

Horse & Pony Activity Sheets - 2027

Level 1 Grades 3-4-5

Due June 07, 2027 to the Horse &
Pony office or the Extension office



**Allen County 4-H
Skills for Life**

What you will do in this project:

- Enroll in the 4-H program by **January 15**.
- Complete these activity sheets with Declaration Form and turn it in to the Horse & Pony Office at the Fairgrounds or the Extension Office **by June 07 2027 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, 2027 is the entry deadline. Late fees apply for entries made after June 1, 2027.
- Attend County 4-H workshops, meetings, and clean up days when offered—at least 2 horse club meetings and 2 riding (outdoor) meetings.
- 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-**May 15**

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, 2027) _____ 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.

_____ Completed On Line 4-H Enrollment by **January 15, 2027**

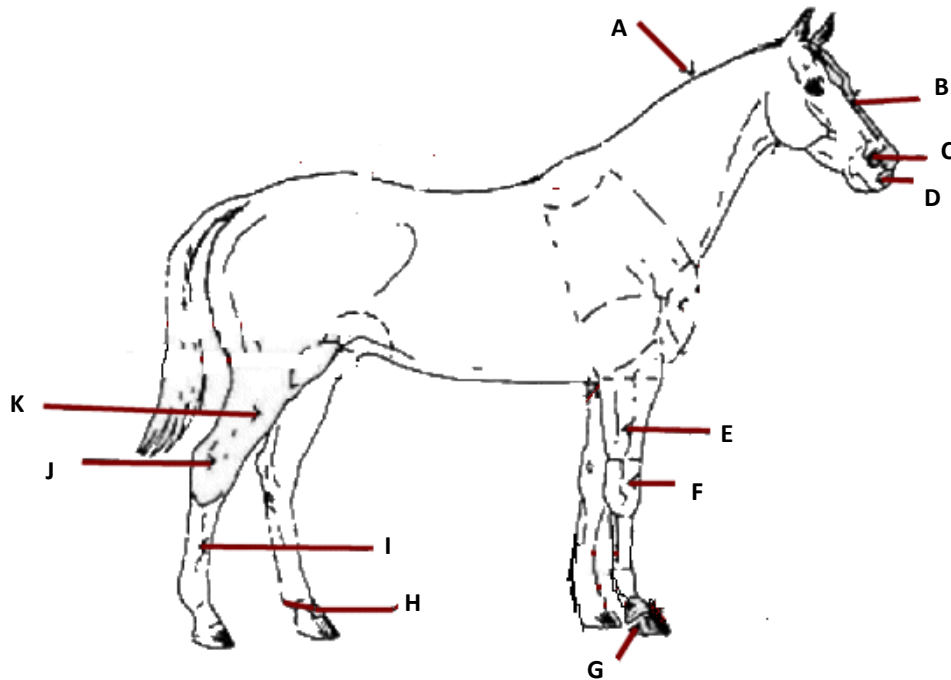
_____ Completed Animal ID online by **May 15, 2027**

_____ Turn in Activity Sheets with Declaration Form by **June 7, 2027** to the Horse & Pony Office or the Extension office.

_____ Completed Fair Entry on line by **May 15, 2027.**

Level 1 Activity 1

Answers can be found in Beginning Horse Management OSU Resource Book 4-H 174.



1. Place the letter from the above picture with the matching body part.

_____ Cannon	_____ Crest	_____ Fetlock	_____ Forearm
_____ Forehead	_____ Gaskin	_____ Hock	_____ Hoof
_____ Knee	_____ Muzzle	_____ Nostrils	

Use the chapter titled “Horse Types and Uses, and Breeds of Horses” to fill in the following blanks.

2. List the three primary horse breeds used for racing.

3. _____ horses were originally developed for working livestock on ranches and for short distance racing.

4. The _____ are best known for their smooth, ground-

5. The five common pony breeds are

6. What are four qualities of a good hunter horse?

7. The _____ horse was originally developed for farming and to transport freight across our nation.

Use the chapter titled “Colors and Marking of Horses” to complete the following questions.

8. Put the letter of correct description next to the color it matches.

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| _____ Bay | A. Has irregular patches in more than one color |
| _____ Paint | B. Most so-called white horses are actually this color. |
| _____ Gray | C. This horse is a mixture of red and yellow/brown |
| _____ Brown | D. The body color can range from light yellow to bright copper. |
| _____ Palomino | E. This color of horse is made up of both brown and black hair and the mane and tail are always dark. |

9. Identify your horse’s breed and color. Then describe the primary use for that breed of horse.

10. What breed of horse do you prefer and why?

2027 Allen County 4-H Horse & Pony Declaration Form

Due to the Horse and Pony Office at the Fairgrounds on June 07

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 4Honline 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 Horse & Pony Office at the Fairgrounds by June 07, by 4:30 pm.