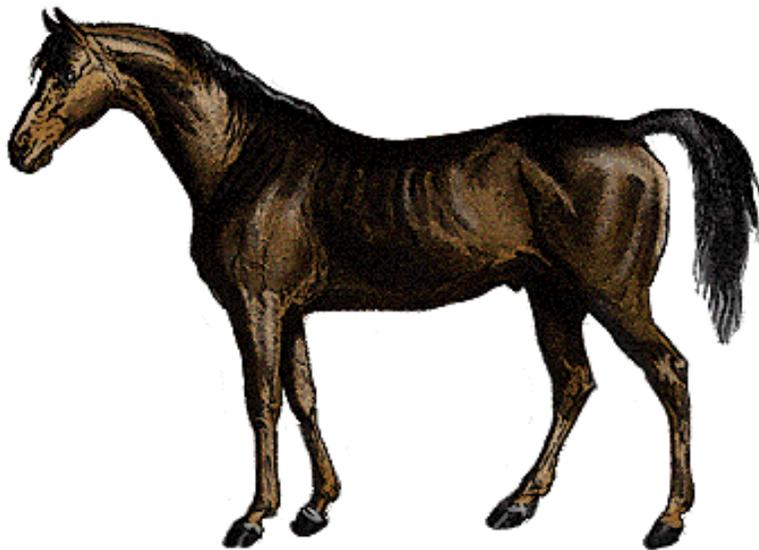


# Cass County 4-H Horse Record Book

Advanced (Grades 9 - 12)



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Club \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 9: Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 10: Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 11: Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 12: Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### General Guidelines:

For each year you are enrolled in the Horse project, complete two (2) of the activities included in this record book. **You may NOT repeat activities.** All activities are described in your **Beginning Horse Management** manual (4-H 174). In addition, for each year you are enrolled in the Horse project, complete the financial report included in this record book by your grade level.

### ACTIVITY 1 - HORSE COLOR PATTERNS

Match the terms.

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| 1. _____ One eye defective                                                    | A. Dappled     |
| 2. _____ Darker spots are embossed on the coat.                               | B. Piebald     |
| 3. _____ A spotted horse with more than one color.                            | C. Bald Face   |
| 4. _____ A small patch of white that runs over the muzzle, often to the lips. | D. Snip        |
| 5. _____ Little hair on the tail.                                             | E. Wall-eye    |
| 6. _____ White over most of the flat surface of the face.                     | F. Mealy-mouth |
| 7. _____ Black and white spotting only.                                       | G. Blaze       |
| 8. _____ Dark stripes on the legs and/or withers                              | H. Rat-tailed  |
| 9. _____ Color faded around the mouth                                         | I. Pinto       |
| 10. _____ A wide, white stripe down the face to the lips.                     |                |

**ACTIVITY 2 - FEEDING**

1. Determining how much to feed is a key to successful feeding. The two steps to successful feeding are:

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2. Most horses need a total of about \_\_\_\_\_ percent of their own body weight in air-dry feed per day.

3. In selecting good quality feed, avoid any feed containing these danger signs:

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4. All rations should include three items offered free choice at all times:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITY 3 - SELECTING AND JUDGING HORSES**

1. Type depends on \_\_\_\_\_

2. Conformation includes:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

3. In balance the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ "fit" together well.

4. What is:

Cross-firing? \_\_\_\_\_

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Paddling? \_\_\_\_\_

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Trappy? \_\_\_\_\_

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Scalping? \_\_\_\_\_

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Pounding? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Consider your horse. List the good and bad points of conformation.

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**ACTIVITY 4 - DISEASES AND PARASITES**

1. Describe ringworm and its treatment? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. During which months are internal parasites most infective? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why are weanlings wormed more than mature horses? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Describe tetanus and how it is contracted? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. List five (5) management rules for parasite control.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

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c. \_\_\_\_\_

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d. \_\_\_\_\_

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e. \_\_\_\_\_

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**ACTIVITY 5 - PRECAUTIONS IN WORKING WITH HORSES**

At one time or another, every 4-H horseman experiences having a horse frightened.

Explain how you:

1. Handle a horse that is frightened by an obstacle.

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2. Approach a horse so you do not frighten the animal.

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3. Stop a horse that is frightened and attempts to run.

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When showing your horse at the county fair, what are the safety and courtesy rules?

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITY 6 - COLOR PATTERNS



### **ACTIVITY 7 - HORSES AGES**

You can estimate a horse's age by examining its mouth.

1. The principal means of determining age from the teeth by examining the mouth and looking for: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the probable age of a horse with cups in only the upper corner incisors? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is floating? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which teeth may interfere with the bit when they are present? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. At what age does it become more difficult to determine a horse's age? \_\_\_\_\_

### **ACTIVITY 8 - CONDITIONING**

In order to perform easily and well in any athletic activity, a horse must be prepared and conditioned to an extent suitable for the particular job. What are the four (4) things that must be developed to a level determined by the difficulty of the work or performance expected?

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_

Conditioning is a basic element of horsemanship, it's greatest value is safety. If a horse is asked to perform beyond his conditioning and ability, both the horse and rider are in danger. What are the signs a horse has gone beyond his conditioning?

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Name the key rules of conditioning that you should use in preparing the horse for your mounting.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

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c. \_\_\_\_\_

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d. \_\_\_\_\_

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e. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **ACTIVITY 9 - SHOW RING ETHICS**

What the audience sees at the county fair reflects on the total 4-H program and the entire horse industry. What are some things you can do at the fair with your horse project to create a positive image of the show ring event?

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**ACTIVITY 11 - HEALTH MANAGEMENT**

1. What are the normal temperature, pulse, and respiration of a mature horse?

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2. Where can you get the horse's heart rate?

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3. What color is a healthy mucous membrane?

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4. How many times a day does a healthy horse defecate? Urinate?

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5. List five signs that would indicate your horse is sick.

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