

HORSE & PONY

Activity Sheet – 2027

Level 3 – Grades 9 and up

Due June 07, 2027 in the Horse & Pony Office or the Allen County 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 **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 on Line by **May 15, 2027**

_____ Turn in Activity Sheets with Declaration Form by **June 07, 2027** to the Horse & Pony Office or the Allen County Extension office.

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

Level 3

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

Use the section on "Reproduction" to answer the following questions.

1. Match the following reproductive terms to their definitions:

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| _____ Anestrous | A. Time period the mare is receptive to breeding |
| _____ Estrus | B. The offspring of a sire. |
| _____ Diestrus | C. Castrated male horse |
| _____ Get | D. Horse breeding establishment/farm. |
| _____ Produce | E. During the winter months when mares do not cycle |
| _____ Gelding | F. Offspring of the dam |
| _____ Stud | G. Time period which the mare will not conceive |

2. What sign's will the mare show when she's in heat?

3. When do colts and fillies reach puberty?

4. Define "defect" and identify three different defects that can occur in horse.

5. Thinking in terms of the 4-H Horse project, why is it necessary to understand horse reproduction?

Use the section on Courtesy, Sportsmanship, and Safety to help answer the following General Questions:

6. Could you be a “winner” showing an animal without getting a champion ribbon? Explain.

7. What are some methods that Allen County could implement to start recognizing exhibitors for skills gained through live-stock projects/shows? This would be in addition to awards and recognition received in the show ring.

8. What is the definition of sportsmanship?

9. How can you create a safer environment when you are around a horse?

10. What does it mean to be a gracious winner?

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.