

Horse and Pony

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Note: Required activities must be completed before record sheet is approved.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project allows the 4-H member to learn about horses and ponies. This includes selection of animals, proper care, safety and good showmanship practices. Learning about the horse industry and how it works is another part of this project.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. The Horse & Pony project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair but does not advance to State Fair. Refer to the Animal Poster section and contact the Horse & Pony Project Leader for more details. See Poster Guideline section in this rule book for Poster Requirements.
2. Each member **MUST** complete and submit the following:
 - a. A standard 4 -H enrollment form by county deadline.
 - b. Record sheet to be turned in day of show at the Clinton County & 4-H Fair; and
 - c. A 4-H 5516, 4-H Horse & Pony Enrollment and Ownership Form for each horse entered by May 15, along with a picture of each horse listed on the enrollment form shows all major identifying markings. (face and all 4 legs/hooves)
3. Animals should be in the 4-H member's possession and records started by May 15. **All Lease forms and vaccination records must be completed by May 15 as well.**
4. The date of the last meeting prior to the fair is a required deadline to sign up for show classes.
5. Members **MUST** complete the Ground safety class to participate in equine activities. Prior to participating in any mounted club event the rider must complete the mounted safety class.
6. Any animal exhibit must be shown and owned by the 4-H member or in partnership with the 4-H member's father, mother, brother, sister, grandparent, or legal guardian. Exception - Leased animals may be shown subject to the approval of both the county 4-H Horse and Pony Committee and the 4-H Youth Extension Educator.
7. Members may exhibit a maximum of three (3) animals at the county level. Members may exhibit a maximum of one (1) animal per class, (with exception of mare and foal classes, in which the member may exhibit one mare and her foal and individual performance classes, i.e., contesting, reining, etc.). An exhibitor may enroll one (1) animal in the Indiana State Fair.
8. NO stallions are eligible to show except weanlings.
9. January 1 shall be considered the birth date of all animals. Registered and/or grade animals may be shown in all classes.
10. Riding will be permitted on the Fairgrounds **ONLY** at authorized times and places.
11. There will be no horses tied in the cattle barn.
12. Only 4-H members will be permitted to ride 4-H animals on the fairgrounds on the days of the 4-H horse show.

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13. Brothers and/or sisters may show the same family horse or pony if the family does not have enough animals for each child, provided there is not a conflict of their showing in the same class.
14. There will be absolutely NO animal substitutions (this includes injury or death). A member may complete this record sheet and complete the project year.
15. All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmet whenever mounted, or driving, at a 4-H Horse and Pony event, show, or activity. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted or driving. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. This policy applies to all county, area, and state 4-H Horse and Pony events, shows and activities.
 - a. Everyone must wear appropriate safety equipment when mounted on a horse, including volunteers and parents. This applies to all 4-H events, including practices and fair exhibition.
16. Exhibitor must wear exhibit numbers on their backs in the show ring. It is common courtesy to be ready for your class when it is called. Two (2) minutes after the class is called, the gate will be closed and judging will begin.
17. Weanlings, yearlings, and two-year old animals must be shown as height of dam, except if their height exceeds the dams.
18. All classes shall be judged according to the Indiana 4-H Horse & Pony Handbook (4-H 661). Classes not covered by this rulebook will be judged according to breed specific rules when appropriate.
19. The appropriate helmet and boots must be worn by the 4-H Exhibitor in all classes while rider is mounted.

These regulations and requirements have been made in conjunction with the State 4-H Horse & Pony regulations and the Clinton County 4-H Horse & Pony Committee. They were approved by the Clinton County 4-H Council and will be revisable following each year's Indiana State Fair with all revisions being presented at the first meeting of the year.

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Poster exhibits must have the standardized exhibit card in the lower right-hand corner with the 4-H member's name, project and club. Allow room on your poster for the exhibit card. The exhibit cards will be available at check-in time at the fair.

1. Posters must be 22" x 28" and DISPLAYED HORIZONTALLY and not vertically.
2. POSTER MUST BE SELF-SUPPORTING (remain standing when leaned at a slight angle). Use heavy cardboard or foam board. For foam board, contact the Extension Office.
3. All posters must be covered with clear plastic (NOT SARAN WRAP). Contact the Extension Office to purchase acetate poster sleeves.
4. All poster type projects must have a title or theme on the poster. Check your manual for specifications. Be sure the poster accurately meets the guidelines and objectives of the activities in the manual.
5. All items must be securely mounted on the poster or display board
6. When designing your poster, you should consider: lines, shapes, textures, colors and placement of items.