



Horseless Horse Project Unit 3

Horse & Horsemanship

I don't own a horse, but.....

Directions:

The horseless horse projects are available for all 4-H youth. Animal ownership, care, and riding are not requirements. Members with horses may, however, enroll in this series. All participants should be active in a club or project group supervised by a volunteer project leader.

Four units are available and should be completed in order. Unit I - **Introduction To The Horse** (9-10 years of age); Unit II - **Horses Are Fun** (10-12 years of age) ; Unit III - **Horses and Horsemanship** (12-14 years of age); and Unit IV - **Horse Science** (14 years of age and older).

Members may progress through the series at their own speed; there are no definite time or age requirements. All new members should start with Unit I. Clubs or groups may add to and vary the series according to need and interest. Members may repeat units with new and added events and activities. Members completing Unit IV may elect to enroll in the 4-H Horse Self-determined Project. Horseless horse project members are eligible to participate in all 4-H horse events except any that require the use of a project horse. Four-H members may also consider additional supporting projects such as veterinary science, safety, and leadership. Members may include riding time and lessons as options under experience. They may also include such work as grooming, cleaning tack, helping with horse events, etc. Tests and inspectors or leaders must be arranged for at the local level.

Project Requirements

To complete this project, you must:

- Participate in the 4-H club program.
- Complete the topics covered in this book.

Name _____ Age _____ Club Year _____

Address _____

County Or City _____

Name Of Club _____

Name Of Leader _____ Years In 4-H _____

Date Project Began _____ Ended _____

Section 1 - Experience (Minimum of 50 hours in this Unit)

A. Work and Study Record

Month	Describe type of meeting, study, or work related to horses.	Hours
September		
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		

B. List events you participated in (minimum of any four at any level) . Must include at least four of the following:
 Attend a horse event, visit a horse farm, visit a feed store, visit a tack shop, participate in a horse judging class or contest, participate in a horse bowl class or contest, give a horse demonstration, assist with a horse event, attend a horse class or lecture.

Date	Event	Location

C. Do you regularly read at least one horse magazine?

Name of magazine _____

D. Read at least one horse book. Name of book _____

Briefly discuss what was most informative or interesting in the book.

E. View at least one horse film or video tape.

Name of film or tape _____

F. Give at least one public speech (talk) about horses.

Date _____ Topic _____

Audience _____

G. Give at least one visual presentation (demonstration) about horses.

Date _____ Topic _____

Audience _____

H. List one or more 4-H projects you completed other than the 4-H horse projects.

I. Outline at least one community service project you and your club did to help people.

J. List or discuss horse protection and humane programs.

Section 2 - Knowledge

A. Trace the outline of a horse and number and label the parts of the horse.

B. Select the breed of your choice, obtain all of the materials that you can about the breed and complete the following.

Breed _____

(Paste Above)

Photo you took or a picture from a magazine.

Briefly outline the history, characteristics, primary uses, etc., of the breed.

C. Trace or draw a saddle and a bridle, either Western or English. Number and label the parts.

D. How many beats are there to the following gaits?

Walk _____ Canter _____ Trot _____ Fox Trot _____
Running walk _____ Gallop _____ Pace _____ Rack _____

E. Trace or draw the bottom of the foot of the horse. Number and label the parts.

F. Review and list several safety precautions for working with horses.

G. Define the following terms.

1. Aids _____
2. Blemish _____
3. Farrier _____
4. Far side _____
5. Near side _____
6. Lead _____
7. Mule _____
8. Unsoundness _____
9. Colostrum _____

H. Have you received any riding instructions? Yes _____ No _____

This is optional and not a requirement.

If yes, briefly review and discuss what you have learned and are practicing.

I. Farm Design

Briefly draw the layout for a horse farm (floor plans) - stable, tack room, feed room, paddocks, ring, etc.

Section 3 - Dismounted Abilities

Give the date on which you properly demonstrated the following to a designated inspector or leader. (Must do at least nine of the following). Leader may add to the list.

	Date	Signature of Leader
1. Identify 6 different coat colors.	_____	_____
2. Identify 6 different breeds.	_____	_____
3. Point out and name the parts of the horse.	_____	_____
4. Point out and name 3 blemishes.	_____	_____
5. Point out and name 5 unsoundnesses.	_____	_____
6. Point out and name 5 conformation faults.	_____	_____
7. Demonstrate how to catch, halter, lead, and tie a horse.	_____	_____
8. Demonstrate how to pick up and clean out the feet.	_____	_____
9. Demonstrate how to groom the horse.	_____	_____
10. Demonstrate how to tack up and untack the horse.	_____	_____
11. Discuss 10 safety precautions for the handler and rider.	_____	_____
12. Discuss 10 precautions in regard to safety for the horse (handling, riding, feeding, watering).	_____	_____
13. Identify a mare, stallion, and gelding.	_____	_____
14. Discuss how to care for the horse after a demanding ride.	_____	_____
15. Judge a class of horses.	_____	_____
16. Demonstrate how to show a horse at halter.	_____	_____
17. Recognize, describe and discuss how to properly use at least 5 different feedstuffs for horses.	_____	_____
18. Muck out and bed a stall.	_____	_____
19. _____	_____	_____
20. _____	_____	_____

Section 4 - Mounted Abilities (optional)

Give the date on which you properly demonstrated the following to a designated inspector or leader. This is not a requirement for completing the project. You must have received instructions before attempting this section. Leader may add several additional tests.

	Date	Signature of Leader
1. Mount.	_____	_____
2. Dismount.	_____	_____
3. Discuss and demonstrate safety precautions while mounted.	_____	_____
4. Ride at a walk, halt, stand.	_____	_____
5. Ride at a walk, halt, back, stand.	_____	_____
6. Ride a circle (both directions) at the walk.	_____	_____
7. Trot a circle (both directions) at the trot.	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

Project Story

This is to certify that _____ has successfully completed this project.

4-H Leader _____ Date _____

Extension Agent _____

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