



Pet Care & Training

District & State O-Rama – Junior & Senior 4-H'ers

Animal Science



OBJECTIVES

Targeted Life Skills: Self-esteem, self-motivation, character, planning/organizing, communication, leadership, critical thinking

Opportunities will be provided for faculty to share information about related college degree programs in animal science and career options in pharmaceutical sales, Cooperative Extension Service, veterinarian, animal control officer, trainer, kennel manager and pet breeder.

The pet care and training activity is designed to allow 4-H members to exhibit the skills and knowledge they have obtained from pursuing their interest in pets. 4-H members will display knowledge of proper pet health, nutrition, grooming and training. In addition, communication skills will be improved through an oral presentation.

ELIGIBILITY

District 4-H O-Rama: One Junior 4-H club member and one senior 4-H club member participate from each county.

Arkansas 4-H O-Rama: The top five competitors at each District O-Rama may compete at the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama.

ACTIVITY

Each participant should present an illustrated talk in an area of general pet care and training. The presentations can deal with species such as birds, cats, dogs, hamsters, rabbits, or other small animal pets. The illustrated talk should be 2 to 5 minutes in length for Juniors and 5 to 8 minutes for Seniors. A few suggested topics for the pet care and training activity are as follows:

Pet health	Pet training
Proper pet nutrition	Pet grooming
Selecting a pet	Responsible pet ownership
Pet breed standards	Local government pet ownership regulations

NOTE: **No live animals will be used in presentation.** Technical presentations dealing with animal abnormalities, disease prevention, therapeutic practices, surgical procedures, etc., should be given in the veterinary science activity.

JUDGING

This activity will be judged on the standard score sheet for method demonstrations and illustrated talks.

AWARDS

District 4-H O-Ramas: One trophy will be awarded to the high-scoring Junior and one trophy to the high-scoring Senior. Second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-place winners in each division will receive ribbons.

Arkansas 4-H O-Rama: One trophy will be awarded to the high-scoring Senior. Second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-place winners will receive ribbons.

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