**Veterinary Science**

The purpose of the veterinary science exhibit is to inform the public about a common health problem of animals or a veterinary principle. Do not confuse veterinary science exhibit topics with animal husbandry, history, or production topics.

A veterinary science exhibit must consist of a poster, notebook, or display. The exhibit may represent material from any of the veterinary science projects including the entry level exhibits from Unit 1.

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.

**Veterinary Science Posters:** This exhibit presents the viewer with a design that is simple and direct, unlike a display that usually represents more information. A poster should not exceed 22”X28” and may be vertical or horizontal.

**Veterinary Science Displays:** A display may include, but is not limited to: a 3D exhibit, a scale model, the actual product (i.e. 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”X28” or on ¼” plywood or equivalent that does not exceed 24” high or 32” wide or in a three-ring binder or another bound notebook format.

**Appropriate Veterinary Science Topics:**

- Maintaining health
- Specific disease information
- Photographic display of normal and abnormal characteristics of animals
- Animal health or safety
- Public health or safety
- Proper animal management to ensure food safety and quality
- Efficient and safe livestock working facilities
- Or a topic of the exhibitor’s choosing related to veterinary medicine or veterinary science

*Remember, since these are science displays, all references and information needs to be properly cited. 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.

**Division 840: Veterinary Science**

**Class 1**

4-H Veterinary Science Large Animal Poster, Notebook, or Display

**Class 2**

4-H Veterinary Science Small Animal/Pet Poster, Notebook, or Display

**Class 3**

First Aid Kit: Should be designed for a specific type of animal, i.e. pets, horses, etc. The following items cannot be included in the kit, but may be listed on a piece of paper to be included in the exhibit if the exhibitor feels they are a necessary part of the exhibit:

- Any controlled substance
- Needles (syringes without needles can be included)
- Scalpels or other sharp items (scissors are ok)

**Class 4**

Other Veterinary Science