

## Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club

### CARE CONTRACT

1. Horses/Ponies should be kept clean.
2. Horses/Ponies should be given fresh food and water daily.
  - a. If hay is fed, keep it fresh and clean. Water should be clean and clear of feedstuff. Make sure your horse/pony is drinking water; water is your animal's most important nutrient as it cools and helps to regulate digestion.
3. Keep the stall dry and free of manure.
  - a. The stall should be thoroughly cleaned daily removing all wet and dirty sawdust. Additionally, the stall should be maintained continually, and manure removed as possible throughout the day when checking on your horse/pony. Do not simply cover manure with fresh sawdust or pile it in the stall; remove it from the stall and dispose of it properly.
4. Horses/Ponies in a tie stall must be tied with a halter AND a neck rope at the proper length.
  - a. We do not want animals running loose. The ropes should be just long enough for horses/ponies to reach food/water in front of them. When the rope is too long, they can easily become tangled in their own ropes and back up further into the aisle where fairgoers walk by.
5. Aisles and surrounding areas should be kept clean.
  - a. Aisles should be swept and free of clutter. This not only includes the area directly behind your animal, but also the main aisles throughout the barns. When walking your animal outside of their stall (to the wash rack, the arena, around the barn, etc.) clean up all messes that they make. All of your trash needs to be picked up. If we work together to keep the barn clean, it will be an easier task for everyone. Hundreds of people walk through our barn every day and what may seem like no big deal to you might be offensive to others. Remember, the public's image of agriculture is affected by our barn and our 4-H program.

I have read and agree to the above statements. I am aware that if at any point during the fair my horse and/or pony is not properly taken care of, I will be given one warning and if I continue to neglect the care of my horse and/or pony an Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club leader or advisory board member may ask me to remove my animal from the fairgrounds.

4-H Member Name:

4-H Member Signature:

Date:

Parent Printed Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Witness to Signature:

Date: