Florida State Fair Record Book Essay Prompts 2018

This page replaces the “Project Story Outline” page in your record book.

Your essay will relate to this year’s skilathon topic which is Health. Refer to the list below for the prompt assigned to your age category. Write your essay on the “Project Story” pages. Be sure to use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation in your writing. If you wish to make an outline or use a graphic organizer, you may use the back this page. The outline/graphic organizer does not need to be submitted with the record book.

**Beef, Steer, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Rabbit, Poultry, and Swine**

**Junior (age 8-10 as of Sept. 1st):** What do you think is the best method of identification for your animal species? Explain your answer giving supporting facts.

**Intermediate (age 11-13 as of Sept. 1st):** As you care for your project animal, what are some indications of your animals’ health that you might observe. What are those indications that would tell you that your animal is healthy and unhealthy? Be sure to give supporting facts in your explanation.

**Senior (age 14+ as of Sept. 1st):** Explain prevention and treatment of 2 common diseases and 2 parasites that affect your project animal. What signs would you see as an indication of your animal having those diseases and parasites.

**Youth Dog**

**Junior (age 8 – 10 as of Sept. 1st):** Think about what you do to keep your dog healthy, like bathing. Now name two procedures that you, your parent, or your vet should regularly do to help keep your dog healthy. Explain what they are and why they are important.

**Intermediate (age 11 – 13 as of Sept. 1st):** Create and write an imaginary situation that would require your dog to get a shot. Next, explain why and how you would administer the shot.

**Senior (age 14+ as of Sept. 1st):** Explain prevention and treatment of two common diseases or parasites that may affect your dog. What are the signs and symptoms of this disease or parasite that would indicate poor health in your project animal?

**Llama**

**Junior (age 8-10 as of Sept. 1st):** Explain why it is important for you to know the external anatomy of the llama. Describe the correct foot structure of the llama.

**Intermediate (age 11-13 as of Sept. 1st):** If you are going to have llamas in your care you will need to have some important health supplies on hand. You have been asked to help a first time exhibitor put together a health kit for their llama. What items would you recommend that they include in this kit and why would they need them?

**Senior (age 14+ as of Sept. 1st):** As you care for your project animal, what are some indications of your animals’ health that you might observe. What are those indications that would tell you that your animal is healthy and unhealthy? Be sure to give supporting facts in your explanation.