Montcalm County 4-H Horse and Pony Record Book 8-12 years old

Name: ___________________________ 4-H Age: ____________________
Address: __________________________
Date of Birth: ________________ Years in Horse Project: ________________
4-H Club Name: __________________________
Horse/Pony 4-H Club Leader: __________________________
Exhibitor Number: __________________________
Date Began Record Book: _________ Date Completed Record Book: _________
Objectives of the 4-H Horse Project:

- To develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, and sportsmanship.
- To experience the pride and responsibility of owning a horse or pony and to learn care, feeding, and management of the animal.
- To learn safety precautions to prevent injuries to themselves, to others, or to their mounts.
- To prepare for citizenship responsibilities by working together in groups and supporting community projects and activities.
- To appreciate horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.

I understand that this is a completed Horse Project Record Book as required.

4-H’ers Signature: ____________________________________________

4-H Leader’s Signature: ______________________________________

Why Keep Records?

- When was your horse wormed? What does your horse eat? How much bedding do you use?
  - Careful record-keeping helps to answer these and other “hard-to-answer” questions at a moment’s notice.
  - Properly kept records will give you a clear picture of what you have done in your horse project. In fact, at the end of the year, you will have solid facts rather than haphazard “guesstimates”.
- Keep this record as a part of your 4-H member personal record, as this information is helpful if you ever apply for 4-H awards or a 4-H scholarship.
  - REMEMBER: Records are not only for your benefit...they are the key to your horse’s future!

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# Determining Skill Level Placement

Leaders should use the following checklist to determine skill level placement:

- When a rider has mastered all the skills at their level and 50% of the skills on the next level, they may move up and continue to work on the remaining skills.
- Put a checkmark next to the riding level the 4-H’er will be riding at.

## Rider Name: ___________________________ Date: _____________

All riders must demonstrate the basic ring etiquette guidelines as listed below:

- Knows when and how to pass safely
- Moves in and out of a crowd safely

### WALK/TROT:

- Leads safely
- Mounts and settles horse
- Dismounts safely
- Ties with a quick-release knot
- Maintains a controlled trot

- Remains on the rail
- Maintains proper distance around other Horse

- Stops with control
- Executes a 90 degree turn on the haunches
- Maintains a controlled walk
- Backs at least 4 steps

### NOVICE – All previous plus:

- Lopes a controlled small circle
- Recognizes diagonals

### INTERMEDIATE – All previous plus:

- Executes a 180 degree turn on the haunches and forehand
- Lengthens the trot
- Backs and “L”
- Performs a figure 8 with lead changes

### ADVANCED – All previous plus:

- Side passes
- Serpentines at the trot
- Executes a 360 degree turn on the haunches and forehand
- Hand gallops with control
- Back through figure 8
- Counter canters
- Flying lead changes *(optional)*

Horse Leader’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________

Evaluator’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________
Description of Primary Horse/Pony Project

Attach Photo Here
Photo should show ENTIRE HORSE clearly

Registered Name of Horse: _______________________________________________________

Horse’s Nickname: ___________________________________ Year Born: ______________

Breed: __________________________ Registered: ______ Not registered: ______

Color: ___________________________ Mare: ___________ Gelding: ___________

Horse’s Height: _____________________ Horse’s Weight: _______________________

I own this horse: ________ Purchase Date: ______________ I lease this horse: ________

Please describe your horse: ___________________________________________________

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Health Records

Veterinarian’s Name: ________________________ Phone: __________________

**Vital Signs** (have someone help you take your horse’s/pony’s vital signs)

My Horse’s Temperature is: ___________ Respiration is: ___________ Pulse is: ___________

**DEWORMING**

Why do you deworm your horse/pony? ____________________________________________

How often do you deworm your horse/pony? _______________________________________

**HOOF CARE**

How often do you get your horse’s/pony’s hooves trimmed? ______________________

Does your horse/pony have shoes? ________________ If so, why? ________________

**EXAMS, ILLNESSES AND INJURIES**

Did your horse/pony get hurt or sick this year? ________ If so, tell us about it. If not, how did you keep your horse/pony healthy? _________________________________________

Coggins Test: Date of test ________________ (Please attach a copy at end of book.)
Feeding and Bedding

Tell us about where your horse/pony lives.

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Does your horse/pony have a barn or shelter to stay in? _______________________

Can you describe it? __________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Do you use any kind of bedding for your horse/pony? _____________________________

If so, what kind do you use? ________________________________________________________________________

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Does your horse/pony need any medicine or special supplements? _________________

If so, what are they? ____________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Does your horse/pony get treats? _______________________________________________

If so, what kind? ____________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Do you give your horse/pony a salt block? ________________________________________

If so, what kind? ____________________________________________________________________________
Project Plans and Results

What were your goals for this year?

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Did you accomplish your goals?

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What are your goals for your horse project next year?

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(Please insert the “Educational Page – Ages 8 to 12” here!)
Photographs of Your 4-H Horse/Pony Project
# My 4-H Horse/Pony Project Record Book Score Sheet

4-H Member: ____________________________________________

4-H Club: ____________________________________________

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