General Information

What is a 4-H Animal Science Project?

Animal science projects in 4-H are any projects that revolve around live animals or their industries. Options for animal science projects include:

- Horse
- Dog
- Poultry
- Rabbits/ Cavies
- Livestock (Sheep, Goats, Cattle and Hogs)

What is required to do an animal project?

Each species has their own requirements within the species but in general you need:

- An enrolled 4-H Member, who has read and signed the Animal Science Code of Ethics (This form can be found in Appendix A)
- The 4-H member completing the livestock project MUST turn in a project record book at the end of the year.
- Animals must be registered with the 4-H Office, in order to show them.
- Animals must be owned by the dates set forth by the 4-H office.

Do I have to own my animal?

No, animals can be leased, but in order to do this you must fill out the sheet on leasing based on the project area (horse, livestock, etc.) Performance animal leasing includes horses, ponies, dogs, llamas, and alpacas and that form can be found in Appendix B. Livestock leasing is a separate form and can be found in Appendix F. However, if the 4-Her would like to complete the market animal project, the market animals MUST be owned by that 4-Her.