

## 4-H Veterinary Science Project Youth Overview

This is a 5 year project open to 4-H members interested in explore career options in veterinary medicine, human medicine or allied health fields. Project lessons and activities are career-oriented with hands-on job training experiences.

**The Annual Project Plan** - Each project group has a Project leader that will plan lessons, activities, speakers, homework assignments and assignment due dates as well as keep records on each member (*test grades, attendance, lesson and activity completions*). It will be the project members responsibility to dedicate the time needed to complete the 5 year project requirements and the following items:

- 1) To meet with Licensed Veterinarians to set up a volunteer or paid work hour schedule.
- 2) Complete and turn in signed *4-H Veterinary Science Project Waiver Agreement Forms* <http://medina-tx.tamu.edu/publications> to project leaders or the 4-H Extension Staff to keep on file until you have completed this program.
- 3) Keep track of volunteer or paid work hours with a licensed Veterinarian. This should be done on the *Signed Work Hour Log Sheet* <http://medina-tx.tamu.edu/publications>.

Logs need to be turned into Project Leaders at the end of the project year for verification and documentation of completion.

<b>5 year Project Curriculum Requirements Include:</b>	
<b>10 Group Lessons per year</b>	50 group lessons in 5 years
<b>10 Individual Lessons per year</b>	50 individual lessons in 5 years
<b>5 Group Activities per year</b>	25 group activities in 5 years
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<b>100 Work Hours with a Licensed Veterinarian/ per year</b>	500 total work hours with a licensed Veterinarian in 5 years.
<b>100 Lesson Completion Questions/ Tests in 5 years</b> <i># of Completion Tests are determined by the Chapter/Sections planned in a project year.</i>	<b>These are the Lesson Questions found in your project book.</b> Questions must be completed and turned in to project leaders upon request for grading. Each 4-H'er must pass each Lesson Question/ Test with a 70% or higher.

**Note:** There are additional opportunities for Highschool members to begin this project on an accelerated level and complete all projects requirements with in 3 years. Accelerated members will need to work closely with project leaders or with 4-H Extension Staff.

**The Cost** of this project may fluctuate due to lessons and activities for the planned year. **Initial Costs of Project is \$44.00** (plus shipping) for the one time purchase of the *Veterinary Assistant Handbook*. To order your books or to learn more about the project curriculum, visit the following website at <http://www-ims.tamu.edu/index.aspx?page=183>

**There are 3 Levels of Project Completion** - The level of 4-H member completion depends on the level of effort, work and dedication that a 4-H member puts in to this project. Following are 3 different levels that a 4-H member can accomplish with this project.

### 1- Basic Completion = *Veterinary Assistant Certification of Completion*

4-H members completing the 5 year Veterinary Science Project requirements including, passing all lesson tests (*questions*) with 70% correct and meeting all other project requirements (*500 work hours, assignments, and activities*).

### 2- Excellence Completion = *Certification of Completion in Excellence Award*

4-H members completing this project with excellence- *excelling on all lesson tests(questions) and completing more than 500 documented clinical hours with a licensed veterinarian* will be awarded this certification and the opportunity to become a **Certified Veterinary Technician** by taking and passing an additional certification class and exam.

### 3- Certification Opportunities = *Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVA)*

4-H members completing this project in full will have the opportunity to complete an *Application for Certification of a Veterinary Assistant (CVA)* processed by the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA). This certification opportunity will increase employment opportunities at Veterinary Clinics during and after high school. *Certification Test fee is \$125.00- administered by veterinarians through TVMA for a 1 year certification; annual re-certification is required.*

**For Additional Project Information**, visit the Texas AgriLife Extension, College of Veterinary Medicine website at <http://acvm.tamu.edu> (4-H Veterinary Science).



**To Become a Member contact the Medina County Extension Office -4-H program at 830-741-6180.**

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