

PURDUE EXTENSION NOBLE COUNTY

4-H HORSE AND PONY WORKSHEETS

Grade 3-A



Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

Leader Signature: _____

Date: _____

1. Basic Horsemanship Skills. Fill in the blank.

Which part of the horse is a good reflection of the horse's attitude at the moment and helps indicate where he is focusing his attention? _____

A horse's vision is best for objects _____ him/her.

When haltering a horse it is best to first put _____ around its neck.

2. Match the 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

Approach your horse slowly and calmly and try not to make any sudden movements. _____

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

Never walk under the horse's neck when 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 used to noises, distractions, and sights he might see on the trail, highway or the county fair. _____

When walking behind a horse, either move very close to the horse's hip or move completely beyond the reach of the horse's hind feet. _____

Never tie your horse with the bridle reins. Always tie your horse with a secure knot that can be quickly untied in an emergency. _____

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

3. Basic Seats and Gaits

Use the word box to fill in the type of gaits that are used with each of the seats (styles of riding). Hint: one word will be used twice.

Jogging	Trotting	Proud, Collected Flat Walk
Cantering	Collected Canter	Loping
Square, Springy Trot		Walking

Western Seat

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Hunt Seat (also known as the Forward Seat)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Dressage

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.