger member with their cat project.

### **You may exhibit any of these items at Achievement Days or County Fairs:**

- A poster or exhibit explaining something you learned from the Cat II project. Posters may be no larger than 14 x 22 inches (or half of a standard poster board). Exhibits may be no larger than 18 x 48 inches.
- Submit a record book to your local extension agent describing your Cat II project.

### **Leadership and Citizenship Activities:**

- Measure the amount of garbage, including cat-related garbage, produced by your family before and after you start a home-based recycling program.
- Go online to learn about the declawing of cats and share what you learned with your 4-H club. Here are a few websites available:
  - [www.cfainc.org/health/declawing.html](http://www.cfainc.org/health/declawing.html)
  - [amby.com/cat\\_site/](http://amby.com/cat_site/)
- Organize a cat identification contest for you local 4-H club.

### **4-H Speech, Illustrated Presentation and Demonstration Suggestions:**

- Demonstrate how to make a home first aid kit for cats.
- Give an illustrated presentation on the different breeds of cats.
- Research the six senses of a cat and give a speech on it during a 4-H County Contest.
- Through the use of pictures, present an illustrated presentation on the ways cats use their ears, heads eyes, whiskers, tails, paws and voice to communicate with us.