

PURDUE EXTENSION BOONE COUNTY

4-H HORSE AND PONY WORKSHEETS

Grade 3-C



Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

Date: _____

1. Match to Rules for Safe Handling with the correct description

Slow and Steady
Safety First
Stay Out of Reach

Always be prepared
What Goes Back, Usually Comes Forward
Creatures of Habit

A frightened horse is always dangerous. _____

Establish regular patterns and habits of catching, grooming and exercising your horse. _____

Never walk under the horse's neck with the horse is tied up. This causes the horse to jump back and then forward and they can land on you.

Work with your horse to get them use to noises. Distractions and sights he might see on the trail, highway or the county fair. _____

Horses can actually kick the length of their rear leg, so be sure you have plenty of distance between you and the horse. _____

Always tie your horse securely with a knot that can be untied quickly in case of an emergency. _____

1. Posing your horse in the Horse Ring

Fill in the type of horse you are showing for each pose described below.

_____ horses are posed with all four feet square and evenly placed.

_____ horses are posed with one rear leg back in a balanced stance.

_____ horses may be posed square, with one hind leg back.

Answers can be found in the OSU Beginning Horse Management manual 4-H 174

2. Basic Gaits

Draw a line to the definition that best matches the description.

- Action The foot is carried in a straight line, without deviation during the stride.
- Balance The movement of the foot from one spot to the next.
- True-moving The characteristic style in which the horse lifts his front and hind feet high.
- Labored The distance between successive imprints of the same foot.
- Step An expression used when a horse's motion seems excessively difficult.
- Stride The ability of a horse to control his actions.

3. Horse Terms

Name the five basic coat colors:

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____

Name the face markings:






