

Cuatro Patas 4-H: A hands-on approach to animal welfare

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Goals

- Educate youth on animal welfare and responsible ownership.
- Raise awareness on the overpopulation of animals on the streets.
- Promote voluntary work with organizations and animal science careers.

Cuatro Patas 4-H

 The Cuatro Patas 4-H Project has a guide with 8 lessons that includes: general information on dogs and cats, anatomy and physiology, nutrition, reproduction, pests and diseases, veterinary care, general care and protective laws.

Extension and Outreach Strategies

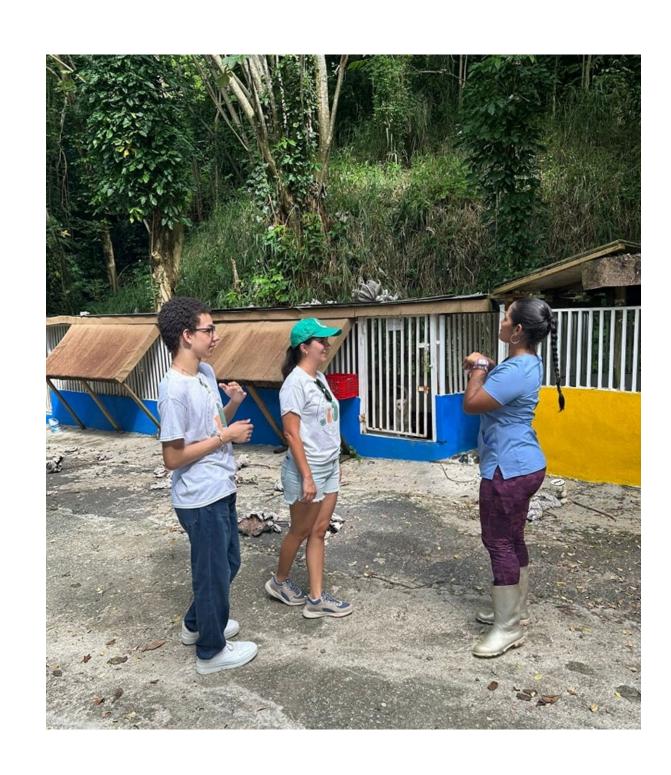
Cuatro Patas 4-H Camp





National 4-H Week: Dropbox





4-H Volunteer day in an animal sanctuary





Virtual Courses

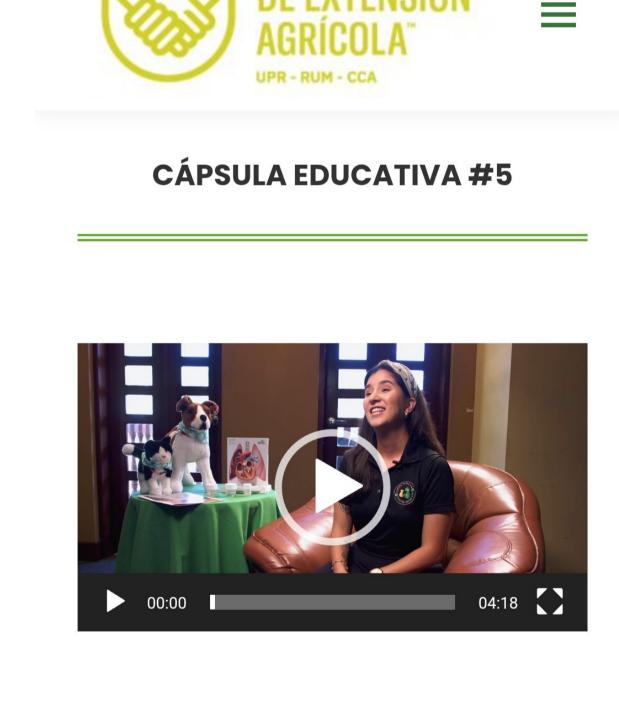




Publications and Educational Materials







Impact

- Summer camp course: 17 youth, 3 extension agents, 1 volunteer participated in the summer camp with all 8 lessons and activities.
- Dropbox: Gathered 1,100 pounds of food for cats and dogs and cleaning supplies that were distributed among 13 organizations across Puerto Rico.
- Volunteer day: 16 students volunteered their time at El Faro de Animales in Humacao,
 P.R.
- Virtual courses: Coordinated a virtual conference on Animal Rights with 33 participants. Offered a virtual summer course with 60 participants from 24 municipalities of Puerto Rico including Texas.74 volunteers' hours, \$130 in donations and 160.5 pounds of food.
- Publications and educational materials: Created 8 publications including, Cuatro Patas 4-H project guide, Toxic plants to cats and dogs, Rabies Day Awareness, Spay and neuter month, Volunteer work, Poinsettias and companion animals and a promotional video.
- Established collaborations with veterinarians and lawyers.

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• The project has already trained 22 Extension Workers and 4-H volunteers and activities have been replicated in 4 municipalities.











