Interested in Veterinary Medicine?
The 4-H Veterinary Science Program is for you!

Objectives

- Utilize career-oriented resource materials that provide lessons, questions and activities.

- Help students gain the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a career in veterinary medicine (veterinary assistant, veterinary technician or veterinarian), human medicine (paraprofessional or physician) or allied health fields (diagnostics or therapeutics).

- Prepare students interested in pursuing an associate, undergraduate, graduate or professional degree following high school graduation and provide them the opportunity to gain the experience, knowledge and motivation they will need to pursue their educational goals.

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The 4-H Veterinary Science Program

The 4-H Veterinary Science Program includes 100 lessons and 50 activities that allow young people interested in veterinary medicine the opportunities to work with professionals during on-the-job training which prepares them for a career in veterinary medicine.

Students who participate in this program work closely with licensed veterinarians in their clinics. This hands-on training offers the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to become a veterinary assistant. This experience is a valuable addition to the student’s resume and will help them prepare for a professional degree program at an accredited university.

The training material introduces students to the professional field of veterinary medicine, along with human medicine and other health fields. The material includes a concise summary of techniques used by veterinary paraprofessionals and allows them to develop critical thinking, analytical and reasoning skills in the field of science.

Program Goals

- Develop a personalized curriculum for students in veterinary science.
- Provide students with career opportunities in veterinary science.
- Guide students with hands-on instruction.
- Offer real-world science-related career exploration.
- Introduce students to professional workforce practices.
- Provide students with an opportunity to work in a veterinary practice under the supervision of a veterinarian to develop the knowledge and skills required to become a competent veterinary aide.

Starting the Program in Your County

Your local County Extension Office will host an orientation workshop. Extension agents guide 4-H volunteer leaders and students in the development of a personalized curriculum. Participants learn how to use the curriculum, identify goals and objectives and develop a plan of action for the 4-H educational course.