The 4-H reptiles project helps you explore what kind of reptile fits into your family’s lifestyle and how to be an excellent caretaker of your lizards, snakes, turtles, or tortoises.

- Identify different reptile species and their characteristics.
- Learn about the selection, care, needs of reptiles and basic principles of reptile behavior.
- Demonstrate care and management in feeding, handling, grooming, and fitting/showing.

Starting Out
Beginner

- Gather information and determine the best reptile for your family.
- Learn about proper care, grooming, and feeding of your reptile.
- Create a plan to prevent your reptile from getting lost and/or finding it.
- Purchase and use appropriate grooming equipment and techniques.
- Compare prices to shop.

Learning More
Intermediate

- Prepare for participation in a reptile show.
- Make a decision about breeding or not breeding your reptile.
- Compare labels on reptile foods to make an informed decision on content and price.
- Keep a diary of your reptile’s health and eating habits.
- Learn to identify parts of your reptile for

Exploring Depth
Advanced

- Develop a business plan for a reptile care or sitting business.
- Assess careers related to reptile and the reptile business.
- Help a friend make a decision about reptile ownership.
- Research diseases in reptiles.
- Identify symptoms and a course of action for a disease in your reptile.

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.
Expand Your Experiences!

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- Research nutritional needs of your reptile(s) and compare to needs of other animals.
- Explore the need for bio-security measures when handling reptiles.

Healthy Living
- Discuss the necessity of washing your hands before and after handling your reptile.
- Discuss your reptile’s life expectancy, what to look for when they get older, and how you might feel when they die.

Citizenship
- Use the confidence obtained through shows and expos in all aspects of life.
- Use your animal as therapy for sick and disadvantage individuals.
- Use showing/raising your reptile(s) as a cultural exchange with other nations.

Leadership
- Teach others the importance of caring for another animal at a community or club event.
- Become a role model for others by taking the position of junior/teen leader.

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