

## Views from VanDeWalle

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### Animal Enthusiasts Take Note

This past week, South Central Cattlewomen and Nebraska Extension coordinated the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual “AgVenture” Day for 169 area fourth grade youth. In short, youth learned how important agriculture is and how everyone is impacted daily by agriculture. At this program, livestock are present which is always a highlight for some youth. For some youth, this is their first close encounter with a beef animal, lamb, goat or horse. For some youth, their passion for livestock and all animals runs deep and as a farm kid, I remember wanting to be a veterinarian or work in the animal science field as lots of livestock kids do at one point. Youth without livestock might have a passion for companion animals such as dogs or cats and also consider a career working with animals. For those youth or parents/grandparents who have a child with a passion for animals, read on!

Did you know you could attend the University of Nebraska and get a degree focused on companion animals, horses or livestock? Or maybe you just want to take a few classes to learn more about these? You need to come to the University of Nebraska Animal Science Open House on October 3, 2016 from 6 – 8 p.m. to learn more. You can get questions answered and find out more about the vast opportunities, classes that are offered, careers and much more. During this Open House you will get some hands-on experiences, view demonstrations and meet with faculty and students involved in UNL’s equine, companion animal and livestock programs. Also you will get to find out more about the various animal-related organizations such as Equestrian team, Livestock and Horse Judging teams, SEECA (Students for the Education of Exotic and Companion Animals), Pre-Vet club, and Block and Bridle. During the open house, you will get to travel through the Animal Science building on a bit of a “scavenger hunt” to seek out facts related to our classes and majors. Be sure to mark your calendars to not miss this night at the UNL Animal Science Complex, UNL East Campus!

A flyer, map and more details can be obtained at our Extension Office or by contacting Dr. Lisa Karr ([lisa.karr@unl.edu](mailto:lisa.karr@unl.edu)) or Dr. Lena Luck ([lina.luck@unl.edu](mailto:lina.luck@unl.edu)).