

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY FAIR 2026 4-H VETERINARY SCIENCE

Superintendent: Open

Exhibit Check In: Tuesday, July 28th, 10:30am – 1pm; East End Administration Building

Exhibit Judging: Tuesday, July 28th; 1:00pm; East End Administration Building (non - consultation)

The purpose of the 4-H Veterinary Science project is to provide a way for young people who care for animals and may want to follow a career in veterinary medicine to explore the topic. In this project, members will learn about animal health, behavior, and visit with veterinarians. 4-H member in the Veterinary Science project may develop an exhibit to demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned about a common health problem in animals, a veterinary science principle or public health/zoonotic diseases.

Rules

1. Read General Rules. Violation of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. A Veterinary Science exhibit may consist of a poster, notebook, project display, or diorama. The exhibit may represent material from any of the Veterinary Science projects including entry level exhibits from Unit I.
3. If photographs are to be part of the exhibit, remember that they will be viewed by the public. Make sure that the photographs are in good taste and will not be offensive to anyone. Graphic photographs of excessive bleeding, trauma or painful procedures are not appropriate. For exhibits related to veterinary surgical procedures, aseptic techniques need to be shown, for example, use of drapes, use of sterile procedures, wearing of gloves and other appropriate veterinary medical practices.
4. First-Aid Kits: Because of public safety concerns and risk of theft of first-aid kit contents (veterinary drugs/equipment) with perceived potential for drug abuse, animal first aid kits containing any drugs or medications will be immediately disqualified and not displayed. First Aid kits wishing to include medication information should instead utilize written descriptions, photographs, drawings, computer generated print-outs or empty packaging of pharmaceuticals.
5. Veterinary Science Posters - This exhibit presents the viewer with a design that is simple and direct, unlike a display that usually presents more information. A poster should not exceed 22" x 30" and may be either vertical or horizontal. . Trifolds and framed posters will not be accepted as a poster entry.
6. Veterinary Science Displays - A display may include but is not limited to: a 3-dimensional exhibit, a scale model, the actual product (for example: skeleton; teeth; samples of leather, fur, or dried skin damaged by disease or parasites) or a notebook. ~~A display is not a poster. A display may be mounted on poster board not to exceed 22" x 28" or on 1/4" plywood or equivalent that does not exceed 24" high or 32" wide or in a three ring binder or another bound notebook format.~~ All displays need to be on 3' X 4' trifold board or in a three ring-binder. Smaller boards will not be accepted.
7. Veterinary Science Notebooks: Individual entries are to be place for display in a three-ring notebook for competition. Notebooks may not be larger than 8 1/2' x 11".
8. Veterinary Science Diorama: A diorama is a 3-dimensional model or exhibit that depicts a scene, event, or environment. All dioramas need to be contained. The size is not to exceed 3' X 3' X 3'.
9. Neither the Kansas State Fair nor the department of 4-H Youth Development, KSRE are

- liable for the loss or damage of any personal property included as part of your poster, display, ~~or~~ notebook, or dioram.
10. Name, county/district, age and year in project should be on the front of the poster, display, ~~or~~ notebook, or diorama.
 11. Appropriate topics include:
 - A. Maintaining Health
 - B. Specific disease information
 - C. Photographic display of normal and abnormal characteristics
 - D. Animal health or safety
 - E. Public health or safety
 - F. Proper animal management to ensure food safety and quality
 - G. Efficient and safe livestock working facilities
 - H. A topic of the exhibitor's choosing related to veterinary medicine or veterinary science.
 12. Because these are science displays, all references and information must be properly cited. Make sure to highlight all sources and references. Proper sources include but are not limited to: Professional journals and publications, professional AVMA accredited websites, interviews with veterinarians and excerpts from Veterinary Educational Literature. Plagiarism will result in a disqualification. Please study your topic and present the information to your audience in your own words.
 13. The Veterinary Science Modules are for sourcing, referencing, and learning purposes. The modules are not for project submission. Any notebooks, posters, displays, or dioramas submitted with only Veterinary Science Modules work will be disqualified.

Scoresheets, Forms, and Contest Study Materials:

[Veterinary Science Score Sheet](#)

Resources:

[Project Page - Veterinary Science](#)

[Veterinary Science Module 1: Behavior](#)

[Veterinary Science Module 2: Vitals on Vitals](#)

[Veterinary Science Module 3: Understanding Disease Transmissions and Risks](#)

[Veterinary Science Module 4: Principles of Biosecurity](#)

[Veterinary Science Module 5: Concepts in Animal Care](#)

Classes

7000 – 4-H Veterinary Science Notebook

7001 – 4-H Veterinary Science Poster

7002 – 4-H Veterinary Science Project Display

7003 – 4-H Veterinary Science Diorama