

HORSE and PONY

(Last updated 12/2020)

State Fair Entries: Due by July 1st

References:	BU-1518Y	Giddy Up & Go Level 1: Discovering Horses (grades 3-5)
	BU-1519Y	Head, Heart & Hooves Level 2: Horse Raising (grades 6-8)
	BU-1520Y	Stable Relationships Level 3: Horse Care (grades 9-12)
	BU-8056	Riding the Range Level 4 (all grades) Beginning Riding
	BU-8057	Jumping to New Heights Level 5 (all grades) Advanced Riding
	4-H-901a-W	Beginner Record Sheet
	4-H-901b-W	Intermediate Record Sheet
	4-H-901c-W	Senior Record Sheet
	4-H-661	Horse & Pony Handbook
	4-H-1010	Equine Science, Basic Knowledge For Horse People of All Ages
	4-H-1031-W	Certificate of Completion of IN – vaccination form
	4-H-869-W	Animal Lease Agreement

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OBJECTIVES:

The exhibition of animals, and 4-H as a whole, is intended to be a learning experience for members. The objectives of the Horse and Pony Club are to provide a means for 4-H members to:

1. Develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship and other desirable traits.
2. Be better prepared for citizenship responsibilities through working in groups and supporting horse projects and activities.
3. Promote a greater love for animals and the humane treatment toward them.
4. Experience the pride of working with a horse or pony and being responsible for its management and welfare.
5. Develop an appreciation for horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.
6. Enhance their horsemanship skills and knowledge as well as understanding the business of breeding, raising and training horse and ponies.
7. Increase their knowledge of basic safety precautions in order to prevent injury to themselves, their horse and others.
8. It is the expectation of the Clay County 4-H Council Board of Directors that any assistance provided be the purpose of teaching a member correct care and NOT be an action undertaken by an individual solely in an effort to help place the animal higher by improving showing characteristics.

ENROLLMENT:

1. The 4-H member must be enrolled in the Clay County 4-H by January 15th and Horse and Pony project by May 15th. Club dues are to be paid by May 15th.
2. Animal must be under the 4-H member's ownership or lease by May 15th. No animal may be substituted or traded.
3. Each member must complete the Indiana 4-H Horse & Pony 4HOnline Animal Enrollment showing a picture of his animal's colorings and markings by **MAY 15th**.
4. Any animal exhibited must be shown and owned by the contestant, or owned in partnership with the contestant's father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent or legal guardian. Leased animals may be shown subject to the approval of both the County 4-H Horse and Pony

leaders and the County Extension Educator.

5. Each member shall assume the daily responsibility for his/her animal and tack. The level of responsibility assumed shall be determined by the exhibitor's age and ability.
6. No stallions are eligible to show and are not allowed on the grounds.
7. No foals are eligible to show and are not allowed on the grounds. Mares with a foal by their side are eligible to show. Foals and Mare/Foal combinations may be entered into 4-H online animal ID by May 15th to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair but they will not show at the county level.

GROOMING:

4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.

- At the County and State Fair, State Fair and 4-H officials reserve the right to request identification from any individual grooming any animal(s), violations to the policy may result in the disqualification of an animal entry.
- **Beginning in 2019 applicants must also complete the online Animal Ethics modules located here <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx> every two years.** These 4 modules are intended to reiterate the importance of providing a foundation for 4-H families to start a conversation about livestock ethics and an understanding of why rules are in place. Ensure 4-H parents and adult mentors realize they are representatives of a larger livestock industry and give them tools to communicate effectively with the general public on behalf of that community. Last but certainly not least, to ensure animals in the Indiana 4-H Program are treated with the utmost care. At the conclusion of 4 modules please enter your name and county of primary residence.

❖ Steps for registering for the Indiana 4-H Grooming Assistance Program

1. Read through grooming assistance program requirement overview document
2. Complete the 4 online Animal Ethics modules entitled: **Purpose of 4-H Livestock Programs, Ethical Decision Making, Public Perceptions, Putting into Practice** located here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx> once every 2 years (starting April 2019)
3. Annually submit the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program Application and a copy driver's license to Courtney

Email: dickerso@purdue.edu OR Mail to: Purdue Extension, State 4-H Office
615 W State St
West Lafayette IN 47907

HEALTH:

1. The following applies to horses coming from Indiana for exhibition in Indiana:
 - a. All 4-H Horse and Pony exhibitors must supply a completed [2021 Certificate of Completion of Indiana 4-H Requirements for Exhibition of 4-H Horse and Pony](#) (Form 4-H-1031-W).
 - b. A health certificate of veterinary inspection is not required.
 - c. An EIA (Coggins) test is not required.
2. No horse may be exhibited showing any symptoms of any communicable disease.

3. All animals must be sound, humanely treated and healthy. A licensed veterinarian may remove any questionable animals. Animals are subject to inspection by a licensed veterinarian.
4. For more information on equine health requirements call the Indiana State BOAH at (877) 747-3038 extension 322.
5. Horses coming from out of state for exhibition in Indiana must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Each horse must test negative for Coggins with 12 months of the date of exhibition. Each horse must be accompanied by an official health certificate of veterinary inspection that indicates the results of the Coggins test.
6. For all health issues not specifically covered by the rules, refer to the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook.

STALL REQUIREMENTS:

1. All exhibitors shall keep their animal(s) at the fair until the scheduled release time, unless barn space is limited. This is at the discretion of the adult leader(s).
2. All 4-H'ers are expected to help with set-up and clean-up.
3. Each exhibitor will be required to pay a \$10.00 stall deposit per stall, refundable upon completion of stall cleaning at the time of release of animals. All stalls must be approved by a Horse and Pony committee member to obtain refund.

SHOW:

1. All 4-H Livestock will be shown by current Clay County 4-H members only.
 2. Entry in fair classes must be made no later than JULY 1st in fair entry (<https://faireentry.com/>) No new classes maybe entered after July 1st.
 3. Grade and registered animals will be shown in the same class.
 4. The exhibit classes will correspond with the State Fair classes, and additional classes can be added. Not all classes offered at State Fair will be offered at the county level.
 5. Only one animal per exhibitor may be shown in each class unless resulting champions dictate otherwise.
 6. All members must wear proper attire, **including approved headgear when required**. Refer to Official Handbook.
 7. Contesting horses must enter and exit the arena at a controlled walk.
 8. All animals must be shown by the club member with no assistance from another person other than another club member, family member, or person intervening for the immediate safety and well-being of the exhibitor and the animals.
 9. If in the opinion of the judge and/or adult leader(s), the club members cannot safely exhibit the animal, they will be credited for completing when the record book is submitted.
 10. For all issues not specifically covered by these rules, refer to the Indiana 4-H Horse & Pony Handbook.
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