

Leilani Hammel
4-H Youth Dog Project Member



(All of my awards)



(awards night for my county)



(My district award for my demonstration)



(4th Place for State Fair for Dogs)



(One Executive Board meeting)

Profile:

I have been active in the dog project for five years working with my dog Molly. I have learned leadership skills, organization skills, responsibility and how to train and better interact with my dog in shows and everyday situations. Being involved in 4-H has helped me learn life long skills that I can use in the future. Having to take care of an animal has prepared me for my future. I have learned how to demonstrate my learning through demonstrations writing 4-H stories about the dog project. I have also learned how to keep records of my dog's progress through record books.

Education:

Riverview High School, Sarasota, FL 2020 - present

Currently a Junior, will graduate 2024

International Baccalaureate Program Student

Major Courses: Spanish IV, AP US and World History, Biology, Choir, Geometry, Algebra II, Math Applications, IB Language and Literature

Professional Experience:

- **Lifeguard**

Sarasota Sharks Inc. at the Selby Aquatic Center Sarasota, FL June-present

- I made sure that I was watching and scanning the pool so that I could save a life if someone was drowning. I also went around and cleaned up the pool deck just to keep the pool deck safe for pedestrians/swimmers who come to swim in that environment.
 - Clean, life saver, helpful, patient, empathetic, responsible
 - In order to become a lifeguard I had to take a 1 week class and before the class I had to do an online course and pass the online test in order to do the in person class. At the end of the in person class we had to take another test to see if we understood the material.
 - I do a great job, especially as a lifeguard, managing my time and keeping track of what needs to be done and what is done.

- **Vice President of my 4-H Dog Club**

4-Paws 4-H Club Sarasota, FL 2020-2021, 2022-2023

- I made sure that when the President wasn't there when we had our business meeting, I would take over and run the business meetings if needed. When the President was there for the business meetings, I made sure the meetings ran smoothly and filled in any gaps that needed to be filled.
 - Write notes, think of ideas, listen to people's suggestions, read off the agenda/notes, responsible, organized agenda
 - I had to run for this officer position in order to get it and the other youth had to vote for who they wanted to represent their club as officers. The Vice President would represent their club(s) at the County Council meetings, at shows, etc.
 - Being the Vice President for a second time has helped me develop the skills for President, of which is an officer position I have held in the past, and it has helped me maintain my organizational skills. This year

for my club I am holding 3 officer positions and I have been able to maintain an organized agenda and notes. The Vice President role has helped me learn to be a leader.

- **President of my 4-H Dog Club**

4-Paws 4-H Club Sarasota,FL 2021-2022, 2023-2024

- I ran the business meetings that we help and I made sure that the Vice President knew if I couldn't make the meetings and I helped out youth who needed help. I was leading everything because I was the President of my club and that is part of my responsibility.
 - Ran meetings, wrote notes, organized meetings, listened to youth's ideas, read off the agenda and plan, leader
 - I had to run for this officer position and the majority vote had me at the top for President and those voters were the youth that were/are a part of the club. The President, just like the Vice President, would represent their club(s) at shows, the County Council meetings, etc.
 - Being the President of my 4-H Dog Club has helped me gain more leadership skills and assist other youth who are a part of the club with what they need assistance with. I also gained my organizational skills as President.

- **4-H County and District Council and State Executive Board**

- I represented the 4-Paws 4-H club at our county council meetings. I also serve as the Vice President for our District IX council (2022-2023, 2023-2024). This past year I was on the State Executive Board and part of the state service project, 4-H University planning committees.
 - Write notes, share opinions, discuss ideas and plan for events.
 - Community Action Project for the Environment (CAPE) - service project for County Council that focused on pollination to bring awareness to the public about how important the pollinators are to our community.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Riverview JV Softball Team, Pitcher, Short Stop and Outfield 2020 - present
- Riverview Swim Team, Freestyle and Relays 2020 - present
- Girl Scouts Troop 489 member 2017- present
- 4-H Club Member 2017- present

Awards and Recognition:

- Riverview JV Softball Team- Most Improved Player 2021; Toughness Award 2023
- Sarasota County Fair Dog Superior Exhibitor 2021
- Florida State Fair Dog Champion of Champions Senior 4th place- 2021-2022, 2022-2023