

VETERINARY SCIENCE DAY
Lausche Youth Exploration Space
Friday, July 31, 2026
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GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Age of Participants:
 - Junior (age 13 or under) as of January 1 of the current year.
 - Senior (age 14 or over) as of January 1 of the current year.

1. Participation Guidelines:
 - No more than one participant in any one class will be allowed per county and no one individual may participate in more than one class
 - The winner of any one class in 2025 is not eligible to participate in the same class for 2026.

2. Type of Evaluation:
 - Participant will have a personal interview evaluation with a judge.
 - Judge will evaluate participants on the following basis (see sample score sheet):
 - 40% Knowledge (Basic concepts learned in the project)
 - 20% Communication (Interview – presentation of the project)
 - 20% Project Book (Book is complete & provides accurate record of project activities)
 - 20% Project Display (Quality)

2. Participant to bring:
 - Completed project book.
 - Registration material provided by County 4-H Professional.
 - A display representing the learning experiences of the current project. The display may be in addition to what was used either at the local 4-H judging or at county fair and should be limited in size to what the participant can maneuver on their own. Because of space limitations each participant removes their display from the judging area when the interview is completed. The display does not need to be a tri-fold display board.

CLASSES

J-23	From Airedales to Zebras	Vet Science 1 (4-H 244)
J-24	All Systems Go!	Vet Science 2 (4-H 245)
J-25	On the Cutting Edge	Vet Science 3 (4-H 246)
J-26	How the Herd Multiplies!	

AWARDS AND SPONSORS

1. All participants will receive participation awards, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair.
2. “Outstanding of the Day” ribbons, sponsored by The Ohio State Fair, will be awarded to the top 20% of each class.
3. One overall clock trophy will be presented in each class. In 2025 awards were sponsored by: **Ohio Veterinary Medical Association**
4. Awards will be presented at 5:00 pm (subject to postponement if additional judging time is needed).
5. Those not present for the awards ceremony may pick up their awards, or arrange for another to do so, from the 4-H state fair office located in the Lausche Youth Exploration Space until the conclusion of the fair. Unclaimed awards will be sent to county extension offices after the fair.
6. Results will be posted online at <https://ohio4h.org/ohiostatefair>.

JUDGING SCHEDULE:

The exact schedule of participation will depend on the number reporting at any one time. Members should bring registration information provided by their County 4-H Professional to the registration desk in the Lausche Youth Exploration Space. Registration will begin 15 minutes before judging time.

9:30 a.m.	Ashland, Clark, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Pickaway
10:00 a.m.	Allen, Champaign, Franklin, Logan, Marion
10:30 a.m.	Coshocton, Crawford, Greene, Licking, Madison, Muskingum
11:00 a.m.	Hardin, Hocking, Holmes, Knox, Morrow, Richland, Union
11:30 a.m.	Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Ottawa, Perry, Ross, Wyandot
1:00 p.m.	Athens, Auglaize, Clinton, Guernsey, Morgan, Shelby, Vinton
1:30 p.m.	Highland, Huron, Jackson, Medina, Meigs, Pike, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Williams
2:00 p.m.	Belmont, Hancock, Mahoning, Tuscarawas, Wayne, Wood
2:30 p.m.	Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Hamilton, Harrison, Lorain, Lucas, Warren
3:00 p.m.	Jefferson, Monroe, Noble, Paulding, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Sandusky, Scioto, Van Wert
3:30 p.m.	Adams, Ashtabula, Brown, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Henry, Lake, Lawrence, Trumbull, Washington

2025 CLASS WINNERS

J-01 From Airedales to Zebras (Vet Science 1)	Austin Bohrer, Highland
J-02 All Systems Go! (Vet Science 2)	Ella Payne, Gallia
J-03 On the Cutting Edge (Vet Science 3)	Megan Short, Columbiana

4-H State Fair Project Evaluation Sheet
(sample evaluation for Veterinary Science Day)

Name: _____ Exhibitor number: _____

County: _____ Age as of January 1 (current year): _____

Project name: _____ Number of years in project: _____

Please provide a brief description of what you brought today to display your project (i.e., poster, equipment, etc.):

Keep this sheet with you until the judge calls your exhibitor number.

Judges—Please place an “x” in the column that most closely describes this entry.

Judging Guidelines	Excellent Outstanding work that exceeds expectations	Very Good Well done, with few minor if any errors	Good Appropriate for member’s age and experience	Average Solid grasp of fundamentals
Knowledge (40%) Member demonstrates knowledge of basic concepts, skills, safety protocols (if applicable), and other project information.				
Communication (20%) Member communicates effectively with a positive attitude and with appropriate personal appearance.				
Project Book (20%) Project book is completed appropriately and provides an accurate record of project activities.			(book is complete)	(book needs some work)
Display (20%) Content is accurate, complete and displayed in a way that is neat and creative. It showcases knowledge and skills gained through project work.				
Strengths:				
Areas for improvement:				

White copy – 4-H member, Yellow copy - Judge