



Project Planning Guide

In *AGR1040: Animal Basics*, you are expected to learn to identify and demonstrate the basic steps involved in raising and caring for a domestic animal and gain an understanding of general care to ensure animal health.

As part of the course requirements, you will be expected to complete a final project. You may choose one of the three options described in this guide or develop an idea of your own. You must receive approval from your teacher if you design your own project.

Use the project planning template in this guide to sketch out the basics of your project. That way, you can identify what you can use from the work you complete as you work on the *Virtual Apprentice 1040* learning tasks. You should be able to use some of your learning task work as part of your project.

Option 1

Create a personal profile that highlights the animal care knowledge and skills you have. Organize your profile to demonstrate the following:

- Your knowledge about what you consider to be the three most important, basic elements of care required for a domestic animal
- How you would apply this knowledge to an opportunity to volunteer or work in an environment in your community that provides animal care (farm, stable, kennel, animal shelter, veterinary office).



You may choose to create your profile in a format such as those listed below or develop your own:

- A file folder collage (place personal information on the front cover, a list of your skills and experiences on the back cover and information and examples related to animal care on the inside of the file folder)
- A simple personal web page design
- A series of PowerPoint slides
- A scripted audiotape.

Option 2

Create a two-to-five minute "day in my life" video or storyboard demonstration that highlights necessary and responsible aspects of care for a domestic animal. The "day in my life" should address the care required to meet an animal's needs for:

- Food and water
- Shelter
- Disease or illness prevention (monitoring skills)
- Handling (moving, restraining or transporting).



You can choose to create the "day in my life" demonstration as an actual narrated video in a real environment in which you may live or work. You can also construct a "fictional" environment in which to shoot your video. Or you can use a storyboard to "script" for a potential animated video in comic or cartoon style. Use some of the products you create as you complete the learning tasks to help you demonstrate, "show" and "tell."



Each inquiry you completed for *Virtual Apprentice 1040* has also asked you to reflect on your learning. Use these reflections to write a 200-word personal reflection statement. Ensure that your final reflection statement describes how this course has developed your knowledge and skills. Keep the overarching question from the course in mind – What is an acceptable level of care for domestic animals? – and use examples from the learning tasks and information in each inquiry.

Option 3

Design a public service announcement (PSA) that educates others about the basic and minimum requirements for the care that domestic animals should receive in their environments. Your public service announcement can be in one of the formats below or in a format that you design:

- A brochure
- A two-to-three minute audio webcast
- A design for a "new" Facebook page focused on responsible animal care.

Your PSA should start with a brief description of an issue related to animal care or welfare. You should use the issue as a starting point to help you explain why basic and minimum requirements and recommendations for animal care are established through the Codes of Practice or animal legislation.

Then, your PSA should identify and describe key strategies that protect and ensure animal health in the following three areas:

- Environment (shelter or housing needs)
- Handling (moving, restraining, transporting)
- Well being (food, water and monitoring for illness or disease).



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Final Project Planning Template

PROJECT GOAL

Keep the goals of AGR1040 in mind when you write your project goal:

- Identify and demonstrate the basic steps involved in raising and caring for a domestic animal
- Gain an understanding of general care to ensure animal health

HOW MY PROJECT WILL DEMONSTRATE MY LEARNING

Jot down the key points that you want to make sure you address for each guiding concept in the course.

Responsible Animal Care Who is responsible for the care of domestic animals? What does this care involve?	Animal Health How should animal health be protected?
Humane Animal Handling Skills What skills are required for humane handling of animals?	Standards of Care How should people demonstrate responsibility to the animals in their care?

MY PROJECT CONCEPT

Summarize what you are going to do for your final project. Your project must address the overarching question for AGR1040: **What is an acceptable level of care for a domestic animal?**

Make sure you indicate the animal on which you will focus for the project. You can choose any type of domestic animal, but if you choose one other than the five in *Virtual Apprentice 1040*, remember that you must complete your own research.

Keep track of the learning tasks that you think you can use as part of your final project. Check the tasks you've completed in the Animal Basics 1040 Learning Checklist.

Project Rubric

What is an acceptable level of care for a domestic animal?

Great	Yes	Almost	Not Yet
Independently develops a clear project plan that is appropriate and supports a personal or career-centred goal	Independently develops a project plan with an identified purpose that supports a goal	Develops, with support, a project plan and identifies personal or career-centred interests	Identifies a purpose for the project but does not yet develop it into a plan
Applies examples and supporting details to illustrate relevant information and practices related to the four guiding concepts of animal health and care	Uses examples or supporting details to help explain practices related to the four guiding concepts of animal health and care	Includes some supporting detail with an explanation of a practice that addresses at least two of the four guiding concepts of animal health and care	Identifies topics related to animal care but does not provide detail or examples
Demonstrates ability to organize, summarize and synthesize information to draw conclusions about animal care that are based on best practice	Organizes information appropriately to provide conclusions that support best practice in animal care	Provides information that represents some best practices in animal care	Provides some information about an animal but does not yet connect this information to best practices in animal care
Provides evidence of personal growth and application of skills	Provides examples of knowledge gained and skills developed	Personalizes some examples of skills or knowledge gained	Identifies limited examples of knowledge or skills but makes no personal connection to them