



4-H Veterinary Science Project- Leader Information

This is a 5 year project open to 4-H members interested in veterinary science. This project is career-oriented and hands-on job training for students to pursue their interests and help them explore career options in veterinary medicine, human medicine or allied health fields.

Throughout this project, participants will work with licensed veterinarians, at local veterinary clinics, to meet their required hands-on clinical hours.

Project Cost:

May fluctuate due to group lessons and activities.

- Will participants pay for activities as they come up? **Or**
- Will the group do fund raisers to fund these activities and lessons?

The initial cost of this project is \$44.00 for the one time purchase of the *Veterinary Assistant Handbook*.

** There are additional Leader handbooks that can be purchased on line at:

<http://www-ims.tamu.edu/index.aspx?page=183> for an additional \$35.00 plus shipping and handling. The Extension Office has a set of this curriculum that can be loaned out to project leaders.

Project Leader:

Project Leaders are needed to volunteer their time to take leadership/ ownership of this 5 year project. Project Leaders will be involved in the planning, youth encouragement, project promotion and community involvement.

Project Leader roles will include (*but not limited to*):

- * Work with Extension advisors:
 - * set annual project goals and lesson plans
 - * to council students in need.
 - * to administer and grade *Lesson Completion Tests*
 - * to locate and recruit community leaders for project lesson and activity needs
- * Coordinate monthly lessons, activities and instructors
 - * schedule monthly group lessons and activities
 - * assigning monthly group and individual lessons
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 - * schedule and recruit community agriculture business leaders to speak &/or instruct group lessons and/or activities.
 - * maintain a project calendar with lesson plans, activities, project meeting dates, due dates and lesson completion test dates.
- * Keep a current/up-to-date:
 - * attendance list- documenting students involvement and completion requirements (*a copy needs to be turned in to the Extension Office monthly*)
 - * grade book- for lesson completion tests
- * Help to maintain current 4-H enrollment status on all participants in this Veterinary Science Project. (*Make sure that each participant has a completed green form on file and they attend their regular 4-H club meetings*)

4-H Project Leader recommendations:

- * 1- Primary Project Leader
- * 2 or 3- Assistant Project Leaders- Volunteer Parents or Local Veterinarian

5 year curriculum includes:

- * 50 group lessons = 10 per year
- * 50 individual lessons = 10 per year
- * 100 Lesson Completion Tests (*passing with a 70% or higher*)
- * 25 group activities = 5 per year
- * 25 individual activities = 5 per year
- * 500 hours of hands-on = 100 hours per year (*paid or volunteer*)
work- experience in a vet clinic

4-H Project Completion Information:

- Basic** 1) Once a 4-H youth member has completed this 5 year project, passing all lesson tests with 70% correct on each and meeting all other project requirements, the 4-H youth member will receive a *Veterinary Assistant Certification of Completion*.
- Excellence** 2) If a 4-H member completes this project with excellence- *excelling on all lesson tests, completing more than 500 clinical hours at or with a licensed veterinarian*.- They will be awarded a *Certification of Completion in Excellence Award* and will have the opportunity to then take and pass an additional certification class and exam to become a *Certified Veterinary Technician*.
- Certification** 3) To become a *Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVA)* each 4-H member must complete an *Application for Certification of a Veterinary Assistant (CVA)* processed by the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA). This certification will increase employment opportunities with a veterinarian during and after high school. Test fee is \$125.00- administered by veterinarians and returned to TVMA for scoring. Certification is for 1 year; annual re-certification is required without test.

More Project Information:

If you are interested in being a part of this project, please visit the College of Veterinary Medicine website <http://aevm.tamu.edu>

To become a Veterinary Science Project Leader:

Contact the Medina County Extension Office - 4-H Program at 830-741-6180 or at 1506 Ave M, Hondo.