

Santa Clara County 4-H Youth Development Program

Level I Poultry Proficiency

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Members Name: _____ Age: _____

Club: _____ Date Started: _____

- _____ 1. Explore what it is about the project you like the most. Identify and express your own goals for this project. Choose one meaningful, realistic and demanding goal. Develop a step-by-step plan to make daily choices that support your goal. Include a copy with this proficiency (see #19).
- _____ 2. Demonstrate (show and tell) how to handle your bird properly, e.g., take it in and out of a cage and carry your bird.
- _____ 3. Identify the external parts of your bird from a diagram or live bird.
- _____ 4. Describe the basic housing and equipment requirements to care of your bird on a daily basis.
- _____ 5. Explain the daily nutrition requirements of your bird, e.g., how, when, what, how much, and what kind to feed and why.
- _____ 6. Explain how to determine the gender and age of a bird using proper terminology.
- _____ 7. Demonstrate basic grooming techniques and equipment necessary for the regular care of your bird.
- _____ 8. Discuss record keeping components. Include how often you observe your bird/flock in habitat; provided fresh water, clean feed; health problems and treatments. Enter this information on the Online Record Book Project Report form.
- _____ 9. Explain how to tell if your bird is ill and needs veterinarian attention.
- _____ 10. Describe two safety issues associated with your bird and/or handling your bird.
- _____ 11. Present a project meeting report to your club.
- _____ 12. Attend any (does not need to be in the poultry project) 4-H event outside of your 4-H club.
- _____ 13. Know 50 basic poultry terms and what they mean.
- _____ 14. Explain what to consider before selecting a bird.

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- _____ 15. Share the project with others and describe how taking care of an animal can help you be more confident, competent and caring. (e.g.: give a project report at a club meeting).
- _____ 16. Attend any Santa Clara county-wide 4-H event (does not need to be in the poultry project) outside of your club such as Presentation Day, Favorite Foods Day, Fashion Review, Summer Camp or Mega Field Day. Event Attended: _____
Date: _____
- _____ 17. Participate in a service learning activity related to your project. Discuss how your skills helped you in this activity and what new skills you may have learned after the activity. Name of service learning activity: _____ Date: _____
- _____ 18. Reflect on the goal you established for yourself at the beginning. Describe whether you had to change strategies if you experienced difficulties in reaching your goal. Describe what worked well and what it is that you need to do or learn from others if you had to do this again next year. Describe the advice you would give younger children. Include a copy with this proficiency.

Project Leader's Name (Please print) _____ Club: _____

Project Leader's Signature: _____ Date: _____