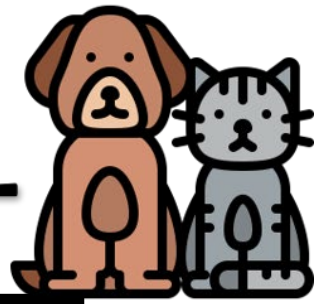# COMPANION ANIMAL

Did you know...

The Companion Animal project helps 4-H members identify the best companion animal for their families, learn basic care and feeding, and how to identify common breeds of animals in this project area.

What can I do...

- Give a demonstration on how to bathe a dog
- Join the 4-H Virtual Veterinary Science Project Group
- Set up an exhibit at the library on popular companion animals
- Conduct a pet food drive for the local animal shelter

Check this out...

This activity gives you a glimpse of what this project is about. In the 4-H Companion Animal project, you can learn more about a wide variety of common pets.

Directions: Can you find the companion animals hidden in the word search?

Canary	Hamster
Cat	Lizard
Dog	Rabbit
Ferret	Snake
Goldfish	Turtle

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Future Thoughts...

What kind of career would someone in the 4-H Companion Animal project want to pursue?

- Groomer
- Pet Food Health & Nutrition Scientist
- Wildlife Rehabilitator

Do you know what all of these professions do in their job? If not, do some research and dig a little deeper.

Work on this...

Pet Food Comparison

Selecting the best food for your pet is very important. There are many things to consider, such as nutrient content, allergies and even cost per serving. Compare three cat or dog food products to find the best pet food for your companion animal.

Recruit a family member or a friend to help you with this. Record your observations and report the results to your family.

What's Next?

Contact your local 4-H Agent on other ways you can get involved with this project and with 4-H.

- 4-H Project Showcase
- Junior High 4-H Academic Conference
- 4-H Virtual Veterinary Science Project Group
- Start preparing to submit a portfolio in this project area
- Begin taking action photos of you doing activities in this project area