



# Texas 4-H Veterinary Science Project

## Project Description

Youth can learn more about animals, animal welfare, and how to become a veterinarian through the 4-H Veterinary Science project. Then, if interested in becoming a veterinary assistant, youth can go through a veterinary assistant preparatory training to prepare for a future career in veterinary medicine.

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A few things you will learn and do in this project are: Animal nutrition, handling and restraining animals, helping with animal examinations and treatments, infectious diseases of animals, non-infectious diseases and assisting with surgery.

### Basic

- Begin learning the basics of veterinary science through various educational opportunities across the state.
- Purchase and learn from the Texas A&M University Veterinary Science curriculum.

### Intermediate

- Begin the process of gaining a veterinary assistant certificate through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Veterinary Medicine. Requirements include:
  - 100 lessons and 225 hours of apprenticeship

### Advanced

- Graduate the certificate program and take industry-based certification exam for veterinary assistant certification offered by TAMU AgriLife Extension Veterinary Science Certificate Program.

# TAKE VETERINARY SCIENCE FURTHER

## *Project Learning Opportunities:*

- Extension Veterinary Medicine - 4-H Program
- Veterinary Science Skill-A-Thon
- Veterinary Science clinics and contests in and out of your community

## *Resources:*

- Veterinary Science Camps across Texas
- Texas A&M Veterinary Science Camp
- “Veterinary Science: Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant”
- “One Health Science & Technology”
- “Laboratory Science & Technology”

## *Did you know?*

4-H is a club for kids and teens to develop life skills and make friends. Youth can join 4-H in all 254 counties. Everybody ages 8-18 and in 3rd-12th grades can join 4-H. Kids in Kindergarten to 2nd grades can join as Clover Kids. There are 43 different project areas in five project categories: Agriculture & Livestock, Family & Community Health, Leadership & Citizenship, Natural Resources, and STEM.

## *Want to get started?*

First...Contact your County Extension Agent!

- Contact information can be found at [texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu) > contacts information at the bottom of the page > county offices

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