

4-H HORSE PROJECT

What is the Horse Project?

The horse project provides exploration of the horse industry. Learn about breeds, health, feed, behavior, judging and showing, ethical issues, reproduction, marketing, careers and more.

OBJECTIVES:

- Develop life skills essential for becoming a skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Cultivate skills and interests that can assist in future career preparation.
- Develop quality leadership skills that promote positive youth development.
- Learn to value and apply ethical, industry-accepted practices and research findings in specific project areas.

RESOURCES:

190R Equine Record
 179R Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows
 191R Horses, Safety and You
 Ohio 4-H <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/livestock/livestock-resources>
 Ohio 4-H Horse
<https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/horse>

4-H Project Books

See attached pages

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

- 4-H Project Completion Award
- 4-H State Fair Events (Skillathon, Record Book Judging Contest)
- Horse Jr Fair Exhibition
- PAS Qualifier for Ohio State Fair
- Ohio State Jr Fair
- Ohio 4-H Horseback Riding & Driving Recognition Program
go.osu.edu/4HRIDE

CAREER READINESS

- Horse Trainer
- Horse Groomer
- Horseback Guide
- Veterinarian
- Feed sales/nutritionist
- Pharmaceutical Sales
- Equipment Manufacturing & Sales
- Research Scientist
- Reproductive consultant & Technician
- Animal welfare specialist

LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPED THROUGH 4-H HORSE PROJECT

HEAD

Managing
 Goal Setting
 Record Keeping
 Resource Usage
 Critical Thinking
 Decision Making
 Problem Solving
 Service Learning

HEART

Caring
 Empathy
 Nurturing
 Relationship Building
 Communication
 Cooperation
 Social Skills

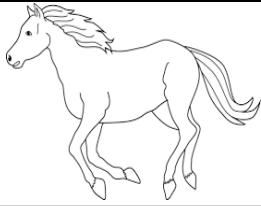
HANDS

Community Service
 Volunteering
 Leadership
 Responsibility
 Marketable skills
 Self Motivation

HEALTH

Healthy Living Choices
 Stress Management
 Disease Prevention
 Personal Safety
 Self Esteem
 Self-responsibility
 Character Building
 Managing Feelings
 Self-Discipline

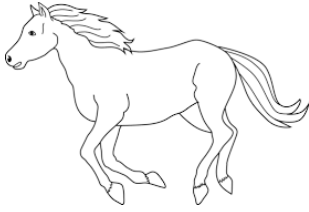




4-H HORSE PROJECT QUICK GUIDE FOR PROJECT SELECTION

	173 Horseless Horse	174 Beginning Horse Management	175 Light Horse Selection
Type of Project	Beginning Level	1st & 2nd year project	3rd yr & beyond
Purpose of Project	To learn about horses without owning or showing one.	This project is for all youth 1st & 2nd year to learn all of the basics of owning and showing a horse.	Judging horses and classes of pleasure and breeding stock.
Level of Cost of Project	No Cost, except book purchase	The initial purchase or lease of a horse and riding equipment.	Nothing extra
Breeds	Any	Any	Any
Quality Assurance	None	Equi-step, showmanship clinic	Equi-step, any clinic the committee offers
Exhibition	Non-Livestock Fair	County Fairs, summer shows	County Fair, Summer Shows

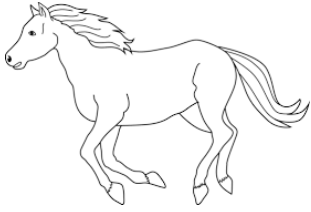
	177 Horse Training: How to Talk to Your Horse	180 Learning To Jump	181 Draft Horse
Type of Project	Third year and beyond	Third year and beyond	Third year and beyond
Purpose of Project	Learn how to understand horse behavior and how to create a good relationship with your horse	Learn the basics of how to jump in an easy to understand sequence of exercises	Learn about care, feeding, harnessing, hitching, showing and much more of draft horse breeds.
Level of Cost of Project	No specific additional equipment needed	Purchasing jumping equipment for exercises	Possibly purchasing harnessing equipment for driving.
Breeds	Any	Any	Any, however geared toward draft breeds
Clinics	Equi-step, any clinic the committee offers	Equi-step, any clinic the committee offers	Equi-step, any clinic the committee offers
Exhibition	County Fair and summer shows	County fair and summer shows	County fair and summer shows



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	182 Small Equine	184 Standard Horses	185 Equine Reproduction and Genetics
Type of Project	Third year and beyond	Third year and beyond	Advanced level
Purpose of Project	Learn the basics of small equine care, in hand and driving.	Learn how to safely harness your horse to a cart and drive.	Explore breeding, and mare and foal management
Level of Cost of Project	Mini jumps, possible driving equipment and cart	Driving equipment and cart	Stud fees, cost of mare and foal
Breeds	Any mini equine	Any pleasure driving horse	Broodmare and her foal
Quality Assurance	Equi-step, any clinic offered by committee	Equi-step, any clinic offered by committee recommended driving clinic.	Equi-step, any clinic offered by committee
Exhibition	County fair and summer shows	County fair and summer shows	None

	188 Trail Riding	189 Dressage	762 Nutrition
Type of Project	Third year and beyond	Third year and beyond	Third year and beyond
Purpose of Project	Learn how to safely trail ride your horse for pleasure or competition	Start developing a horse's mental physical abilities, working towards a perfect understanding	Explore breeding, and mare and foal management
Level of Cost of Project	Nothing extra	Nothing extra	Nothing extra
Breeds	Any	Any	Any
Quality Assurance	Equi-step, any clinic offered by committee	Equi-step, any clinic offered by committee	Equi-step, any clinic offered by committee
Exhibition	County Fair, summer shows and State trail ride competition	County Fair and any dressage shows	County Fair and summer shows



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LEVELS FOR ACTIVITIES (book) Jr Fair Exhibition has different levels	
Beginner	Grades 3-5
Intermediate	Grades 6-8
Advanced	Grades 9 and up

4-H Project Record Books

Obtain and Complete Project Book each year for either project taken.

If taking project multiple years, keep a 3 ring binder and add each years project book to the binder.

NOTE: 4-H youth members that are exhibiting their project at the Columbiana County Junior Fair **MUST** adhere to and follow the rules set forth in the current years Junior Fair Premium book. The above information is just a guide and in no way reflects the rules that are in the Columbiana County Junior Fair premium book.