

**SAMPLE GROUP PROPOSAL
WYOMING 4-H
COMMUNITY PRIDE PROPOSAL
FROM THE MAN'S BEST FRIEND 4-H CLUB
PLATTE COUNTY**

STATEMENT OF NEEDS:

We are concerned about the dogs in our community and their care. Our town is an impacted community with a population as of January 1, 1994 of 4,255 and growing and the dog population is growing too.

The town does have a dog ordinance; however, too few people have obeyed the law. The Police Chief reports there is an average of 40 calls a week on dog complaints.

Too few dogs are being vaccinated and this could cause a serious health problem in the community.

Our members range in age from 9-16 with the average age of 11 years old. We meet once a week to train our own dogs' obedience and proper care for them.

GOALS OF LEARNING COMMUNITY PRIDE:

There are definite attitudes and skills that our 4-H'ers will have an opportunity to learn. Some of these are:

- Learn they can have a positive influence on their community.
- Learn that public officials depend upon and appreciate positive citizen input.
- Learn that by cooperating through a group effort much can be accomplished.
- Learn to meet adults and discuss community needs with them.
- Learn to develop a plan for accomplishing a specific goal.
- Learn to carry out plans according to schedule.
- Learn that controversial community problems--such as the dog ordinance--can create unpleasant as well as pleasant situations, and that both must be coped with.
- Learn to express appreciation to others for help received.
- Learn to give recognition where earned.
- Learn the mechanics of developing an educational slide set.
- Learn to work with the public as we help with the clinic and distribute educational information.

GOALS OF SERVICE:

The town of Wheatland has not conducted a rabies clinic because they do not have adequate personnel so they were delighted when we offered to help with it. The clinic will provide a motivating influence for people to get their dog's shots and licenses because it will provide a

one-stop service and the shots will be \$1.00 cheaper. Without the clinic, dog owners would have to go to the veterinarian's office east of town to get shots and then to City Hall for the license. We plan to reach a minimum of 2,100 people with our educational information and clinic. If our club's enthusiasm and involvement continues, there is no reason why helping with a clinic cannot become an annual project; and of course, we will continue our educational efforts. Already the town is rewording the dog ordinance and this has been caused by work we have already done. The city needs a better pound and really, there is a lot of work that could be done in the future.

We hope to convince the people of our community to take better care of their pets, to realize their responsibility as a pet owner, and to bring to their attention the responsibility for everyone to know the city ordinance and why it should be obeyed for their own protection as well as the community's.

Our club would like to distribute Pet Folders so that dog owners will be able to keep all their dog records in one place. On the front we will have printed--Courtesy of Man's Best Friend 4-H Club and Chevron, U.S.A. On panel 3 there will be a place for the vaccination record, on pane 1, there will be a place for the breeding record, and then educational information with it.

METHODS: Timetable

Work Already Done

November 1977 - Chuck Parson, Mayor, spoke to club about ordinance. Club voted to work with city on dog ordinance.

January 1973 - Set up three committees -1 to contact city, 1 to contact veterinarian, 1 to contact radio.

February 1978 - Committee reports Al Keyes, Assistant Chief of Police, spoke to club. Leader wrote and the extension office prepared 200 copies of a pamphlet for club members to distribute. Participated in February Fest--a community orientation effort for newcomers. Twenty-five persons completed our dog survey questionnaire. Feature article in paper (clipping attached).

Work Planned

March 18 - Help with rabies clinic. Members will do paper work, tagging. Helping veterinarian, etc.

April - Prepare for development of slide set.

May - Do educational slide set.

June - Display of educational information in Safeway store with distribution of Pet Paper Folder to licensed dogs.

July - Slide set presentation will be ready for presentation to groups and members will schedule appearance.

Radio and newspaper coverage will be used for each phase of this project.

The local paper has said they will publish a pet picture of the week if our club will provide a picture of an animal that is in the dog pound and maybe somebody will offer the dog a home.

Long Range Plans - continue helping with rabies clinic and dissemination of educational information.

4-H'ERS PART IN PROJECT

- All 15 4-H members will make posters; help with the rabies clinic by doing paper work, and tagging dogs; hand out information at the February Fest and anywhere else they set up an information booth during the year; make radio tapes. John Kimes, a 17-year-old newcomer to the community and to 4-H, will receive training in working with others.
- Leaders and parents will help with printing and chaperoning.
- The university extension educators have been and will be consulted for advice in our efforts.

INVOLVMENT OF OTHERS:

- The city clerk arranged for rabies clinic and paid for advertising.
- The veterinarian will provide services for vaccination and professional information.
- Missouri Basin Power Project and Platte County Mental Health Services sponsored a community orientation (February Fest) for newcomer. Twenty-four agencies and organizations of Wheatland participated and so did we.
- City Police will continue to work with us for the good of the community.
- The radio (KYCN) has provided and will continue to provide free time on the radio.
- Newspaper editor provided space for a feature article and will continue to help with publicity.
- We will give programs for any organization that ask for them.

PROPOSED BUDGET:

Printing of 4 page pamphlet, 200 copies 400 sheets plus stencils	\$ 5.00
Questionnaire for dog survey - 200 sheets	2.00
Posters 15 posterboard @ .35	5.25
1 roll Polaroid film (publicity)	5.00
Decorations for community orientation fair	2.00
Valuable Pet Folders - 500 copies imprinted on the front with Man's Best Friend and Chevron, U.S.A.	60.00
Slide Program 10 rolls - 20 slide film	27.00
Developing @ \$3.00 per roll	30.00
Cassette for script	3.00
10 posterboard for film script	3.50
Magic markers	3.00
TOTAL	\$145.75

BANK FACILITIES:

Finances will be handled through the club treasury and our treasurer is Susan Nelson. Our bank is the First Wyoming Bank of Wheatland. Please make check payable to Man's Best Friend 4-H Club.