

Project Title: Horse and Pony

The 4-H Horse and Pony project provides youth with a fun hands-on learning experience that develops life skills as well as teaches valuable information about properly caring for their animal. Subjects such as general management, training, nutrition, housing, and health care are presented in the curricular materials, through workshops and activities such as horse bowl, hippology and judging, and in preparation of an exhibit. Youth also have the opportunity to develop responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communication skills through active participation in the 4-H Horse and Pony project.

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State Fair Entries: Check with the Indiana State Fair for entry deadlines

RULES

1. Safety rules governing headgear and boots, and rules addressing animal well-being are mandatory at all 4-H Horse and Pony events. Judges have the responsibility to refuse to conduct classes in which these safety rules are not enforced.
2. Rules and tack requirements for each class can be found via the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook, (4-H-661).
3. Any situation not covered by these policies and rules shall be handled by the proper representative of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, or their designee.
4. Prior to participation in 4-H Horse and Pony events, 4-H'ers must provide a current vaccination form to the project superintendent or their designee. Please refer to form 4-H-1031-W updated (10/14) for Body Score Condition, Required Vaccinations, and Recommended Vaccinations/Procedures.

Requirements Level: All levels Exhibit Requirement Options

- One or more animals fed and cared for by member
- Complete number of activities as per county guidelines.

General Rules, Terms and Conditions for Livestock Projects

In the interest of all breeders of livestock, all exhibitors, the Parke County 4-H Council, the 4-H Fair Board, Inc. the 4-H program, and the agriculture industry, the following general rules, regulations and listing of prohibited activities are presented to maintain, insure and present a wholesome, high quality educational program. As the showcase of Parke County, it is imperative to promote and allow only ethical behavior by exhibitors at the Parke County 4-H Fair.

The Parke County 4-H Council and/or 4-H Youth Extension Educator or designee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms, conditions, rules and regulations contained in any and all parts of the premium book and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard there to, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Parke County 4-H Fair. They further reserve the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by general or department rules published in the handbook, to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment it may determine should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.

Fraud, deception, any prohibited activities, violations of general or departmental rules, or any activity determined to be improper or unethical by the 4-H Council, a Fair Board or a 4-H Youth Extension Educator shall not be allowed. Any exhibitor found in violation is subject to sanction and/or disqualification.

1. **TAMPERING, ALTERING, AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION** relative to any exhibit is prohibited. This prohibited activity includes but is not limited to breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion. (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to, coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, drenching, attaching hair/hair substitutes, or filling).
2. **PROHIBITED FITTING OF ANIMAL EXHIBITS** is defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs, blood, oils, air, steroids, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption is prohibited. Exceptions that are allowed to 1 and 2 above

- include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics. Exception: Paint is not allowed in the sheep project.
3. **NO EXHIBITOR MAY TAKE EXCEPTION TO THE DECISIONS** of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or publicmanner nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official.
 4. **PLACINGS OF EXHIBITS WILL NOT BE ADJUSTED** after the placing becomes official.
 5. **COMPETITION PLACINGS DO NOT BECOME OFFICIAL UNTIL** the completion of the following, but not limited to, all postjudging re-weighing, animal identification and evaluation.
 6. **ADDITIVES, SUPPLEMENTS, AND PASTES may be administered according to label use or veterinarian directive. Questions can be directed to Parke County 4-H Council, 4-H Youth Extension Educator, or Livestock Superintendent.**
 7. 4-H Exhibitors are expected to follow the federally approved label when using drugs and feed additives. 4-H Market animals shall not contain any foreign substance both on day of show and at harvest. This includes drugs, steroids, or chemicals greater than standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food. Administration of these compounds must follow these guidelines:
 - a). Feed additives may be used according to the label. Administration in excess of the label is prohibited. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to adhere to prescribed withdrawal times prior to harvest. If the withdrawal time is not met by the time the animal would normally be harvested by the packer, the exhibitor is to make other arrangements for harvest.
 - b). Exhibitors are expected to use federally approved drugs to treat sick animals. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to adhere to prescribed withdrawal times prior to harvest. If the withdrawal time is not met by the time the animal would normally be harvested by the packer, the exhibitor is expected to make other arrangements for harvest. Drugs may not be administered to 4-H animal exhibits at the Parke County Fair, except those administered or given by a certified veterinarian.
 - c). Administration of drugs to enhance gait or reduce lameness disqualifies the exhibit from participation in the Parke County Fair. Animals too lame to show will be withdrawn.

Ownership

1. Animals must be under the 4-H member's ownership or lease by May 15th and this ownership must be maintained continuously until the completion of the County Fair. Absolutely no animal may be substituted or traded for the original animals after May 15th. Horses may be leased or owned.
2. Each 4-H Horse and Pony member wishing to exhibit at the Parke County Fair must enroll their horses or ponies online prior to May 15th. 4-H members in good standing and in 3rd-12th grade are eligible to show their enrolled horse at the Parke County Fair. Grade of enrollment is determined by their grade in school as of January 1st of the current year. 4-H Horse and Pony Record Books or Sheets must be checked prior to the deadline as established by the 4-H club leader or their designee. Leasing is considered the equivalent of ownership of a 4-H project animal. A family may lease a horse(s) for each 4-H member. Either ownership or leasing will allow siblings to show each other's horses without jeopardizing County Fair eligibility regardless of whether or not the sibling is a 4-H member. The animal needs to be under lease until the completion of the county/or state fair. Horses may be leased or owned.
3. 4-H animals exhibited after the animal enrollment deadline of May 15th under a different name than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H animal enrollment shall not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Parke County Fair. This means that if the animal is exhibited at any show by anyone other than a person listed on the Indiana 4-H enrollment, the animal will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the County Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings or parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing County Fair eligibility, regardless of whether or not the sibling is a 4-H member. 4-H animals are expected to be in the possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns/leases them from the animal enrollment deadline until the conclusion of the county and/or state fair. Any Horse/Pony exhibited must be shown and owned by the child, or owned in partnership with the child's father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent or legal guardian. Note exception: leased Horses/Ponies may be shown if they follow county policy regarding leases, in the county from which the entry is submitted.
4. Leasing is considered the equivalent of ownership of a 4-H project animal. The 4-H'er should be regularly involved in the care of the horse, regardless of where they are stabled.

Approved Protective Attire:

Headgear: All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified equestrian helmet whenever mounted, or driving, at a 4-H Horse and Pony event, show, or activity. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. This policy applies to all county, area, and state 4-H horse and pony events, shows, and activities. This includes, but not limited to, parades, open arena, demonstrations, etc. **Vests:** Protective vests are recommended in all mounted classes.

Show Requirements

1. All animals must be sound, humanely treated and healthy. (Refer to Extension Publications AS-552, AS-554, and ID- 269 for guidelines). Animals are subject to inspection by a licensed veterinarian and questionable animals may be removed.
2. Weanlings, yearlings and two-year-old animals must be shown at the height of the dam, unless their height exceeds that of the dam. If the dam's height is unknown, the animal will show in the over 56 inches class. Animals may be measured by the show management.
3. Refer to the Parke County 4-H Program Policies for 4-H Animal Grooming Guidelines.
4. All classes with grade requirements will be determined by the grade enrolled as of January 1st of the current 4-H program year.
5. Horses and ponies must be unloaded and checked in on the designated check-in day. Any exceptions must be requested and approved before the check-in day by the 4-H Horse and Pony Leaders and the 4-H Council.
6. All 4-H Horse and Pony Club members must present their record books to the Horse Committee when horses are unloaded at the fairground during the fair.
7. Members who are in Grades 3, 4, or 5 are to complete seven (7) new activities each year in the Horse and Pony Project Activity Guide. All other members will fill out a record sheet for EACH horse they plan to show.
8. There is a MANDATORY showman's meeting at the time posted in the barn. This will be member's last opportunity to dispute any class registration discrepancies.
9. Class sign-up must be completed and submitted by the designated due date. Classes will not be added after the deadline. Horses can only be shown in the classes that they are signed up for.
10. A member may exhibit only once in each class, except for championship classes.
11. Members are expected to participate in the barn clean up on the designated date prior to the Fair.
12. At the end of the fair when animals are released, each stall must be cleaned and inspected by a Horse & Pony Leader or Committee member before leaving. If the stalls are not cleaned, sanctions will be imposed for cleanup.
13. Horses or ponies may be leased by 1 or 2 children if 1 or both children are 1st year members.
14. The leased horse or pony may only be shown once per class number. If a 4-H'er shows a leased horse or pony, they are not allowed to show their own horse or pony during the Parke County Fair. Rules #13 and #14 are county rules and are not observed by the state or the Indiana State Fair. Please refer to the state leasing guidelines.
15. If you plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, the following rules apply to ownership and leasing options. A given horse or pony shall not be enrolled by more than one 4-H member except brothers and sisters. 4-H'ers who lease or own their animal and follow the county leasing guidelines in rule #13 and #14 will not be allowed to show that horse or pony at the state fair.
16. A horse may be shown by more than ONE immediate member of a family or sibling at the Parke County Fair 4-H Horse and Pony Show, but only once in any class number. Only ONE member can exhibit the horse at the State Fair Shows.
17. Stalling of horses: Any horse and pony member who does not have another large animal livestock species on the fairgrounds will be required to stall their horse during the fair. Any horse checked-in at horse and pony check-in will be required to stay for the duration of the fair.
18. Stalls will be assigned during the work day on the Saturday before the first weekend of the Fair.
19. There is a \$10 stall fee per stall due on the posted date. Members are encouraged to find stall sponsors. There is no fee for tack stalls. Tack stalls are not guaranteed. If empty stalls are available they will be shared by more than 1 (one) 4-H member.
20. Each stalled horse or pony is required to have a stall card attached to the front of the stall in plain sight that includes the following information: The 4-H'ers name, the animals name and a reliable emergency contact number.
21. All stalls used for a horse or pony must be bedded with sawdust that is provided or wood chips at the owners expense.

22. Any ill or unsafe horse will be excused from the fairgrounds by decision of a Horse and Pony Leader in collaboration with a 4-H Council member and at least one horse and pony committee member.
23. There will be no animals removed from the Fairgrounds without permission of the Horse and Pony Leaders and 4-H Council representative.
24. There will be no horses in the barn without a stall assignment. A horse cannot be placed in another 4-H member's assigned stall.
25. Animals are not allowed north of the hog barn and are NOT to be tied anywhere except in the horse barn, at a horse trailer, a hitching rail or a wash rack.
26. Manure must be disposed in manure pits only.
27. Horses are to remain at a walk when on the blacktop.
28. NO RIDING HORSES IN THE BARN...NO EXCEPTIONS.
29. Horses may not be cross-tied in the Horse Barn.
30. Information regarding any announcement or schedule changes will be posted in the middle of the Horse Barn. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to check this area daily for any posting.
31. ONLY 4-H MEMBERS MAY RIDE, LUNGE OR DRIVE 4-H HORSES OR PONIES ON THE FAIRGROUND DURING THE FAIR.
32. All walk-trot classes are open to any Junior Member. Those who participate in walk-trot classes are not eligible to show in any other classes requiring a canter.
33. When a 4-H member is mounted on Fairgrounds property they are REQUIRED to wear a helmet.

Horse and Pony Classes will be available on the Parke County Extension Office Website. The following disciplines will be offered at the Parke County 4-H Fair:

English Halter - (Hunter and Saddle)

Showmanship at Halter – (Hunter Type and Saddle Type)

Horse and Cart – (Pleasure Driving)

Performance – (English Hunter and Saddle, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Equitation, Gaited Saddle Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Pleasure, Saddle Type Pleasure, Saddle Type Western Pleasure and Gaited Western Pleasure)

Western Halter – (Gelding, Mares, Miniatures, Colts, Foals, and Draft Horses)

Showmanship at Halter – (Various Grades)

Western Performance – (Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail, Reining, Western Riding, and Versatility)

Costume Class – (All Grades)

Contesting – (Barrel Race, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Keyhole, Speed and Action, Trophy Dash and Goat Tying)

Due to class size, some classes may be combined or separated. Classes may need to be moved. Announcements during the FAIR take precedence. NOTE: NO ADDING OF CLASSES DURING FAIR

4-H HORSE POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

See “*Animal Education*” project requirements. Animal Education projects should be checked in with all other static exhibits at the appointed time and will be displayed in the 4-H Building. These must be accompanied by a livestock record sheet to complete the horse and pony project.

Note: All animal posters that do not have state fair poster options will be judged by specie.