IONIA COUNTY 4-H

Horse and Pony Project Record Book

Name: _____

4-H Club Name: _____

4-H Leader(s): _____

4-H Age (as of January 1 of current year): _____

Division: (circle one)   1st Year   Junior (9-14)   Senior (15-19)

Exhibitor Number:_____   Years in Horse Project: _____

Date Record Began:_____   Date Record Completed: _____

The 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.

4-H Motto

"To Make the Best, Better"

Signature Page

Why keep records?

- Members learn more about their project animals – feed, health, and management skills.
- Documents activities and progress in the project.
- Improves management and production practices.
- Helps plan future projects.

Keep this record as part of your Personal 4-H Records.

This information is helpful in applying for 4-H awards and scholarships.

Remember – records are no better than what YOU put into them!

_____   _____

         Member's Signature   Parent's Signature

Fair Eligibility/Requirements:

Members: Complete the chart below indicating you have completed all the fair requirements.
Leaders: Check the box left of the requirement to verify the member has completed each requirement, then sign below.

Leader: check box to verify completed requirements.

Requirement	Name/Location	Date
☐ One show/clinic		
☐ Two practices	1.	
	2.	
☐ Three jobs	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
☐ Two educational experiences OR supplement completed	1.	
	2.	
☐ One work bee at fairgrounds		
☐ Sponsorship form		
☐ Coggins turned into leader		

Leader's signature (required) _____

Leader's Comments _____

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Required Elements of the Record Book

- Record book begins on September 1 of the current 4-H year. <u>Exceptions</u> must be <u>clearly documented</u> in the record book. Exceptions include, but are not limited to, purchase or lease of project horse after September or you are a new member joining the club before May 1.
- Please keep the Record Book pages in order. You may make additional copies of a page if you need more room to complete your records.
- The Horse Record Book must be submitted in a binder or notebook. <u>No loose pages</u> please.
- <u>All signatures are required</u> on the "signature page". The parent signature may be waived if the 4-H member is 18 years of age or older.

Instructions for Completing Your Horse Record Book

Why keep records?
Properly kept records are a vital part of horse ownership. Records give a clear picture of what you have invested in the project. Records also provide you with accurate facts about your horse project.

Cover Page and Club Information
- 4-H age is the 4-H member's age as of January 1 of the current year.
- Years in horse project do not include years as a Cloverbud and does include the current year.
- "Date record completed" should reflect the date of the last entry.

Description of Project Horse/Pony
- Photo(s) must clearly show the full body view of the horse.
- The description of the horse must be written using proper terminology for markings (see your horse's Coggins and/or registration papers for reference).

Horse Health
- Health records should begin on September 1 and end when the record book is considered complete (should match end date on cover of record).
- If no illness/injury or dental care, explain what you did to maintain your horse's health.

Feeding and Bedding Summary
- Answer questions regarding your project dealing with feeding and bedding.

Project Plans/Results
- Answer all three questions regarding your project.

Grooming/Caring/Riding
- Answer questions regarding your project.

Attendance Record (club meetings, riding practices and shows)
- Please list shows, clinics, and other events that you have attended with your horse and the result of the event (results can be placing or what you learned at the event).
- **Remember that one (1) clinic or show is mandatory in order to be eligible to exhibit at the Ionia Free Fair.**
- Include the time you spend at your 4-H club meetings (include county hippology and horse judging meetings).

- Meeting topics would be a one or two word description of what was covered at the meeting.
- **Remember that two (2) riding practices are mandatory in order to be eligible to exhibit at the Ionia Free Fair.**

Community Service and Fundraising
- List community service events you have participated in with your club and the total number of hours spent on the activities.
- List club fundraising activities you have participated in.

Educational Experiences
- List educational experiences starting as of September 1. Any educational experience with or without your horse should be listed.
- Examples include statewide 4-H events (including non-horse events), seminars, clinics or informational book(s) you read and meeting presentations. A general 4-H club meeting does not count as an educational experience unless there is a special presentation, specific educational topics discussed or speaker. Club educational field trips can count as long as there is an educational component.
- **Remember that two (2) educational experiences or a completed supplement record book are required to exhibit at the Ionia Free Fair.**

General Information
- If you did not make any entries on a page, the page must still be included when turning your book in. Include any explanations as to why a page is left blank or if you cannot meet expected requirements.
- The book may be decorated or enhanced as long as all pages are included and kept in order. **Put all extra credit in the back of the record book.**
- Do not include pages from previous years.
- Consider using dividers with tabs to organize your record book (especially for the extra information included at the end of the record book).

Extra Credit for my Horse Project?
An outstanding 4-H project record is one that goes above and beyond what is expected. Be creative!
- A completed record book should have a beginning and final photograph. You are encouraged to be in the photo with your project animal(s) and to include more photographs. Include captions. You may use additional pages.
- Write a report on a related topic of at least one page: Proper Care and Nutrition; Selection; Animal Science; Safe Management Practices or Diagram of Farm Set-up; Veterinary Science; Food Products (such as sample "healthy" recipes); judging, etc.

Club Information

Club Name: _____

Club Leaders:

_____

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Club Officers:

President:_____

Vice President: _____

Secretary:_____

Treasurer:_____

Historian:_____

Other: _____

Description of Project Horse/Pony

Attach photo of main project horse/pony
here

A photo of your project animal is required.

Photo should show <u>entire horse </u>clearly.

Registered Name of Horse:_____ Barn Name: _____

Breed:_____Registration Number:_____Not Registered

Color:_____Circle one: Mare Gelding Foal/Yearling   Year Foaled: _____

Horse's Height:_____Horse's Weight: _____

Purchase Date:_____or Lease Date: _____

Describe your horse (color, markings, brand, etc.):

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Horse Health

Horse health record should begin Sept. 1 of previous year (or date horse was purchased or leased).

Veterinarian Name: _____   Phone: _____

Vital Signs

My horse's temperature is_____Date _____

My horse's respiration is_____Date _____

My horse's pulse is_____Date _____

What are a horse's normal vital signs:
• Temperature – 100-100.5 degrees
• Respiration – 8-15 breaths/minute
• Pulse – 45-60 beats/minute

Coggins Test

Date of test: _____   Cost: _____

Veterinary Exams, Illnesses and Injuries

Describe any treatment administered to your horse either by yourself or your veterinarian. Include medicine, amount and frequency.

Date	Exam/Illness/Injury Description	Treatment/Care	Results

How did you maintain your horse's health if you didn't have any exams, illnesses or injuries? _____
_____
_____

Immunizations

Please consult your veterinarian for the shots he/she recommends for your horse.
Include a copy of immunization documentation at the end of the record book.

Date	Common Name	Vaccine Description/Ingredients	Cost	Administered by
				__ Vet Self
				Vet Self
				__ Vet Self
				__ Vet Self

Horse Health

Deworming

Date	Product Name/Brand	Cost	Type			
			__Daily	Paste	Tube	by Vet
			__Daily	Paste	Tube	by Vet
			__Daily	Paste	Tube	by Vet
			__Daily	Paste	Tube	by Vet

Why do you deworm your horse? _____

How often do you deworm? _____

Dental Care

Equine Dentist's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Date	Describe Procedure Done and Results	Cost

If no dental care was required, explain below what you did to maintain your horse's teeth: _____

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Hoof Care

Farrier's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Date	Work Performed			Description	Cost
	Shoes	Trim	Treatment		
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Feeding and Bedding Summary

Is your project horse at your home?_____Yes _____No

Do you board your horse? ____Yes ____No If yes, how much is the expense per month: _____

Please describe where your horse is kept (stall, turnout, pasture, at home, at boarder's or other):

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Describe the daily chores to take care of your horse (do you feed and clean stalls or does someone else):

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Please describe your grain. What texture is it? Pellet, Sweet feed or Other

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What percent protein is your feed?

_____

What are the ingredients in your feed?

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Please describe your hay and/or pasture.

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Please describe any supplements used.

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Please describe any bedding used.

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Project Plans/Results

What were your goals for this year? Did you accomplish these goals and if so, how?

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What were the biggest challenges? Most rewarding? Most Fun?

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What are your goals for your horse project next year?

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Grooming/Caring/Riding

What is the purpose of grooming your project?

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What types of brushes do you use?

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How frequently do you groom your horse?

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How often do you clean your horse's hooves?

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What type of bathing supplies do you use?

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Attendance Record
Club Meetings/Riding Practices/Shows

**Remember that you must have attended 2 riding practices and 1 show/clinic.

Have your leader initial those dates below!

Date	Location	Topic/Results	C / R / S*

*-C = Club Meeting / R = Riding Practice / S = Show

4-H Community Service and Club Fundraising Report

Date	Activity	Hours Spent

Educational Experiences
With or Without Your Horse

Please list any clinics seminars, workshops, demonstrations, meeting presentations, educational books/videos or statewide 4-H events that you completed this year.
**Remember that you must attend 2 educational experiences OR complete a record book supplement to exhibit at the Ionia Free Fair.

*Examples: 4-H Exploration Days, State 4-H Awards, 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic, Michigan 4-H Horse Workshop (or other Kettunen Center workshops), State 4-H Hippology, Communications and/or Horse Judging Contests, equine speaker at 4-H group meeting (nutrition, farrier, vet, etc.), club field trips (vet clinic, horse farm, etc.), educational horse instructional videos or books, Michigan Horse Expo, Equine Affaire or other horse seminars or sessions. **This is only a small list of opportunities available to you. Please check with your leader, look in the 4-H newsletter or call the Ionia County MSU Extension office for all of the possibilities!***

Date	Event/Topic/Location	What I learned

Record Book Judges Comments

This section is to be completed by the individual evaluating the record book.

Record Book Score Sheet

Page	Description	Points Awarded	Points
1-3	Cover Sheet, Signature Page, Why Keep Records filled out completely and has leader signature.		5
7	Club Information All sections must be completed.		20
8	Description of Project Horse/Pony Must include photo.		5
9-10	Horse Health All sections must be completed.		20
11	Feeding and Bedding Summary All sections must be completed.		20
12	Project Plans/Results All questions must be answered.		15
13	Grooming/Caring/Riding All questions must be completed.		35
14	Attendance Record Club Meeting/Riding Practice/Shows At least 2 riding practices and 1 show		10
15	4-H Community Service and Club Fundraising		15
16	Educational Experiences At least two educational experiences OR record book supplement must be completed.		20
	Extra Credit: (5 points each category) Essay/report, extra photos, receipts (vet, feed, bedding, etc.)		

Total Points Earned   _____/ **200**

Rating Scale

A: 161-200, B: 121-160, C: 80-120

Rating Earned: _____