OBJECTIVES

- To provide young people of life skills, such as self-responsibility, critical thinking, leadership, responsible citizenship, communication techniques, and disease prevention capabilities.

- To provide faculty an opportunity of sharing information about pre-veterinary medicine programs and degree programs in animal science and poultry science.

- To provide young people with an opportunity of exploring the field of veterinary medicine as a career.

- To provide young people with an opportunity of acquiring knowledge, developing skills, and forming attitudes that will be useful in later life.

- To help young people develop a better understanding and appreciation of veterinary medicine and animals.

- To help young people understand the importance of good management, good care, and sanitation practices.

ELIGIBILITY

Each county may enter one junior and one senior member at District 4-H O-Ramas. The top five seniors from each District 4-H O-Rama will be eligible to compete at the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama.

ACTIVITY

Each participant should be prepared to present an illustrated talk or demonstration on some area of veterinary science. This can be in conjunction with dog care, horse, beef, dairy, swine, or poultry projects. Those talks dealing with abnormal processes such as diseases, parasitism, toxicities, or defects should be presented in the veterinary science activity. Talks demonstrating normal physiological processes may be presented in veterinary science. Livestock production practices should be presented in animal science activities. A few suggestions follow:

- Immunology
- Diseases of any animal species
- Restraint of animals
- Drugs and their Uses
- Regulatory veterinary programs
- Historical reviews of veterinary science
- Internal/external parasites of any species
- Diseases transmitted from animal to man
- Herd health programs
- Laboratory procedures
- Surgical procedures
Illustrated talks should make full use of visuals and experience. A junior talk will be limited from 2 to 5 minutes. Senior talks will be from 5 to 8 minutes. The judge will ask questions about the general area of veterinary medicine, including the illustrated talk topic. The activity judge will be the only person allowed to question the speaker.

**JUDGING**

This activity will be judged on the standard Score Sheet, Method Demonstrations - Illustrated Talks, CES-663.

**AWARDS**

**District 4-H O-Rama:** A first-place winner, both junior and senior, will receive a trophy. In addition to trophy awards, second-, third-, fourth-, and fifth-place junior and senior winners will receive ribbons.

**Arkansas 4-H O-Rama:** The first-place winner at state will receive a trophy. Ribbons will be awarded to second- through fifth-place winners.

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**Note:** Work done in connection with district and state veterinary science activities should be reported in 4-H Journals. If desired, this work may be reported in record books under veterinary science or a related area such as beef, swine, dairy, poultry, dog, horse, wildlife, health, etc. It may be reported under public speaking when the major topic falls within the realm of veterinary science.