

HORSE & PONY Activity Sheet – 2026 Level 2 – Grades 6-7-8

Due June 08, 2026 to 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 Extension Office **by June 08, 2026 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, 2026 is the entry deadline. Late fees apply for entries made after June 1, 2026.
- 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 FairEntry online by published deadline- June 08, 2026
- Complete the Declaration form for the year.

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.

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

Grade in School (January 1, 2026) _____ 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, 2026

____ Completed Animal ID on Line by May 15, 2026

____ Turn in Activity Sheets with Declaration Form by June 08, 2026 @ 4:30 PM to the Extension Office.

____ Completed Fair Entry on line by June 8, 2026

Level 2 Activity 2

True or False

- T F Putting shoes on a horse is always best for them.
- T F In icy and muddy conditions shoes help the horse have more traction.
- T F If a horse wears shoes for too long the hoof can grow over the shoe.
- T F Shoeing helps minimize shock to a horse's ligaments and tendons.
- T F A person who does the shoeing is called a farrier.

Level 2 Activity 3

Please draw a line from the name of the gait to the correct gait description.

Walk	A rapid two beat diagonal gait
Running Walk	Slow, natural, flat footed 4 beat gait
Trot	Easy, rhythmical 3 beat gait
Rack	Natural, faster walking gait
Canter	Fast, flashy, evenly timed 4 beat gait

What is the normal temperature of a horse?

What is the normal respiration rate for a horse?

List five signs that your animal is sick.

Level 2 Activity 4

Define the following terms.

Impaction: _____

Organophosphates: _____

Peritonitis: _____

Ionophore: _____

Necropsy: _____

Cystitis: _____

Torsion: _____

Arsenic: _____

Lipoma: _____

Trichobezoar: _____

What is colic, and why is it important to prevent it? Why are horses prone to colic?

Level 2 Activity 5

With the following fence types listed below, make a chart comparing each. Include a picture of the fence type, and rate on a scale of 1 – 5 with 5 being excellent on these factors: Visibility, Safety, and Cost. Total these scores and rank them from best to worst.

Square mesh Fence:

Wood Fence:

Barbed Wire Fence:

Smooth Wire / High Tensile Fence:

Electric Wire Fence:

Electric Tape Fence:

Level 2 Activity 6

Create your ideal stable / facility, include pictures of features and also create a floor plan with details and label with ideal dimensions. You can do this on another page if you wish.