

# 4-H PLEDGE



*I pledge  
my head  
to  
clearer  
thinking,  
my heart*

*to greater loyalty, my  
hands to larger service and  
my health to better living  
for my club, my commu-  
nity, my country and my  
world.*



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Know how. Know **now.**

## WHAT IS THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE 4-H ANIMAL PROJECTS?



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The 4-H animal projects teach young people how to feed, take care of and show animals. They also provide the opportunity for personal growth and development of the young person.

The 4-H animal program provides opportunities for young people to develop character. These projects include cat, dog, swine, horse, goat, small animal, cattle and many more.

## Trustworthiness

The 4-H animal project includes honesty, promise keeping and loyalty. This happens when the 4-H'er feeds and waters the animal daily, even when they get busy with other activities. Trust is put that the 4-H'ers will make the animal's care a high priority.

## Respect

Respect is taught when the 4-H'er handles and treats the animal humanely and gives them adequate care.

## Responsibility

4-H'ers show their perseverance when they go beyond simply providing the daily needs of the animal. It takes additional time and attention to be able to show a winning animal. 4-H'ers must work with their animals to make their project a success.



## Fairness



The 4-H program consistently applies rules, standards and expectations to 4-H'ers. Participants learn to accept winning

or losing with grace. They also must follow the appropriate procedures in the show ring and preparation of the animal for shows.

## Caring

The 4-H animal projects teach youth humanity as 4-H'ers clean stalls/barns, provide animals with food, water and shelter.

## Citizenship

4-H promotes making the home, community and country a better place to live.

The 4-H animal project does this by teaching youth how to accept instructions and helping others.

