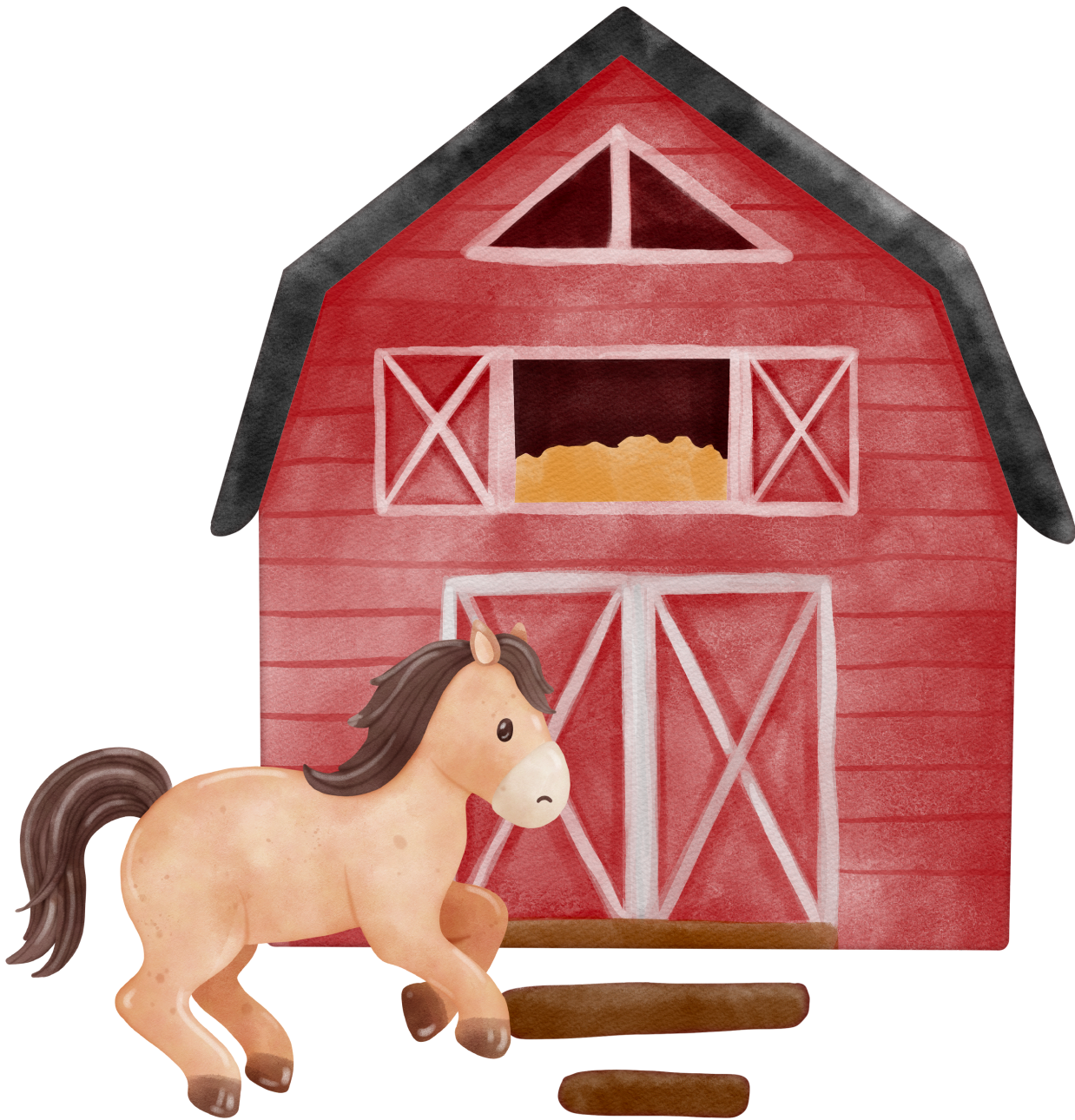


Mini 4-H Colts & Fillies



Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades

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Mini 4-H Parent's Page

As a Mini 4-H parent, your job will be to guide and encourage your child through this project. We suggest that you do not complete the activities for them. Instead, help them, guide them, work with them, and let them do all that they possibly can. The 4-H motto is “Learn by doing” and is the best educational tool that we can provide for youth.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact
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Mini 4-H

Welcome to Mini 4-H! You are now a member of the 4-H family. Mini 4-H'ers have lots of fun. There are many activities for you to explore. You can try new things. You can share it with your friends and family.

An adult can help you with your project, and you can bring your project to the 4-H fair. Many people will be able to see what you have done. You will receive a ribbon made just for Mini 4-H.

The 4-H fair is an exciting time for 4-H members and families. It is a week that allows community youth to show their talents, interests, and enthusiasm for learning!

4-H Symbol: A four-leaf clover with an "H" in each leaf

4-H Colors: Green and white

4-H Motto: To make the best, better

4-H Pledge: I pledge my Head to clearer thinking



My Heart to greater loyalty

My Hands to larger service and

My Health to better living,

For my club, my community

my country, and my world.

Mini 4-H Colts & Fillies

Welcome to the Mini 4-H Colts & Fillies project! You are going to learn a lot of exciting things about beef animals!

Mini 4-H Colts & Fillies is a program to teach members to care for a horse or pony and the proper way to show one. You will also be shown the safest way to handle your horse or pony.

You must have your own horse or pony or lease a horse or pony to participate. While showing the horse or pony, a parent, legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian will have control of the animal at all times. This includes coming and going to the show ring. A Mini 4-H Animal Liability Release form must be completed and on file with the Extension Office before the Mini Colts & Fillies show.

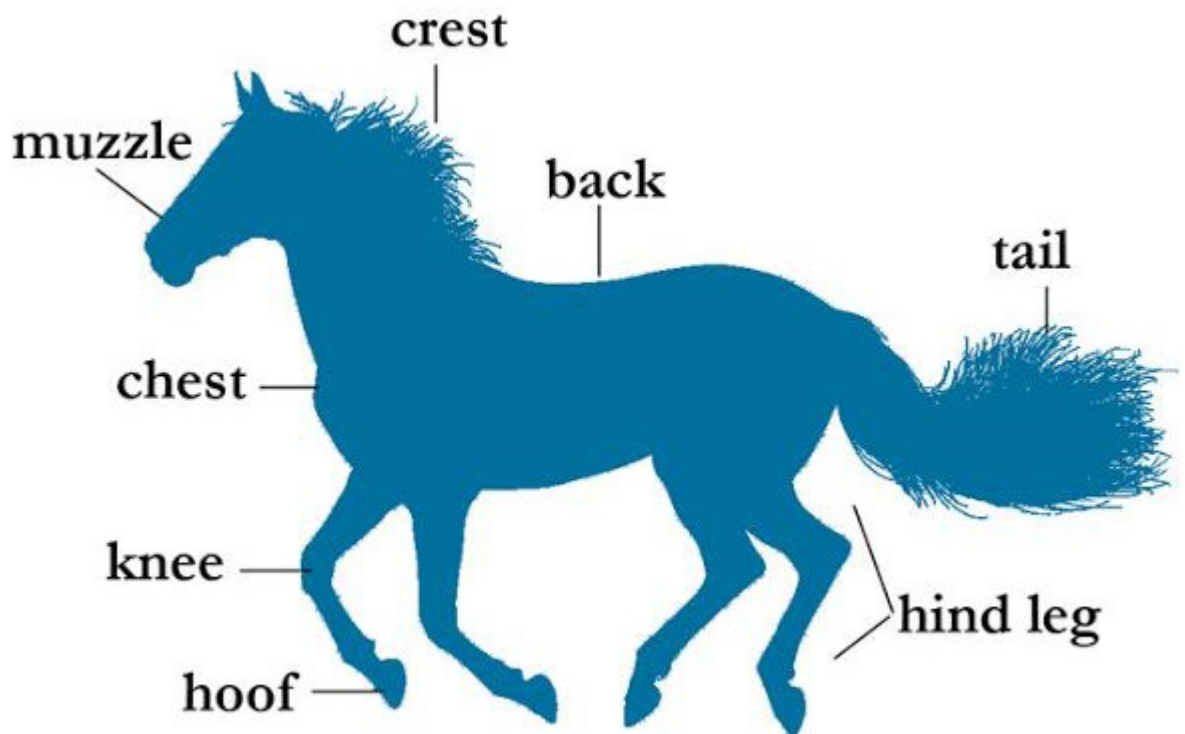
Each youth participating in the Colts & Fillies class is strongly recommended to attend at least two (2) supervised practice workshops in Lead Line class in order to participate safely at the Hancock County 4-H Horse Show.



What Will I Do?

To complete the project, you will show a horse or pony at the Hancock County 4-H Fair Horse Show. When you are riding a horse or pony you must have an approved (ASTM and/or SEI standard F1163) helmet with approved harness in place and fastened. Also, you must wear proper footwear of western, hunt or Jodhpur boots and long pants. You also must be lead at all times while on the fairgrounds by an approved adult. To show you must wear helmet, boots, long pants, and long sleeve shirt.

Parts of a Horse



Become familiar with the parts of your Horse or Pony

A horse has many body parts. They have two eyes just like you. Look at a picture of a horse or a live horse. How are a horse's eyes different from yours?

- Size
- Color
- Position in head

Horses have two ears just like you. But look how different a horse's ears are from yours. They are:

- Larger
- Longer
- Have lots of hair on them and inside of them
- Are at the top of the horse's head

Horse body parts that are named the same as you but look different are: face, forehead, jaw, nostril, chin, neck, back, thigh, elbow, buttock, leg, ankle, knee, arm, shoulder, upper lip, lower lip, ear, and eye.

A horse's body is covered with hair. When it turns cold outside, horses grow longer, thicker hair. This is mother nature's way of helping them keep warm. When it gets warm outside they shed their winter coat.

The long, flowing hair between their ears, hanging down on their forehead, is called the foretop. The long hair hanging down on their neck is called the mane. The long, silky hair that hangs from a horse's back end is called a tail.

What do horses or pony's eat?

A full grown horse can eat up to 20 pounds of food a day! A horse's stomach is small – it only holds about the same amount of food as a pig's! On the average, a 1,000-pound horse should eat about 20 pounds of feed (hay and grain) each day.

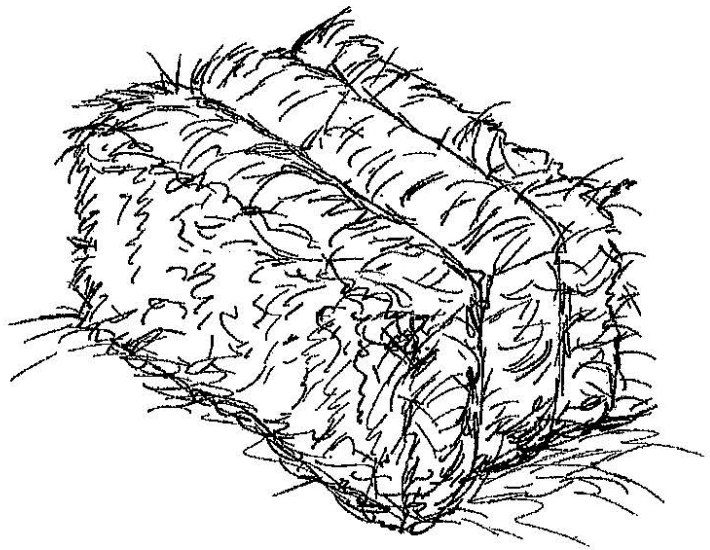
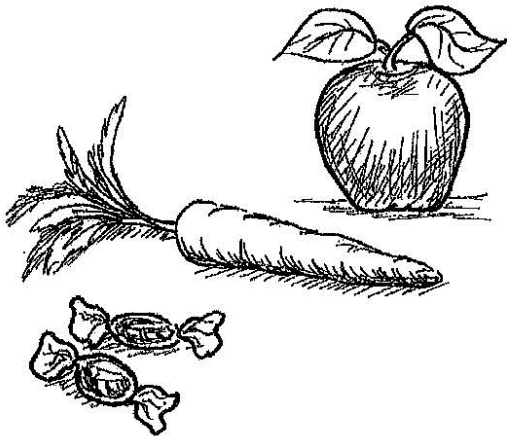
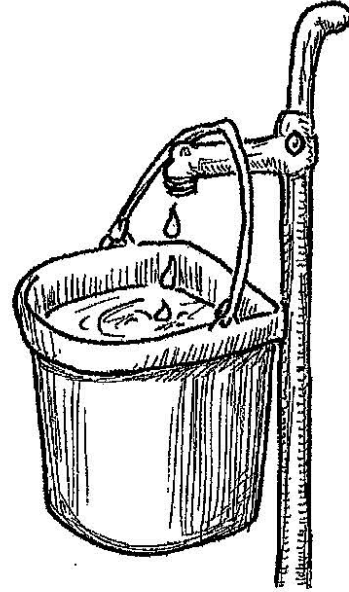
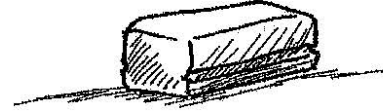
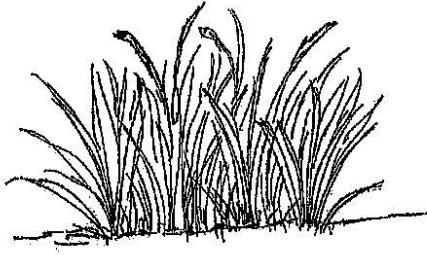
Horses, just like people, need to eat a variety of things to meet their nutritional requirements. If their diet is out of balance, then problems occur. A horse getting too much feed will become overweight, while one who eats too many treats may end up with colic. A young horse that eats an unbalanced diet may grow slowly or not grow correctly.

Forages should make up the bulk of the diet. Forages include fresh grass or hay (which is dried grass). The high fiber of this feed is important to the health of the stomach and intestines. Also, good quality forage is high in nutrients, including energy, protein, vitamins, and minerals. Most horses can live very healthy lives on good quality hay or grass alone. Good quality hay should smell like fresh grass, should not be dusty or moldy, and should be soft when squeezed in bare hands. A full-grown horse (1,000 pounds) will eat 15-20 pounds of hay each day.

Concentrate (textured, pelleted, or extruded) can be added to the diet if a horse needs more energy (for exercise or growth), protein (for muscle development), or vitamins and minerals (for healthy bones and body). Horses receiving good quality forage often do not need concentrates in their diet. Treats can be used as a reward for good behavior or just as a snack. Horse treats can be bought at the store, but apples and carrots also make good snacks for horses. Treats shouldn't make up the bulk of the diet.

Horses also need access to fresh water. Water is the most important part of the diet, because a horse will get sick after just 2-3 days without water. A full-grown horse will drink 10-12 gallons of water each day.

Salt blocks provide horses with extra salt and are usually left out where the horse can eat a little when they want it. Most horses will not over eat salt.



Horse Grooming Tool

Draw lines to match the picture with their correct name!

MANE COMB

DANDY BRUSH

CURRY COMB

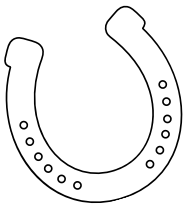
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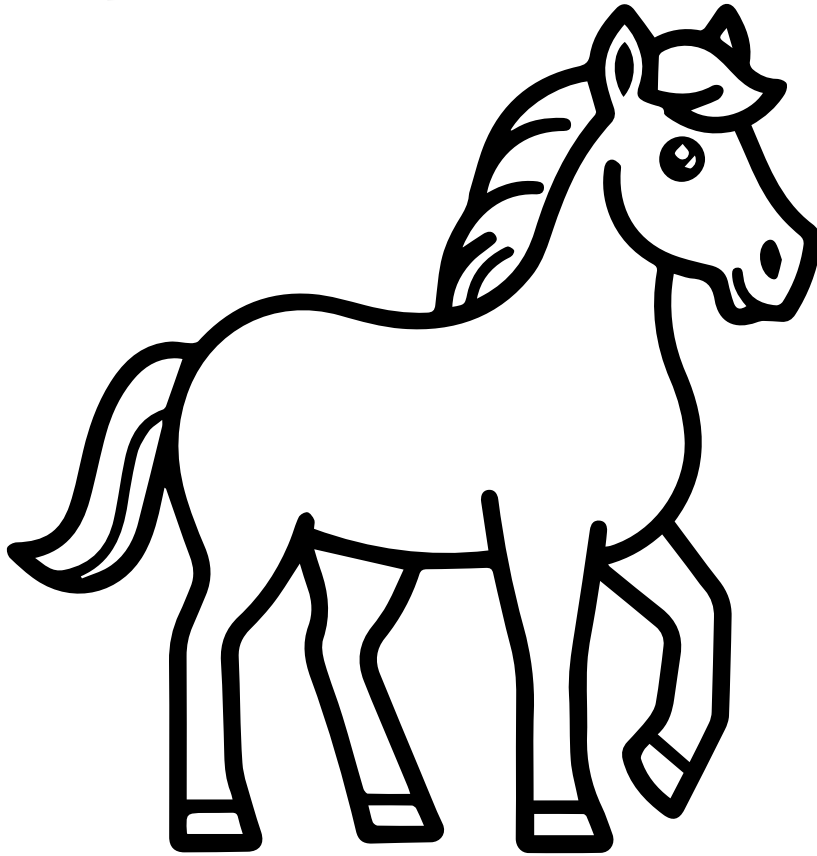
BODY BRUSH

PULLING COMB





Describe your dream horse!



Name:

Breed:

Color:

Favorite Treat:

Discipline:

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Horse

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Pony

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Mare

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Gelding

My favorite thing to do with my horse:

Insert your horse's
picture here!

