

DEPARTMENT H - VETERINARY SCIENCE

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

A **Veterinary Science exhibit may consist of a poster, notebook, or a display.** The exhibit may represent material from any of the Veterinary Science projects including entry level exhibits from Unit I.

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.

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 printouts, or empty packaging of pharmaceuticals.

Veterinary Science Poster: 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"x28" and may be either vertical or horizontal.

Veterinary Science Display: 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"x28" or on 1/4" plywood or equivalent that does **NOT** exceed 24" high x 32" wide or in a three-ring binder or another bound notebook format. Each display **MUST** be identified with name, address and county on the back.

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 & quality
- Efficient and safe livestock working facilities

Or a topic of the exhibitor's choosing relating to veterinary medicine or veterinary science****Remember, since these are science displays, all references and information need 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. **Plagiarism will result in a disqualification. Please study your topic and present the information to your audience in your own words.**

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- *1. 4-H Veterinary Science Large Animal Poster, Notebook, or Display
- *2. 4-H Veterinary Science Small Animal/ Pet Poster, Notebook, or Display