

Ottawa County Horse

4-H Notebook Requirements

FIRST YEAR:

1. Identify several feeds: oats, corn barley, grass hay, legume hay, straw.
2. Learn to tie a bowline knot.
3. Learn how to properly groom a horse.
4. Learn the parts of the bridle.
5. Learn ten rules for safety precautions.
6. Learn how to properly feed hay and grain.
7. Learn how to bridle, saddle, mount and dismount.
8. Complete and turn in notebook to a local leader.

SECOND YEAR:

1. Know eight common unsoundness and blemishes.
2. Locate 15 parts of the horse.
3. Learn characteristics of at least 6 breeds.
4. Participate in horse show suggested by a local leader.
5. Care for an overheated horse (cooling a horse).
6. Learn parts of the saddle (English & Western)
7. Learn proper care and use of equipment.
8. Learn how to care for feet.
9. Complete and turn in notebook to a local leader.

THIRD YEAR:

1. Locate 35 parts of the horse.
2. Identify and describe three gaits of horses.
3. Knowledge of keeping a horse healthy.
4. Describe excellent stable keeping.
5. When to call a vet.
6. Learn colors and markings.
7. Learn proper feeding of a foal.
8. Participate in at least one 4-H horse show.
9. Complete and turn in notebook to a local leader.

FOURTH YEAR:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of judging showmanship.
2. Preventative shots and deworming
3. Demonstration at a club meeting.
4. Knowledge of fitting and grooming for a show.
5. Learn four first aid applications.
6. Participate in at least one 4-H horse show.
7. Complete and turn in notebook to a local leader.

FIFTH YEAR:

1. Care of pregnant, foaling and lactating mare.
2. Learn how to transport a horse safely.
3. Four examples of poisonous plants.
4. Describe two different styles of riding (*hunt seat, western, etc.*)
5. Participate in at least one 4-H horse show.
6. Complete and turn in notebook to a local leader.

SIXTH YEAR:

1. Learn to plan and conduct a horse show.
2. Describe care of teeth.
3. Identify and describe parasites (4 internal & 2 external)
4. Identify the difference between snaffle & curb bits and their proper uses.
5. Describe horse's visual sight.
6. Complete and turn in notebook to a local leader.

SEVENTH YEAR:

1. Chart the cost of feed, veterinary care, insurance, etc
2. Describe proper pasture management
3. Knowledge of judging conformation (*halter*)
4. Ten horse behavior gestures (*pinning ears, spooking*)
5. Complete and turn in notebook to a local leader.

EIGHTH YEAR:

1. Describe 5 horse related professions.
2. Muscle structure of a horse.
3. How to select what type and how much to feed your horse. (hay/pasture and grain)
4. Complete and turn in notebook to a local leader.

NINTH THROUGH TWELFTH YEARS:

1. Self-Determined independent Study/Essay
2. Complete and turn in notebook to a local leader.