

KENTUCKY 4-H PROJECT OVERVIEW

4-H HORSE PROJECT



Image: KY 4-H Horse Program

Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

Are you Into It?

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Participate in the 4-H Youth Horse Program!

- Experience the pride of working with a horse, pony or mule and being responsible for its management and welfare.
- Develop an appreciation for horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.
- Gain an understanding of the business of breeding, raising and training horses, ponies and/or mules.

Here's what you can do all year!

Starting Out Basic/Level 1

- Learn about nutrition, feeding, health, and daily care.
- Identify breeds.
- Select, care for, and train your animal.
- Learn horsemanship skills.

Learning More Intermediate/Level 2

- Research common parasites and treatment.
- Participate in horse judging.
- Prepare and give oral reasons.
- Demonstrate how to properly groom an animal for show.
- Learn how to properly use, store, and administer medications.
- Demonstrate proper food safety procedures.

Expanding Horizons Advanced/Level 3

- Learn about equine reproduction.
- Research the clinical signs and treatment of equine diseases.
- Calculate feed rations.
- Research different housing systems.
- Develop questions and hold a quiz bowl.

Communication

- Write a newspaper article on how to properly care for a horse.
- Demonstrate how to safely mount and dismount a horse.

Citizenship

- Organize and lead a lesson for a Cloverbud Club on how to safely approach and handle a horse.
- Volunteer to assist at a local horse show or event.

Leadership

- Teach a class on how to properly saddle a horse.
- Mentor a younger 4-Her on how to prepare and give oral reasons.

4-H is a community of young people who are learning leadership citizenship and life skills.

Learn more at www.kentucky4h.org or contact your county extension office.

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Take Horse Further!

Explore Horse

- Give a 4-H speech or demonstration on how to properly care for a horse.
- Participate in a county, district or state horse show.
- Tour a local horse farm.
- Enter a craft in the State 4-H Horse Crafts Contest.
- Job shadow an equine veterinarian or farrier.
- Participate in the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest.
- Schedule a visit with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment. Website: <http://www.ca.uky.edu/>

Events

- State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- Hippology
- Horse Bowl
- Individual Presentation
- Team Presentation
- Public Speaking
- Arts and Crafts
- Photography
- District Horse Shows
- District Horse Camps
- State Horse Show

For additional information visit the 4-H Horse Website at <http://afs.ca.uky.edu/4h-youth/horse>.

Resources

4-H Resources	Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse Academy Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 • Horse Safety Guidelines • Kentucky Livestock and Horse Volunteer Certification Manual • Kentucky Livestock Kit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Horse Project Record Book

Exhibit Ideas

- Create a poster showing the costs associated with purchasing and caring for a horse.
- Develop a video demonstrating how to properly groom a horse.
- Prepare an exhibit showcasing the various equipment needed to care for a horse.
- Create a poster showing the body parts of a horse.
- Develop a display featuring breeds of horses commonly seen in Kentucky.
- Prepare an exhibit featuring different career opportunities in the equine industry.
- Create a poster that includes important equine terminology.

