

# HORSE & PONY

## Activity Sheet – 2022

### Level 3 – Grades 9 and up

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](http://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 the attached Declaration Form.
- Complete FairEntry online by published deadline- June 08, 2026.

### 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

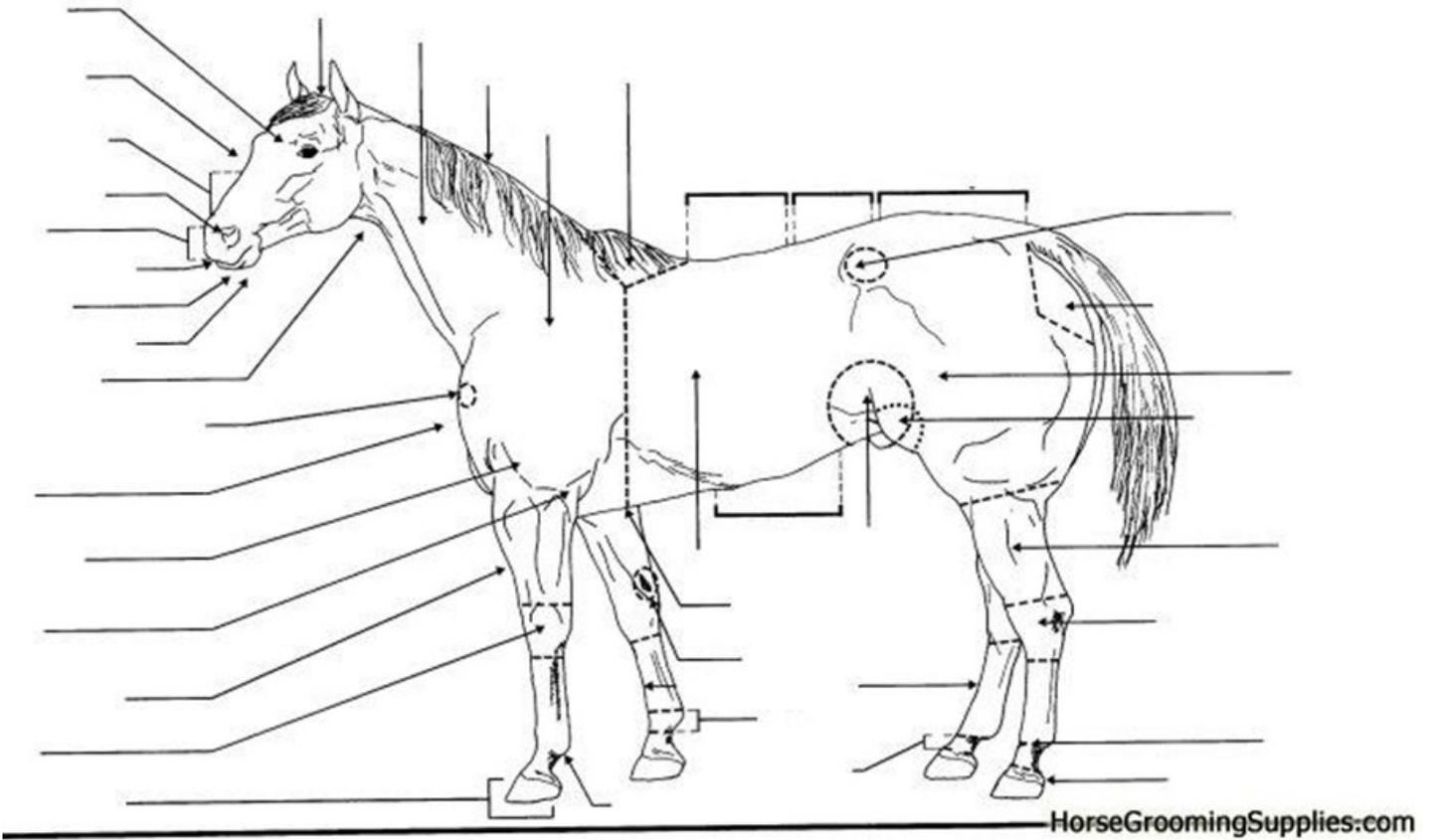
\_\_\_\_\_ Turn in Activity Sheets with Declaration Form by June 08, 2026 @ 4:30 PM to the Extension Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Fair Entry on line by June 08, 2026

# Level 3 Activity 1

Name the parts of the horse

## Parts of a Horse



## Level 3 Activity 2

### Match the disease / infections with the symptom

- Personality changes, though not necessarily aggressive. \_\_\_\_\_
- Head-tilt, muscle twitches on neck and body. \_\_\_\_\_
- Loss of appetite, dullness, depression, nasal discharge. \_\_\_\_\_
- Lymph nodes under jaws abscess and burst, loss of appetite, reluctant to swallow.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Paralysis of muscles in face and head tilting, muscle atrophy. \_\_\_\_\_
- Originating in unclean wounds, pronounced swelling, high fever, depression, progressive swelling of the head or legs, difficulty breathing, death. \_\_\_\_\_
- Sudden pain in the abdomen, explosive and watery diarrhea, shock, collapse, and death in a matter of hours. \_\_\_\_\_
- High fever, colic, and swollen areas of the neck throat and belly. Can progress to rapid breathing, stupor, staggering gait, coma and death. \_\_\_\_\_
- Hyper-responsive to light, sound and touch. Prolapse of third eyelid. \_\_\_\_\_

A. Malignant Edema

B. West Nile Virus

C. Colitis X

D. Rabies

E. Anthrax

F. Influenza

G. EPM

H. Tetanus

I. Strangles

How are contagious diseases spread?

Name three ways you can help prevent the spread of disease.

## Level 3 Activity 3

### True or False

**T or F** Do not leave a rope halter on your horse when you are not using it.

**T or F** A double overhand knot is also called a blood knot.

**T or F** Using a nail is the best way to hang your halters and bridles.

**T or F** In the winter months mares usually do not cycle.

**T or F** Normally fillies and colts both reach puberty between 18 and 24 months of age.

**T or F** The average cycle of a mare is 21 days.

### Define the following terms.

**Anestrous:**

**Diestrus:**

**Estrus:**

## Level 3 Activity 4

List and define the reproductive organs for a mare and stallion.

*(Hint: You should name at least 6 parts for each)*

**Stallion:**

**Mare:**

## Level 3 Activity 5

Match the breed of horse to the country it originates from.

(Hint: Some may be used more than once)

Friesian	Scotland
Paso Fino	Iberian Peninsula
Connemara	Germany
Lipizzaner	East Prussia
Clydesdale	Shetland Isles
Trakehner	England
American Suffolk	Denmark
Pinto Horse	Netherlands
Shetland Pony	Spain
Peruvian Paso	Norway
Norwegian Fjord	Peru
Percheron	Turkmenistan
Knabstrubber	Ireland
Black Forest Horse	United States
Akhal-Teke	Spain
Abaco Barb	

Name Six other breeds that are not usually talked about, also give two interesting facts along

## Level 3 Activity 6

Match the age with the description of the horse's teeth

Cups worn from lower intermediate incisors. \_\_\_\_\_

Dental stars appear on all incisors. \_\_\_\_\_

Smooth mouth; no cups. \_\_\_\_\_

Cups worn from lower central incisors. \_\_\_\_\_

Cups worn from all incisors. \_\_\_\_\_

Cups worn from upper central incisors; dental star appears on lower centrals & intermediate incisors. \_\_\_\_\_

A. 6 Years   B. 7 Years   C. 8 Years   D. 9 Years   E. 10 Years   F. 12 Years

