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Virginia 4-H Horse Project Junior Record Book

Name	Date of Birth Age
Physical Address	
Mailing Address (if different)	
County in which you are enrolled for this project	
4-H Club	Years in 4-H (including this year)
Date Project Started	Date Project Completed

Honor Code					
Member Statement: I hereby certify that I have person personally completed this record book.*	nally kept the records on this project and have				
4-H Member's Signature	Date				
Record Approval: The 4-H member has completed th	is record book to a satisfactory level.				
Parent/Guardian Signature					
4-H Leader's Signature					
* If the member has a physical or learning disability that require 4-H Leader, or other adult to complete this record book, plea	0 1				

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Instructions for Using this Record Book

This book is designed to be the place where you keep records on your project. Read through the book carefully and complete all sections. It is important that you do your own work, but ask your 4-H leader, Extension agent, parents, or other 4-H volunteers for help when you do not understand something.

- 1. Obtain the appropriate record book based on the project you selected.
- 2. Read through this book and familiarize yourself with the kinds of records you will need and where information should be recorded. Discuss the book with your parent and/or 4-H leader.
- 3. Complete the essential information when you first start your project, such as the cover page and the project planning pages. Share your goals with your 4-H leader.
- 4. Keep your records up-to-date. Record information as it occurs. Consider setting aside specific times during the project when you will work on your record book and have those pages signed at the start of the 4-H year.
- 5. Write neatly and legibly. Use only one color of ink. This record book is PDF writable and may be completed digitally or hand-written.
- 6. Include at least one photograph of you with your project, but do not include more than two pages of photos. Additional clippings should be displayed in a scrapbook, not this record book.
- 7. Maintain your book in a 3-ring notebook/binder or folder.
- 8. Write a project story that captures what happened during your project. Discuss your goals, your activities, your challenges, and your accomplishments. Project stories must be at least five sentences; more experienced 4-H members' stories should be considerably longer and more thorough.

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Project Planning and Goal Setting for the Rider/Handler

This page should be completed at the start of your project, and you should share it with your 4-H leader.

Set at least three goals for yourself to accomplish this year with your project animal.

1. What do you want to learn and accomplish?

2. What new activities do you want to try?

3. What will you need to do to reach these goals?

Please tell us about your project (check all that apply)

I own my project	Project Name(s)
I borrow my project	
I lease my project	
I board my project	
I stable my project at home	

Project Planning and Goal Setting for the Animal

1. If acquiring your project animal this year, what factors will help you decide on your selection and why?(purpose, breed, age, price, etc.)

2. Where will you get your project? What are your reasons for selecting that breeder, farm, or business?

3. If boarding your project, name location and factors which helped you select the facility.

4. Describe a plan for your horse's activities (for example, specific training, schooling, showing, pleasure, etc):

After completion, show this page to your 4-H leader for approval at the start of the 4-H year.

Leader's Signature: _____



Horse Project Inventory Record (one chart for all)

	Project Identification							Date Obtained		
Name of Horse	Description (breed, color, registration number, etc.)	Height	Weight	Age	Sex	Foaled (Born)	Purchase or Lease Date	Value		

Animal Care and Management (one chart for all)

An animal project requires regular care and management. List the things necessary to take care of your project.

Include the following:

Feeding and watering practices

Grooming (clipping, trimming, foot care, etc.)

Health practices and medicines

General management (cleaning living area and feed pans, halter breaking, training, etc.)

Daily – Things done every day				
Example: fed, gave fresh water				
Weekly – Things done once a week				
Example: cleaned feed and water containers, gave new bedding, took riding lessons				
Monthly – Things done once a month				
Example: new shoes				
Yearly – Things done one time or occasionally throughout the year				
Example: vaccinations, float teeth				

Riding and Training Record (one chart for all)

Month	Number of Days Riding/Training	Total Hours	Description of Activity
Example	8	18	Trail ride, practice over fences
October			
lovember			
ecember			
January			
ebruary			
March			
April			
Мау			
June			
July			
August			
eptember			
	Total Days	Total Hours	

Tack, Equipment, and Supply Inventory (one chart for all)

At the beginning of the 4-H year, take an inventory of what equipment and supplies are on hand. Add new equipment or supplies you purchase to the list. We realize that often times equipment is shared between 4-H members. Please estimate a cost value for any shared equipment. (Ex. 1 set of clippers shared between 3 members \$250/3 = \$83.00 each.)

Number and Kind	Already Owned or Purchased	Purchase Price
Example: horse blanket	Already Owned	
1 feed bucket	Purchased	\$10.00

Total Tack, Equipment, and Supply Expenses



Horse Feeding Evaluation (one chart for all)

Horse Name	Age	Weight	Body Condition ScoreStatusWork Load (circle one)t(1-9)*(circle one)			Production Level (circle one)	Amount Fed/Day	
				Easy Keeper (gains weight easily) Average Keeper Hard Keeper (hard to keep weight on)	Maintenance (0-1 hours/day) Light (1-2 hours/day) Medium (2-4 hours/day) Heavy (+4 hours/day)	creating como	Grain lbs Forage lbs Supplements: oz	
				Easy Keeper (gains weight easily) Average Keeper Hard Keeper (hard to keep weight on)	Maintenance (0-1 hours/day) Light (1-2 hours/day) Medium (2-4 hours/day) Heavy (+4 hours/day)		Grain Ibs Forage Ibs Supplements: oz	
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				Easy Keeper (gains weight easily) Average Keeper Hard Keeper (hard to keep weight on)	Maintenance (0-1 hours/day) Light (1-2 hours/day) Medium (2-4 hours/day) Heavy (+4 hours/day)	Growing Senior Performance Lactating Maintenance/Mature/Idle	Grain Ibs Forage Ibs Supplements: oz	

1. What type of forage does (do) your horse(s) eat? (circle all that apply)

pasture	hay	alfalfa cubes	other type of forage	
2. What else do you fe	eed your horse(s)? (circl	e all that apply)		
salt	minerals	vitamins	supplements	
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See https://www.vetmed.vt.edu/vth/services/equine/docs/BCS_Chart.pdf for more information on choosing a Body Condition Score for your project.

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Feed Tag Information

1. What equine production level is this feed designed for? (Ex. maintenance, performance, etc.)

2.	What is the percentage crude protein level of this feed?
3.	What is the percentage crude fiber level of this feed?
4.	What is the percentage crude fat level of this feed?
5.	What is the main ingredient in this feed? (Hint: If the answer is not clear, it's probably the first ingredient listed.)

Please attach a tag or label from the feed being used for the project or use a separate page if needed.



How to Calculate Monthly Cost of Feeds

(Complete this page for one horse project)

Use this as a worksheet to calculate the monthly cost for grain, hay, supplements and forage. Carry these costs forward to the following page to calculate the annual cost of feeding your animal. Keep in mind, these amounts will likely vary with grazing seasons and equine nutritional needs (workload, condition, etc.) therefore use copies of this worksheet to recalculate totals as changes occur.

Grain

Cost of a bag of grain: S	₿÷	lbs in th	ne bag = \$	per lb	
Amount fed:	_ lbs per day X	day	vs (in month) =	lbs	
Monthly cost of grain: \$	(Cost per lb of grain)				
Нау					
Cost of a bale of hay: \$	÷	lbs p	er bale = \$	per lb	
Amount fed:	_ lbs per day X	da	ays (in month) =	lbs	;
Monthly cost of hay: \$ _	(Cost per lb of hay)				
Supplements					
Cost of the jar of supple	ements: \$	_ ÷	oz in contai	ner = \$	per oz
Amount fed:	oz per day X		days (in month)) =	0Z
Monthly cost of suppler	nents: \$	x	0Z	=	
	(Cost per	oz) (To	otal amount fed)	(Monthly cost	of Supplement)

Pasture

Pasture costs money! Maintaining pasture requires fertilizer, lime, seed, mowing (hiring someone or buying diesel for the tractor), repairing fence boards, etc. If you'd like to estimate the cost of providing pasture for your horse, take the dollars spent on these items each month and divide by the number of horses that use that pasture.

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(Dollars spent per Month)		(Number of horses)		(Monthly cost of pasture)

Horse Feeding Record (one chart for all)

Feed Cost Per Month											
Do you board your project? 🔲 Yes 🔲 No (If boarding, please work with your stable manager to determine these values.)											
	Grain	Amount	Cost	Нау	Amount	Cost	Pasture	Cost	Other	Cost	Month Total
Example	Sweet feed	50 lbs.	\$18.00	Orchardgrass	20 bales	\$100.00	Pasture	\$30.00	Biotin	\$7.00	\$155.00
October											
November											
December											
January											
February											
March											
April											
May											
June											
July											
August											
September											
		Total g	grain cost		Tot	al hay cost	Tota	l pasture cost	Total	other cost	Total feed cost

Hoof Care Record (one chart for all)

Record shoeing, trimming, and any additional hoof care.

Date	Horse	Туре	Cost
		Total Hoof Care Expenses	\$

Health and Veterinary Care Record (one chart for all)

Record routine and emergency veterinary visits and include specific vaccinations, Coggins test, dentistry, health certificate exams, and X-rays performed. If you lease a horse and are not directly responsible for these expenses, complete these sections as you best can.

Date	Name of Horse	Vaccination, Exam or Treatment	Cost
l		Total Veterinary Expenses	\$

Deworming Record						
Date	Name of Horse(s) TreatedBrand and doseC					

Total Deworming Expenses \$

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Additional Expenses or Fees (one chart for all)

List expenses that do not fit into one of the previous categories. Expenses include: boarding, leasing, training, riding lessons, insurance, transportation, breed association dues, registration papers etc.

Date	Description	Cost \$
L	Total Additional Expenses	\$

Show Summary (one chart for all)

Record the date and name of any shows attended, entry fees, and your placing out of the number of entries in the class. (*Make extra pages as needed*)

Date	Show	Class	Placing	Show Expenses (entry fees, etc.)
			out of	

Total Expenses \$



Project Expense Summary (one chart for all)

Many youth select projects as a hobby or for fun, but all projects will incur expenses. Please use this section to combine all expenses related to this project animal. If horse is being leased and/or boarded, some costs below are included in the lease/board agreement. Please record only your real expenses.

1. Tack, equipment, and supplies pg 9	\$
2. Feed expenses pg 13	\$
3. Hoof care expenses pg 14	\$
4. Health care expenses (vet checks, deworming, vaccinations) pg 15	\$
5. Additional expenses pg 16	\$
6. Show expenses pg 17	\$
Total Actual Annual Expenses =	\$

Questions

1. Evaluate and comment on the cost of keeping your project(s).

2. Looking ahead, do you think next year the final total expenses will be about the same, more, or less and what factors might affect this?

4-H Activities

Number of club meetings	held:	Number you attended:			
What 4-H committees did	you serve on?				
Did you hold an officer po If Yes, which one ? □ F	President	ent 🔲 Secretary	Treasurer	Reporter	
Other What other 4-H leadership			 or, teen leader, e	tc.)	

What other 4-H clubs did you belong to and/or what other projects did you complete?

4-H Activities

(community service, workshops, camps, Share-the-Fun, county contests, hippology, horse bowl, horse judging, presentations, State Capitol Day, trainings)

Date	Activity	Club, County, District, State	Placing or Comments

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Activities Outside 4-H

What other clubs or groups did you belong to this year? (school, church, community, etc.)

List any activities you participated in for scouts, sports groups, church, community service, etc. that were not affiliated with 4-H.

Date	Activity	Group	Comments

What leadership roles did you fulfill outside of 4-H? (school, church, community, etc.)

4-H Horse Project Story

The motto of 4-H is "learn by doing." Each year we learn something new by participating in a 4-H project. Please write a story that explains:

- What you have learned
- New skills you have gained over this past year in 4-H
- Goals you accomplished. If you accomplished your goals, how did you do so?

Other examples that you may consider writing about include: something that happened that was funny, sad, or exciting; challenges you faced and how you overcame them; who helped you with your project and how they contributed; things you are most proud of. Feel free to relate your 4-H experience to other parts of your life (school, home, family, friends, etc.). Junior members' stories should be *at least five sentences.*



Additional Records



** Please include the following documents: **

1) A copy of each project's Coggins

- 2) A copy of each project's Green Measurement Card
- 3) Your completed Horsemanship Skills Evaluations

4) 4-H Project Horse Eligibility/Declaration form (pub 406-125 (4H-694P)) for each project



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County/Unit

4-H Project Horse Eligibility/Declaration

A completed signed copy of this form along with three clear photos of groomed horse (directions on second page) must be submitted for each project horse. It is the 4-Hers responsibility to accurately complete and submit this form to the Extension agent by May 1 of each year. 4-Hers not declaring their 4-H Project Horse(s) by May 1 of each year will be ineligible to exhibit their horse(s) at the District Qualifying Shows or Clinics and State 4-H Horse Shows. The Extension agent will sign and date this form upon receipt and retain the original form.

Please Type or Print Neatly:

Member Information:		
Name:	Middle	Last
Phone Number:		
Address:		
Parent/Guardian:		
Club Information:		
Club Name:		
Leader's Name:		ader's Phone Number:
Horse Information:		
Horse's Show/Registered Name:	Н	orse's Nickname:
Breed:		Pate Foaled:
Stabled at:		
Official Measurement (needs to be updated	if animal is age 5 or under):	Date Measured:
Please circle the following that describes the	e horse/pony height category	(see height reference on page 2):
Miniature Small Pony Mediu	m Pony Large Pony	or Small Horse Large Horse
If the project animal is leased or owned by and sign below: I give permission for the horse listed abov member also listed above. I understand the	e and owned by me to be use	ed as a 4-H project animal for the 4-H
Signature of Owner:	Date:	Phone number:
Name and address of owner:		
The horse shown in the attached photograph 4-H year.* To the best of m		f this form is my project horse for the n provided is accurate and up to date.
4-H Member Signature:		Date:
Parent or Guardian Signature:		Date:
Leader Signature:		Date:
Extension Agent Signature:		Date:
*If all information is correct for subsequent years, this	form does not need to be resubmitted	l. Just initial and date for new project year.

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Attach three pictures of your horse per the instructions below (you may attach extra pages as necessary):

1. Left side view with all four legs and the front of the face visible.

2. Right side view with all four legs and the front of the face visible.

3. Front view of the horses face.

Color of body: _____

Color of mane and tail:

List markings, whorls, brands, dorsal stripe and scars:

Height Reference

Miniature

Small Pony: 12.2 hands and under

Medium Pony: Over 12.2 to 13.2 hands

Large Pony: Over 13.2 to 14.2 hands

Small Horse: Over 14.2 not exceeding 15.2 1/2

Large Horse: Over 15.2 1/2 hands

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Project Photos



** Please limit yourself to a maximum of two photo pages. **

Additional memorabilia should be displayed in a scrapbook or 4-H portfolio.



*Optional – Record Book Scorecard

4-H Members: Leave this page blank. The person judging your book will complete the score card.

Points Possible	Scoring Criteria	Points Awarded by Judge
10	Neatness (legible writing, one color ink, well organized)	
15	Completeness (all pages and sections, complete thoughts and ideas)	
5	Signatures obtained on front cover (member, parent, leader)	
10	Accuracy (no math errors, factual statements made)	
20	Project Work (goals set, evidence of work throughout the year, goals accomplished, book completed by 4-H member, not an adult)	
10	4-H Participation (meetings, clinics, workshops, camps, contests, educational experiences)	
20	Project Story (well written, original, creative, complete thoughts, grammar, mechanics)	
10	Photos, clippings, etc. (included at least one photo, not more than 2 pages)	
100	Total Points Earned	
	Scoring: 90-100 Blue, 75-89 Red, 74 or below White	
Judge's Comments:		