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OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

Animalia is one of the oldest programs in Living/Learning and its popularity remains high. Generally speaking, animalia is concerned with many aspects of animal life, human interface with animals, properly caring for pets, and professions dealing with animals. The Program is appealing to students because of its broad range of interests contained in Animalia; we hope to attract as many people this year. We hope to include people who are very different from each other, to come together with a common appreciation for animals. The program's goal is to support the interests of this wide range of people by allowing members to learn from and teach each other.

The program will focus itself into themed months. These months will include more specific themes like veterinary care, sled dog racing, and small animal care. We will reintroduce other topics like horse, aquatic animal, and exotic animal themed months again. The activities around those topics are going to include the Equine Affair, sled dog races, Champlain Valley Fair, New England Aquarium, and Intercollegiate Horse Shows.

We will also focus on Community Service at the Chittenden County Humane Society. Members of the program will be free to schedule these volunteering times based on their individual class schedules. We will also try to volunteer at the ECHO Center in Burlington during our aquatic animal month. We will continue to offer our free dog walking services to the Burlington community around campus. A big part of the program's goals will be in learning to live and work closely together to make each event successful.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE 1

As a program in the Living and Learning Center, Animalia wants to ensure the continual learning and growth of the individual. Hopefully we will provide a learning environment where members never stop exploring the animal kingdom as well as keeping their interest for animals.

ACTION STEPS

1. Group Presentations: Every week a group of two students will find an article related to the themed month and present it to the program. This will encourage members to explore and find a topic that interests them and teach their knowledge to others. These presentations will be held during our weekly program meetings and allow students to discuss their findings with others. The articles will be mostly found on the internet or in the library.
2. Beginning of each themed month we will find a movie to watch related to our topic. This will help inform members of the program about the animals we will be discussing, and serve as bonding time to get to know one another and each others views on this particular animal. The movies will hopefully encourage members to conduct more research for their

article as well as the informational bulletin board at the end of each month. The movies will be decided as a program, but we already have some ideas presented in the timeline. *(We hope to be able to get all the movies we need from either the L and L front desk or the library, but we may need to rent movies from Blockbuster or similar in an amount close to \$10)*

3. Attending every weekly program meeting will be mandatory. The members will be responsible for getting to know one another and bond throughout the year. It is important to us that each student actively helps shape and plan our program and the activities we want to do. *(At the beginning of the year, we hope to attend the Champlain Valley Fair as a bonding activity, using our allotted funds of \$10 per person)*

LEARNING OBJECTIVE 2

Each member will gain greater knowledge of animals through unique opportunities including hands on experiences and observation.

ACTION STEPS

1. Hopefully, our program will include a diverse group of animal lovers. Based on that, we want to provide opportunities for members to share their experiences and knowledge with each other. Through this, the members will gain diverse knowledge of animals as well as learn new skills. Hopefully the members can contribute knowledge on a wide range of animals from exotics to livestock and of course pet animals.
2. Each program member will have the opportunity to help plan a program event, whether it be already in the schedule, or a new addition. This way, members not only gain leadership, but they have the opportunity to share an event that interests them with the whole program.
3. Our months will be themed around a group of animals (i.e. marine animals). For each month we will conduct an activity or take a trip relating to the assigned animal. Also, members, or pairs of members will be responsible for presenting an article relating to the theme of the month at each meeting. This will hopefully broaden the knowledge already possessed in our program.
4. At the end of each month, we plan to create a bulletin board including information learned from the articles presented each week and pictures taken from our related activity or trip. Hopefully this board could be displayed in the Living and Learning Center for other programs and students to see.
5. A comment box will be kept in one of the program's suite's common rooms. This will allow members to anonymously give feedback on activities as well as propose new idea. All comments will be taken into account.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE 3

Our program has a goal of keeping strong community ties. Our main community outreach is volunteering at the Chittenden County Human Society. We also hope to start a dog walking service for members of the community. Another community activity is volunteering at the Burke Mountain Sled Dog Race. We may also try to reach out to other organizations such as the Vermont Greyhound Rescue and the ECHO Center in Burlington.

ACTION STEPS

1. Members will be responsible for attending a training session at the Humane Society, so they may volunteer frequently. Hopefully each member can dedicate time to volunteer at least once a month.
2. Members will be actively involved in the program's dog walking service. This will begin with making a flyer for advertising and hanging them around campus and the Burlington area. Members will then be responsible for walking dogs, in pairs of threes, on a fairly regular basis.
3. Our program will be participating in events with proceeds donated to animal causes, such as blankets for barkers, in which fleece blankets made by the members will be donated to the Humane Society. We also hope to bake dog cookies with the Food for Thought program to donate to the Humane Society as well.
4. For a new experience and also an opportunity to volunteer in the community, we hope to attend the Burke Mountain Sled Dog Dash. Members would be helping handle dogs or flagging the finish line. Learning opportunities will also be presented, as mushers are willing to talk to anyone who has questions.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The program has a good relationship with the Chittenden County Humane Society, and the program has worked with them in the past, so we hope to continue this relationship. This will give members a chance to have animal exposure as well as learn the workings of organization. Also, we will start up a community dog walking service. This will give an opportunity to reach out to individuals of the community. Also, even though Burke is some distance away, we will be reaching out in the community as well. This is one of their community's largest events, and any help they can get makes a difference.

PLANNING TIMELINE

Fall Semester 2011

<p>PRE-SEMESTER <i>PD's arrive early: August 22-23</i> <i>Orientation & Training: Aug 23-26</i> <i>Classes begin: Aug 29</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decorate suites • Establish calendar • Set up training date at Humane Society • 1st program meeting-discuss van certification 	<p>OCTOBER 24 – OCTOBER 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulletin board farm animals
<p>AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champlain Valley Fair • Humane Society training • Themed month begin with VT Wildlife 	<p>OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch National Geographic's "The Noble Horse" • Horse presentation • Dr. Wilkinson will as a guest speaker talk to us about horse medicine
<p>SEPTEMBER 5 - SEPTEMBER 11 <i>Labor Day: Sept 5</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vermont Wildlife movie • Vermont Wildlife presentation 	<p>NOVEMBER 7 – NOVEMBER 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Night in L/L Fire Place Lounge
<p>SEPTEBER 12 - SEPTEBER 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog walking flyers • Wildlife photography • (maybe Bark for Life Walk) 	<p>NOVEMBER 14 – NOVEMBER 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulletin board for Horses

<p>SEPTEMBER 19 – SEPTEMBER 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin dog walking • Begin volunteering • Hike • VT Wildlife bulletin board 	<p>NOVEMBER 21 – NOVEMBER 27 <i>Thanksgiving Recess</i></p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch “Temple Grandin” • Farm animal presentation 	<p>NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch “Sun Dogs” A documentary about rescue dogs from Jamaica • Sled dog presentation
<p>OCTOBER 3 – OCTOBER 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple picking • Make personalized t-shirts 	<p>DECEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit sled dog kennel
<p>OCTOBER 10 – OCTOBER 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the UVM CREAM barn 	<p>DECEMBER 12 – DECEMBER 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secret Santa • Holiday Party • Evaluation of the semester
<p>OCTOBER 17 – OCTOBER 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit local farm with robotic milking system 	<p>END-OF-SEMESTER <i>Classes End: Dec 8</i> <i>Reading Days: Dec 9,11,14</i> <i>Exam Days: Dec 10,12,13,15,16</i></p>

Spring Semester 2012

<p>PRE-SEMESTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan trips to Boston • Schedule weekly meeting time and volunteering at Humane Society 	<p>MARCH 12 – MARCH 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Dr. Patricia Erickson to talk about exotics
<p>JANUARY 16 – JANUARY 22 <i>Martin Luther King Day: Jan 16</i> <i>Classes start: Jan 17</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make dog biscuits • Blankets for barkers • Watch sled dog videos • Bonding activity: Horseback trail rides 	<p>MARCH 19 – MARCH 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulletin board exotic animals
<p>JANUARY 23 – JANUARY 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend/volunteer at sled dog race • Sled dog bulletin board 	<p>APRIL 2 – APRIL 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit New England Aquarium as a part of aquatic animal theme
<p>JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch “Pursuit of Excellence: Ferrets” Documentary by PBS about ferrets. • Small animal speaker 	<p>APRIL 9 – APRIL 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation for volunteering at the ECHO center at Burlington • Watch “Deep Blue” documentary about the undersea world.
<p>FEBRUARY 6 – FEBRUARY 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit local small animal owner 	<p>APRIL 16 – APRIL 22 <i>Honors Day: April 20</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer at the ECHO center

<p>FEBRUARY 13 – FEBRUARY 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to get tour of research facility at UVM 	<p>APRIL 23 – APRIL 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic bulletin board
<p>FEBRUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 26 <i>Presidents Day: Feb 20</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small animal bulletin board 	<p>APRIL 30 – MAY 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan end of year party: Animalia Festivalia - raising money for the canine police force, by raffle and games in the L/L Fire Place Lounge
<p>FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch “Animals are beautiful people” a movie by Jamie Uys about the African Wildlife. • Exotic animal presentation 	<p>MAY 7 – MAY 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good bye party • Animalia Festivalia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raising money for the canine police force • Evaluation of the program
<p>MARCH 5 – MARCH 11 <i>Spring Break</i></p>	<p>END-OF-SEMESTER <i>Classes End: May 2</i> <i>Reading Days: May 3,5,6,9</i> <i>Exam Days: May 4,7,8,10,11</i> <i>Commencement: May 20</i></p>

PROGRAM ADVISOR

Dr. Jennifer Wilkinson, a current lecturer in the Animal Science department here at UVM, has agreed to be the program advisor for Animalia. Dr. Wilkinson is an ideal advisor who, as a certified veterinarian, has had experience handling companion animals and is now specialized on horses.

PROGRAM SUITE REQUEST

We request one five person suite and two six person suites. If we find both suitable male and female applicants, depending on numbers, one suite would be assigned male and the others female or vice versa. If there are only a few suitable applicant of either gender, one suite will be made co-ed.

PLANS FOR INTERACTION WITH OTHER L/L PROGRAMS

During our Vermont wildlife month, we would like to collaborate with the Wilderness Adventure and Naturalistic Skills program. Together we could plan a hike in the local area in hopes of experiencing Vermont wildlife first hand. We would also like to collaborate with the Arts and Photography Program. Members of that program could teach Animalia members the fundamentals of photography, specifically wildlife photography.

We would also like to collaborate with the Food for Thought program. With the program we could make our own dog biscuits. The dog biscuits would then be donated to the Humane Society and other animal rescue programs.

PROGRAM MEMBER RECRUITMENT PLAN

Being animal science majors, we know a great deal of people that would be interested in living in the program. Also, some of the current members in our program are interesting in reapplying for the program. If the program is accepted, we plan to speak to professors in the animal science department, asking them to make an announcement or allow us to make an announcement in their classes. We will also participate in the program fair. And hopefully, we will have an announcement made to hand out at freshman orientation in the summer.

BUDGET REQUEST WORKSHEET

1. OFFICE SUPPORT

- Paper, Markers, Tape for the bulletin board each month to show the research we have conducted, to be displayed in the hall way -- \$10
- Copies for the dog walking flyers, to be made in L/L -- \$0
- TOTAL -- \$70

2. HONORARIUMS

- We expect to have two guest speakers, which we would each get a gift. As well as the farm owner of the robotic milking system and the sled dog kennel owner -- \$15 each
- TOTAL -- \$60

3. EQUIPMENT

- We have no need in this category at this point in time
- TOTAL -- \$0

4. SUPPLIES

- T-shirts -- \$2 each
- Markers
- Fabric paint
- Photograph Development
- TOTAL -- \$50

5. PERIODICALS/JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

- We plan on using the internet for our research needs.
 - TOTAL -- \$0
6. BOOKS
- Any books that we hope to use we will borrow from the library and make copies if needed.
 - TOTAL -- \$0
7. FILMS/VIDEOS
- We will rent Movies form the L/L front desk or from Bailey Howe Library, this will not cost anything
 - In case no one owns the movies, we would have to rent them at Blockbuster -- \$10
 - TOTAL -- \$10
8. TRANSPORTATION
- The program would like to take two larger field trips to the Equine Affair and to the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston. Each of these would require a rental car -- \$300
 - For the smaller trips gas money reimbursement may be necessary -- \$100
 - TOTAL -- \$400
9. MISCELLANEOUS
- Blankets for Barkers requires approximately \$200 worth of fleece -- \$200
 - The ingredients for the dog biscuits include flour and peanut butter -- \$25
 - The horseback trail ride will be planed as a bonding activity, the other half will be included in the community development section -- \$10 each, TOTAL -- \$170
 - We would like to visit the New England Aquarium and the Franklin Park Zoo for one weekend. Admission for the Aquarium -- \$16 each, TOTAL -- \$227
 - TOTAL -- \$225
10. COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING
- Dog biscuits – cost factored above
 - Photography – cost dependent on number and quality of photographs taken
 - Nature Hike - \$0 if done with outing club
 - TOTAL -- \$0
11. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- At the beginning of the year we hope to attend the Champlain Valley Fair -- \$10 per person

- We hope to go for a trail ride at the Pond Hill Ranch (other half included in misc. section) -- \$10 per person
- TOTAL -- \$340

COST TOTAL -- \$1597

NAMES OF STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PROGRAM

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