

Companion Animal

Waseca High School Agricultural Education
2011-12 Trimester 2

*Agricultural Education consists of three parts:
Classroom, SAE and FFA...*

You will have the opportunity to experience all three.

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Credit earned: 1 credits, 60 hours

Grades: 9 - 12th

Classroom: Room F601

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Explore the science of small animal care, diseases, habits, genetics and nutrition. We will focus on dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, reptiles, guinea pigs, pet fish and horses. Learn about animal selection, safety and proper animal welfare. Students may receive a Tech Prep credit in Animal Science (6583, Link #965583) by taking Animal Science, Animal Science II and Companion Animals.

TEXTBOOK: Small Animal Care and Management, Warren, Delmar Publications, 1995

TOPICS OF STUDY:

- What is Agriculture Education?
- Taxonomy
- Safe Pet Handling
- Pet Selection
- Small Animal Diseases
- Animal Welfare/Rights
- Nutrition
- Genetics
- Dogs
- Cats
- Small Mammals: Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, etc.
- Reptiles
- Birds
- Careers in Small Animal Care

REQUIRED MATERIAL:

1. Notebook
2. Pen or pencil (*if you need to borrow one, I will require your **cell phone as collateral***)
3. School planner (*if you ever would ever like to leave*)

SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE (SAE):

This part of Agriculture Education allows students to gain hands on experience in an area of agriculture that is of interest to them. Students design a project to fit their own needs and fulfill class requirements. Assignments will be turned in throughout the trimester and the class final will be a presentation about their project. Students gain skills in goal setting, record keeping, responsibility, time management and presenting. Project varies on student interest and type selected, worked on throughout the trimester.

EXPECTATIONS:

Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect Property, Respect Learning

- 1. Arrive on time with required materials, leaving to get them will be a tardy.
- 2. No food or pop in the classroom or shop. Only water is permitted.
- 3. Do not swear. Adhere to the “Charlie Brown” rule: if he wouldn’t say it, neither should you.
- 4. Raise your hand and wait to be called on during class discussions. It is rude and unacceptable to interrupt. This may require some self restraint on your part.
- 5. When there is a substitute, the class will be respectful and cooperative.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

- 1. Get seated as tardy bell rings and work on the **Daily AG Word** while attendance is taken.
- 2. New information will be presented in the forms of lecture, discussion, individual reading, worksheets, lab activities, projects, group work and videos.
- 3. Quizzes will be announced one day (at least) before they are given. You can expect a quiz or test at the end of each unit.
- 4. Discipline procedures and behavior expectations will be followed in accordance with WHS student handbook.

GRADING

It is your responsibility to know your grade status.

- Progress reports will be posted every Monday and may be looked at before class starts.
- Check Edline if you would like an individual printout.

Your grade will be determined on the following criteria:

- **50% Classroom work:**
worksheets, studyguides, projects, Daily Ag Word (this is the easy stuff – if you are willing to participate and get your work turned in on time you will get a majority of the points)
- **30% Tests and Quizzes** (You will need to study to be successful)
- **20% SAE:** Supervised Agricultural Experience activities like record book and final presentation

Extra Credit available through FFA Activity Contract:

FFA membership encouraged, but not necessary.

POLICIES:

- **Absent-** if you are gone from class because you are ill you will have the number of days gone plus one to make up any missed work as outlined in the WHS handbook. You have one week to make up tests and quizzes. Notify me in advance if you will be gone to receive full credit (trips, sports, activities, etc.).
- **Late work-** Late work will be accepted only until the quiz or test on the unit that the work is from. Missing assignments will be marked as a zero until they are completed. This includes assignments due when gone for school related activities.
- **Tardy-** enforced according to the WHS handbook. You will be marked tardy if you are not inside the Ag room door at the time the bell rings.
- **Cell Phones/MP3 Players-** will be taken and enforced according to the WHS handbook when used during class.

COMPANION ANIMAL SYLLABUS

Return by Friday, December 9, 2011 (worth 10 points):

Date Submitted:

Student Name: _____

Student Sign Here:

I have read the agricultural syllabus and understand what is expected of me.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Sign Here:

I have read the agricultural syllabus and understand what is expected of my child.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

Telephone Number: _____ cell home work
(Circle which one)