

4-H I CAN DO...

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Horses

The 4-H Horse Project Is . . .

Horses! Just the word makes you think of good times—of long rides along nature trails, or fast runs in a rodeo, or even quiet hours alone with your horse.

But if you've ever had a horse, you also know horses take a lot of time, work, and care. That's how the 4-H Horse Project can help you.

This project teaches you to care for and train your horse. It also provides events you can take part in to improve and show your horsemanship skills. And you'll have the chance to be with other people who love horses as much as you do.

The 4-H Horse Project is one of the most popular 4-H projects. Young people in both the city and the country enjoy riding. If you take the project, you need a horse to feed, care for, train, and ride. The horse can be kept at your home or can be boarded at a nearby stable. Either way, you must work with your horse on a regular schedule.

One of the most popular activities in the 4-H Horse Project is the horse show. Four-H horse shows at county and state levels provide classes in Western, English, Speed Events, Showmanship, Trail, and a wide variety of other class options.

Things You'll Learn

- The parts of a horse
- How to feed and care for a horse
- The gaits required in various classes of a horse show
- Equipment required for various types of horses
- Proper riding position



Things You Can Do

- Attend county horse club meetings
- Feed and care for your horse
- Show your horse in county and state 4-H horse shows
- Keep records on your project animal or animals
- Organize and participate in trail rides
- Give talks about horses

4-H Horse Project

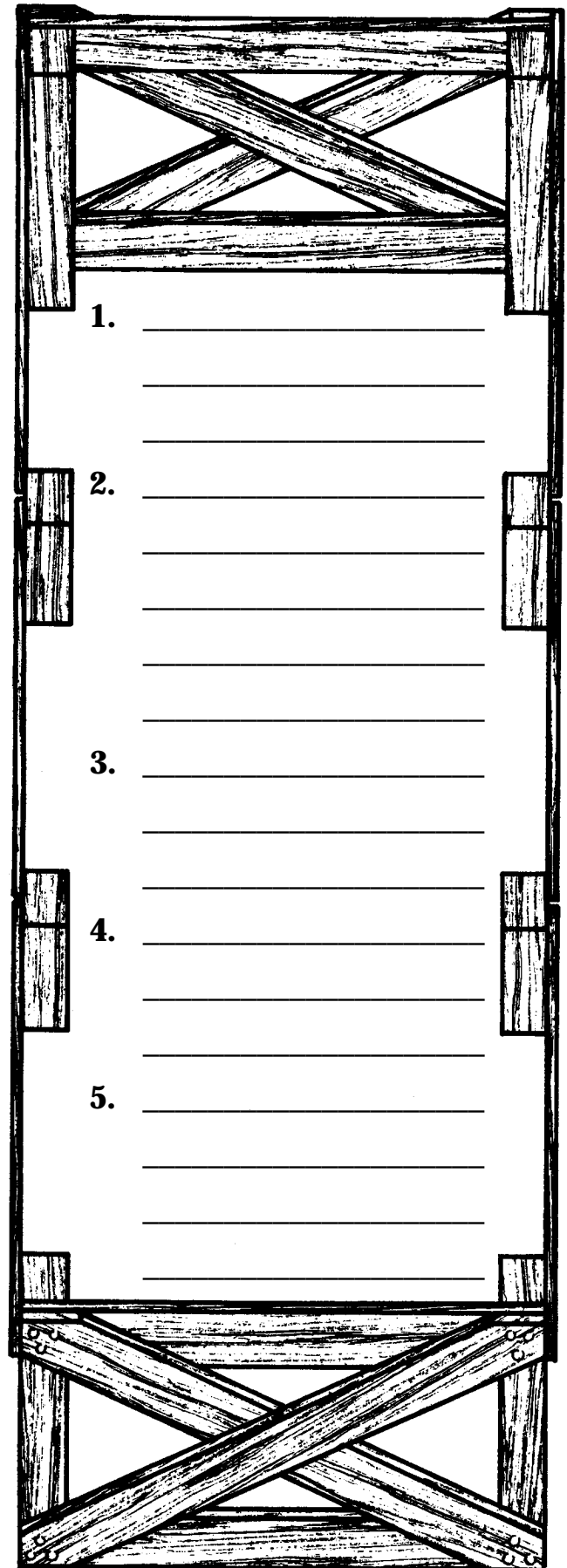
Activity of _____

Date _____ 4-H Club _____

Horse Scramble

Below are some facts about horses. But it looks like the letters stamped and got mixed up! Round them up and unscramble the answers. Then put them in the corral.

1. What three gaits are required in an English Pleasure class?
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2. What are five nutrients required by horses?
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3. What are three types of saddles?
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4. In what three classes in a horse show are the placings based on time?
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5. What are four breeds of horses?
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Annual Record of Horse Activities, _____

Name _____ County _____ Age _____

Identification of Project Horse

Name of project animal _____

Breed _____ Height _____ Weight _____

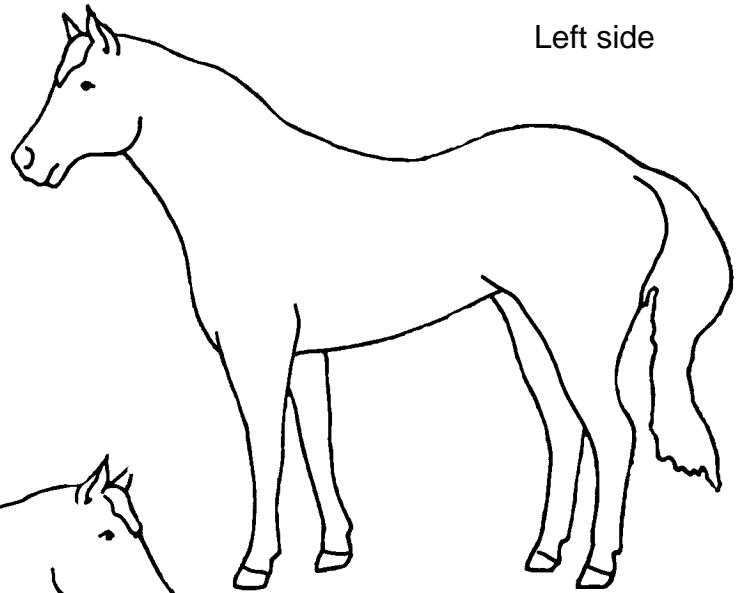
Description _____

Date of birth _____

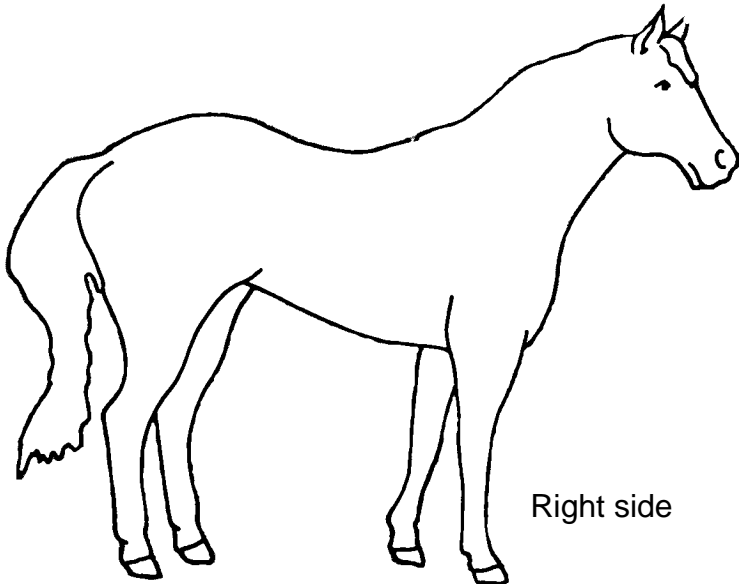
Sire _____ Dam _____ Estimated value _____

Date of Coggins Test _____

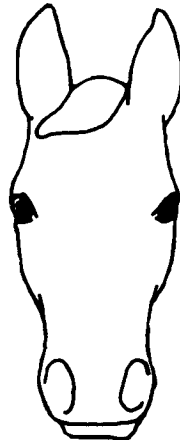
Draw in head, leg, and other markings of your project horse.



Left side



Right side



Expense Record

Each time you spend money for your horse, save the receipt or record the date, amount, and purpose on a notebook. At the end of each month, total your expenses and record them below.

| Date | Grain Amount & Cost | Hay Amount & Cost | Supplements Kind & Cost | Health Care Service & Cost | Other* |
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| Totals: | | | | | |

*Boarding, farrier service, hauling, lessons

Health Record

| Date | Health Care Given | Date | Health Care Given |
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Participation Record

List when and where you've taken part in an event with your horse. Include horse shows, trail rides, parades, rodeos, etc.

| Date | Name of Event | Place | What You Did |
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Answers to Horse Scramble:

- 1. walk, trot, canter
- 2. carbohydrates, protein, vitamins, minerals, water
- 3. hunt seat, saddle seat, western
- 4. poles, barrels, stake race
- 5. quarter horse, arabian, thoroughbred, pinto



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For more information, call your county Extension office. Look in your telephone directory under your county's name to find the number.

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