

HORSE & PONY

Activity Sheet - 2018

Level 1 - Grades 3-4-5



**Allen County 4-H Skills
for Life
\$1.00**

What you will do in this project:

- Enroll in the 4-H program by January 15.
- Complete this project by answering 2 complete activities in this activity sheet and turning it in to the Extension Office **by June 30** or earlier.
- You do not have to have a horse to participate in a 4-H Horse and Pony Club.
- By May 15 complete and submit the 4Honline Horse ID with color pictures of the animals you intend to show. A maximum of 2 pictures per animal may be uploaded. The pictures must contain the face and all four(4) feet of the animal in the picture. Files must be a jpg, jpeg or png file.
- To enter into the Indiana State Fair, please go to www.indianastatefair.com and enter online. Each exhibitor is required to pay an entry fee at the time of entry. June 1, 2018 is the entry deadline. Late fees apply for entries made after June 1, 2018.
- Attend County 4-H workshops, meetings, and clean up days when offered—at least 2 horse club meetings and 2 riding (outdoor) meetings.
- To exhibit an educational poster, you must bring your completed poster for judging to the 4-H Exhibit Building on the designated day prior to the start of the County Fair.
- Refer to the Allen County 4-H Rules Book for a complete listing of all regulations concerning this project.
- Complete the attached Declaration Form.
- Complete FairEntry online by published deadline-June 30.

Management Tips:

- Provide clean, fresh water to horses and ponies at all times. Horses will drink anywhere from 10-12 gallons of water per day. Ponies will drink a little less.
- Feed horses and ponies at least two times a day and at the same time every day.
- Make sure your horse/pony finishes their feed. Watch to see that animals on turnout are not being chased away from their food by other bossy horses or ponies.
- Check daily for injuries, sickness, unusual things or changes in behavior. You should spend enough time with them that you know when they are a little "off".
- Provide shade from the sun and protection from wind, snow and rain.
- De-worm and remove bots as needed. Treating horses and ponies for external parasites is important for their health and appearance.
- Clean and replace bedding often if horses or ponies are stalled.
- Rinse horses and ponies after you get them sweaty or when they get really dirty. Clean and conditioned hair and skin makes them feel and look better.
- Brush your horses and ponies to calm them and clean and train their hair. This is also a good time to bond with your equine friend.
- Exercise stalled horses or ponies daily; or make sure they have turnout time.
- To finalize preparation for showing, train your horse or pony at least three times a week. Remember, every time you are with them you are training.

4-H Member: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Grade in School (January 1, 2018) _____ Years in this project _____

Signature of 4-H Member verifying that you have completed these activities: _____

Signature of Parent that you have reviewed this information: _____

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4-H Animal Care:

The Indiana 4-H program strongly supports positive animal care and strongly opposes animal abuse. 4-H is also dedicated to the mission of developing youth and volunteers through "Learning by Doing" programs.

4-H livestock projects teach life skills such as acquiring knowledge, making decisions, and applying leadership skills.

When working and caring for animals, it is important to insure that appropriate safety measures are in place for both the animals and the persons who care for them. Therefore, there is no substitute for knowledge, common sense, and experience.

Animal handlers should study and learn to anticipate an animal's reaction and try and avoid problem situations. It is most important that 4-H members understand an animal's behavior so one can "outsmart" not "out-muscle" an animal. Foremost in the 4-H'er mind should always be safety of the handler and the animal

An animal's good health is often directly related to the environmental factors associated with its living space. The presence of predators, dust, odors, pests, temperature, and humidity has a direct effect on an animal's well-being.

Animals react favorably to daily care and comfortable housing. Consideration should also be given to specific animal needs such as size of their housing space, lighting, and ventilation. The best facilities and equipment cannot and should not be a substitute for daily observation and careful attention to signs of illness, injury, and/or unusual behavior.

Level 1 Activity 1

List answers to the following questions.

What are four activities horses can be used for?

Name 6 horse breeds.

Name two ways you could be injured by a horse.

What does a horse eat?

What parasites do horses often have?

Name four parts of a saddle.

List five items you should have in your tack / grooming box.

What are ways horses communicate? Why is it important to know how horses communicate?

Level 1 Activity 2

Match the emotion to the behavior

- Nose Stretched out, soft look in the eye _____
- Head dropped, ears dropped, sluggish movement _____
- Head lowered, quiet expression _____
- Tight muscles, worried expression _____
- Ears pinned back, rapidly swishing the tail _____
- Ears pricked forward and looking intently _____
- Teeth bared, ears pinned back, charging _____
- Looking away _____
- Head up ears forward, ready to run, or jumping sideways _____
- Constant fidgety movement, sweating _____

- Angry
- Aggressive
- Tired
- Nervous
- Relaxed
- Friendly
- Interested
- Afraid
- Tense
- Ignoring

Why is it important to understand how horses show their feelings?

What happens if you don't understand a horse's body language?

Level 1 Activity 3

How are horses and ponies measured?

Why is horse height measured? Why is it important to have a universal way to describe horse heights?

Ask three friends or family members how tall they are and write that below then tell them how tall they would be if measured as a horse. Show your work.

Write the names of six horse breeds and the average heights, and where the breed originated.

Level 1 Activity 4

What are five essential types of nutrients that all animals need?

Most horses consume roughly _____% of their body weight in dry feed each day.

At least _____% of a horse's diet should be forage.

A horse will drink _____ to _____ gallons of water a day.

Why is it important to know how much feed your animal needs?

Level 1 Activity 5

Use the words provided to fill in the types of gaits that are used with each of the styles of riding.

(Hint: one word will be used twice)

Jogging Trotting Proud, Collected flat walk Walking
Cantering Square, springy trot Loping Collected Canter

Western:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

English / Hunt Seat:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Dressage:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Level 1 Activity 5

Match the grooming tools to the appropriate uses.

Removes water from horse's coat _____

Detangles a horse's longest hairs _____

Removes dirt, manure and debris from horse's hooves _____

Stiff tool that coarsely removes heavy, thick debris from fleshy areas of the body _____

Used to bathe a very dirty or sweaty animal _____

Removes fine debris from tender areas of the body _____

Flexible tool that removes moderately heavy debris from fleshy areas of the body _____

Removes fine debris and will smooth hair on fleshy areas of the body _____

Cloth that will smooth hair down, removes final fine debris and helps make coat shine _____

Body brush

Steel curry comb

Face and leg brush

Finishing rag

Rubber curry comb

Sweat scraper

Bucket, soap, sponge, towel

Mane and tail comb

Hoof pick

What are reasons to groom your horse or pony?

Why is it important to groom your horse regularly?

Attach pictures or magazine clippings of three different mane-braiding styles.

Allen County 4-H Horse & Pony Declaration Form

Due to the Purdue Extension Office on June 30, 2018 by 4:30 pm
 Mailing Address: Purdue Extension Office-Allen County
 4001 Crescent Ave
 Fort Wayne In 46815

Please list the two (2) horses or ponies that you plan to bring to the Allen County fair. You may have enrolled more than two (2) horses in the 4-H online System- however according to Allen County rules you are only allowed to exhibit a maximum of two (2) horses at the county fair.

4-H'ers Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Horse Name	Breed	Colors/Markings	Sex	Birthdate	Animal is under 56"	Animal is under 38"
1.			Mare Gelding		Yes No	Yes
2.			Mare Gelding		Yes No	Yes

Remember this form is due to the Extension Office, 4001 Crescent Ave. Fort Wayne, IN 46815 by June 30 at 4:30 pm.

Fax: 260-481-6439

____ Completed On Line 4-H Enrollment by January 15, 2018

____ Completed Animal ID on Line by May 15, 2018

____ Completed Fair Entry on line by June 30, 2018