



DANE COUNTY 4-H Junior Project Record



The 4-H project is a tool used to acquire life skills

Members in Grade 5 or younger as of September 1 of the current year. Cloverbuds are not eligible.

Name: Sydney Tone

Project Record for: Dairy Goats

Grade in school for this project year: 5th

PART I All work to be completed by the youth.

1. Why does this project interest you?

I've always loved goats, but I live in town, where I can't raise large animals like goats. Luckily, though, I have a friend who lives on a farm and raises dairy goats. She offered to let me help raise and show some of her goats this year. Since I've always wanted some of my own, I said, "Yes!"

2. List two goals you would like to learn or do in your project this year.

Example: Learn to sew a button on a shirt. OR learn the parts of a chicken.

1. Learn how to properly lead a goat around when showing.

2. Learn what a judge looks for in a quality dairy goat.

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PART II All work to be completed by the youth.

Years completed in project as Member (3rd grade and up) 1

1. Explain **how** you met your goals this year. If you did **not** meet your goals, please explain.

Example: My leader taught me how to sew a button on a shirt, and I used my dad's shirt to practice. OR I learned the parts of chicken by going to a demonstration given by one of our youth leaders. Then I practiced by pointing to the parts on my chicken.

1. I learned how to lead a goat properly by listening to the Dairy Goat project leaders, and then trying it myself. All you do is hook your fingers into the goat's collar and steadily move forward. Leading is not hard with a trained goat, but if a goat has never been led before, it can be a struggle.

2. I learned what a judge looks for in a quality dairy goat by reading dairy goat books, talking to my project leader, and watching dairy goat shows. A quality dairy goat has a well-formed udder, sharp withers, strong topline, deep body, and a broad barrel.

2. What else would you like to tell us about your project?

Example: It was hard to make the needle go into the hole I wanted it to go in. OR I really liked learning the parts of the chicken and it helped me get more comfortable holding her.

I learned that goats are actually pretty easy to care for, no matter their age. Their feed needs are simple, and their grooming requirements are few. In the months that I helped care for my friend's goats, the goat kids were bottle-fed until they were weaned, and the rest of the herd ate mostly hay, with some grain. They were allowed outside to eat grass throughout the summer. As for grooming, all we had to do was clip them a few days before the fair. They didn't need any special daily brushing like many other animals.

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3. Why are you happy with the way your project turned out this year? If you are not happy with the way your project turned out this year, please tell why.

I'm happy with my project because I finally got to help raise and show dairy goats, which is something I always wanted to do. With my friend's help, I cared for goat kids, taught goats how to lead, and milked a goat for the first time. I can't wait to show goats again next year!

4. Did you talk about your project with anyone else or help anyone else learn about your project?

Example: I showed my dad how I fixed his shirt. OR I gave a demonstration to my club showing them the parts of a chicken.

Whenever I learned something new about goats, I talked to my family about it. I gave my sister help when she was having a difficult time leading her goats. While I was at the Stoughton Fair, I showed some other members of my 4-H club how to milk a goat and feed goat kids.

5. Have you ever received a Dane County 4-H Project Award for this project?

_____ Junior Pin _____ Junior Certificate X I have not received any awards

6. I would like to be considered for a Junior Project Award. X Yes _____ No

7. Project Leader Comments

If there is no project leader in your club for this project, then your Organizational Leader or parent should write the project leader comments and provide the signature below.

Sydney was very excited to join the dairy goat project and worked hard all summer, caring for her goats and preparing them to show. She learned how bottle feed kids, milk does and coax stubborn goats around a ring. Her patience really paid off. This was a terrific project for her all-around!



Member Signature



Project Leader Signature

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PART III - Project Meetings and Project-Related Activities. To be completed during the year. Add pages if needed.

1. List your project meetings and project-related activities in the space below. If you had to pay for an activity or project, you can include that in the "What I Did and Learned" column. Detailed financial records are not required for the Junior level.

| Date | Meeting/Activity | Time Spent | What I Did and Learned |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|--|
| <i>Ex. 10-5-13</i> | <i>Project Meeting</i> | <i>2 hours</i> | <i>Learned to sew button. Cost \$1.00.</i> |
| <i>Ex 6-13</i> | <i>Daily feeding for month</i> | <i>15 hours</i> | <i>Daily feed needs of my animal</i> |
| 9/22/14 | Talked with Wendt family about dairy goat project. | 45 minutes. | Learned about a small dairy goat operation. |
| 11/2014 | Read several Dairy Goat books. | 5 hours total. | Learned about raising goats. |
| 5/4/14 | Dairy Goat project meeting. | 1.5 hours | Learned how to lead a goat and set it up during judging. Also learned how to trim goat hooves. |
| 5/5/14 | Worked on teaching dairy goats how to lead. | 20 minutes. | Learned why lead-training is important, and how to get a stubborn goat to walk. |
| 5/29/14 | Milked goat for first time. | Approx. 10 minutes. | Learned how to milk a goat. |
| 5/29/14 | Fed newborn goat kids. | 10 minutes. | Learned how to feed young kids. |
| 6/1-7/20/14 | Helped feed, water, and milk various ages of goats. | Approx. 30 min/day | Learned how to take care of newborn kids, yearling goats, and milking does. |
| 6/10/14 | Bought dairy goat show clothes. | 2 hours. | Learned clothes needed to show dairy goat. |
| 5/5-7/14/15 | Practiced showing dairy goats. | Approx. 2.5 hours/week. | Learned more about leading goats. |

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| 6/30/-7/1/15 | Clipped/prepared dairy goats for show. | Approx. 10 hours total | Learned how to clip dairy goats for show (what size of clipper to use, correct method, etc.). Also learned more about correctly trimming goat hooves. |
| 7/5/15 | Showed dairy goats at Stoughton Fair. | Approx. 1 hour. | Learned how to do touch-ups before goat judging and how to compete in dairy goat showmanship. Also learned more about dairy goat judging. |
| 7/13/15 | Clipped goats for Dane County Fair | Approx. 3 hours total | Learned more about properly preparing goats for show. |
| 7/19/15 | Showed dairy goats at Dane County Fair. | Approx. 1 hour. | Learned more about showing goats. |

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