

4-H Motto "To Make The Best Better"

THE EQUESTRIAN RECORD BOOK

Agess 16 and older as of January 1 of Current year

MEMBER NAME: _____

REQUIREMENTS Properly kept records are a vital part of horse ownership. Records give a clear picture of what you have invested in the project. Records also provide you with accurate facts about your horse project. While scrapbooking and additional materials are not discouraged, please remember that this book is a health, care and riding documentation of you and your project horse.

- ☐ COMPLETE AND INCLUDE ALL PAGES IN NUMERICAL ORDER. See Exceptions, Instruction N.
- ☐ Additional content must be placed at the end of the Horse Record Book.
- ☐ The Horse Record Book must be submitted in a binder or notebook. No loose pages please.
- ☐ All signatures are required. The parent signature may be waived if the 4-H member is 18 years of age or older.
- ☐ **A score of 70 points or higher with all pages complete is required** to compete at the Kent County Youth Fair for awards, trophies or ribbons.

INSTRUCTIONS

A) Member Information

- ❖ **Records begin September 1st** **EXCEPTIONS - See Instruction O, pg 14**
- ❖ Date record completed should reflect the date of the last entry.
- ❖ Exhibitor # is the first letter of the member's last name with the last 4 digits of social security number.
- ❖ 4-H age is the member's age as of January 1st of the current 4H year.
- ❖ Years in horse project do not include years as an Explorer and does include the current year.

B) Horse Information

- ❖ Photo must clearly show the full body view of the horse with halter and lead only.
- ❖ Written description of your horse project using proper terminology to describe color and markings.
- ❖ If your records change due to change of horse, please add a note at the start of the book to let the judge know.

C) Horse Health

- ❖ Health records should begin on September 1st and end when the record book is considered complete (should match end date on Member Information page).
- ❖ Include a copy of your horse's immunization record (e.g. copy of vet bill, copy of packaging) at the end of the record book.
- ❖ Include a copy of your horse's Coggins test results at the end of the record book.
- ❖ If no illness/injury or dental care, explain what you did to maintain your horse's health.

D) Horse Care and Preventative Health Maintenance

- ❖ Maintaining good health care is important for every animal, but is especially important for animals kept in captivity. Choose one specific area of care that has been particularly important to your horse (examples include but are not limited to nutrition, grooming, exercise schedules, sanitation, veterinary care, etc.) Explain all the care you give to your horse in that particular area to help maintain good health. This should be an in-depth report about your particular horse's needs and what it takes to obtain optimal health parameters within the specific area of care you've chosen.

E) Feeding and Bedding Summary

- ❖ Amount column should reflect number of pounds used for one month (30 or 31 days).
- ❖ Cost should reflect the cost of the number of pounds used in that month. For example, if you buy 50 lbs. of feed for \$8.00 in September, but you only feed 25 lbs., the cost for September should be \$4.00.
- ❖ If your family bales their own hay, assign a fair market value to each bale of hay used. For example, if you use 10 bales of hay in September and you choose to assign \$2.50 per bale, you would document \$25.00 spent on hay in the September cost box.
- ❖ If you board, please explain who is feeding/cleaning and get feeding/bedding information to provide details in your book.
- ❖ Describe your Grain in terms you understand such as pellet or sweet feed, brand of feed used. Consider inserting a tag off the feed bag to document contents of feed. Do not include actual samples.
- ❖ Describe hay and pasture using proper terminology such as alfalfa, timothy, grass, etc.
- ❖ Describe supplements provided to your horse using brand name if applicable and include salt/mineral blocks if provided. Explain why you provide the supplement(s) to your horse as well as amount and cost.
- ❖ Describe bedding used such as straw or pine shavings. If no bedding is used, please explain (e.g. horse is kept outside with shelter).

F) Project Plans

- ❖ Answer all three questions regarding your goals and plans to receive full credit.

G) Educational Experiences

- ❖ List experiences starting as of September 1st. Note specific sources, names, dates and locations.
- ❖ Examples include seminars, clinics, informational book(s) you read and meeting presentations. A general 4-H club meeting does not count as an educational experience unless there is a special presentation, specific educational topic discussed or speaker.
- ❖ Add up to 3 additional education experiences for bonus points!

H) Show Record

- ❖ Keep track of shows and results starting as of September 1st.
- ❖ You should include the Kids Fun Night Out (KFNO) shows.
- ❖ Check the box if you did not show your horse. You are not penalized for not being able to show. However, please tell us why you were unable to show.

I) Purchases and Gifts

- ❖ This is a listing of items that you purchased, received as a gift, or borrowed to use with your project horse. For example, this may include tack, grooming supplies, fly spray, and horse treats.
- ❖ Include individual costs and total. If item was a gift or borrowed, estimate the value.
- ❖ Records should begin on September 1st.

J) Club Meeting Attendance (½ pt per meeting attended & documented in record book. Maximum of 4pt)

- ❖ Include the time you spend at your 4-H club meetings.
- ❖ Meeting topics would be a one or two word description of what was covered at the meeting

K) Mounted Meeting Attendance and/or Riding Lessons

- ❖ Include the time you spend at your 4-H club mounted meetings or riding lessons
- ❖ Describe what was learned at the meeting or riding lesson
- ❖ Multiple lines may be used to describe what was learned

L) Maneuvers

- ❖ Describe what you are teaching your horse, mounted or dismounted. Describe the technique, why, how, when, how often, where, what you could use the maneuver to do. Describe the responsiveness of your

horse Did your horse learn quickly or still learning; These can be simple to complex but your description needs to be very detailed as if learning it yourself for the first time, start to finish. (examples: side pass, roll back, speed events, jumping, ground poles, piaffe, sliding stop, simple or flying lead change, or walk to canter depart, ground tie, obstacles, clipping, bathing, etc.)

- ❖ Complete up to 3 additional maneuvers for bonus points!

M) Leadership Project Report

- ❖ Describe one area you have been involved with this year, whether in your club, school, or other area of your community. Keep in mind contributions can be made in leadership roles, volunteer work, or simply time spent assisting others. How would you encourage others to get involved contributing in this particular area? How have you been affected by your work in this role? How has your work benefitted others?
- ❖ Written explanation of your involvement in leadership this year.

N) Signatures

- ❖ All three signatures are required to receive full credit and eligibility for honorable mention and outstanding awards. The only exception is if the member is 18 or over which does not require a parent signature. Please note this in "Exceptions."

O) Exceptions must be clearly documented.

- ❖ Exceptions to September 1st start date include but are not limited to, purchase or lease of project horse after September OR a new member joining the club after the start of the 4-H year.
- ❖ If you are unable to COMPLETE ALL PAGES as required, you must submit an explanation. However, incomplete books are subject to judge's discretion and Record Book Committee vote which may subject the member to competing as exhibition only.

General

- ❖ All pages must be in the correct order and you must include all pages. If you leave a page blank, it must still be included. Provide an explanation for why the page is blank if you cannot meet expected requirements.
- ❖ The book may be decorated or enhanced as long as all pages are included and kept in order. Additional pages, photos and memories must be at the end of the record book.
- ❖ Do not include pages from previous years unless they are part of a story or report you are including. *"Previous Year" is defined as information prior to the Record Book deadline date of last year. (You may use last year's pictures from fair.)*
- ❖ Consider using dividers with tabs to organize your record book (especially for the extra information included at the end of the record book).
- ❖ Clearly label reports and stories. Reports and stories must include the date authored.
- ❖ You must use the record book for the current calendar year.
- ❖ BONUS option - The "Extra" page attached to the back of this Record Book can be completed for extra points.

EXTRA CREDIT SECTION:

Earn up to 50 Extra Points

1. Community Service Project Report
2. Monthly Care and Riding/Training Sheets
3. Additional Maneuvers
4. In-Depth Story or Report
5. Photographs
6. Exceptional Organization & Creativity
7. Additional Educational Experiences



THE EQUESTRIAN

Horse and Pony Project Record Book

Ages 16 and older as of January 1 of Current year

MEMBER INFORMATION

See Instruction A

Date Record Began:		Date Record Completed:	
Name:			
Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Date of Birth:	4-H Age:	Years in Horse Project:	
Exhibitor #	4-H Club Name:		
4-H Club Leader:		Leader Phone #	
Horsemaster Level (Check <u>one</u>):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Novice W/T	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice Advanced	
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Advanced		
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Horsemaster	

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT HORSE/PONY

Project Horse/Pony Photo

A photo of your project animal is required. Photo should show entire horse clearly.

HORSE/PONY INFORMATION

See instruction B

Name of Horse:		Horse's Nickname:	
Breed:	Registration #	Not Registered: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Color:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mare <input type="checkbox"/> Gelding	Year Foaled:	
Horse's Height:		Horse's Weight:	
Purchase Date:		OR Lease Date:	

Describe your horse using proper terminology for **breed, color, sex, markings, etc.**

HORSE HEALTH

See Instruction C

Veterinarian Name:	Phone #
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Vital Signs

Horse's temperature:	Respiration:	Pulse:
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Immunizations Attach a copy of immunization documentation at the end of the record book.

Date	Name/Description of Vaccine	Cost	Administered by
			<input type="checkbox"/> Vet <input type="checkbox"/> Self
			<input type="checkbox"/> Vet <input type="checkbox"/> Self
			<input type="checkbox"/> Vet <input type="checkbox"/> Self
			<input type="checkbox"/> Vet <input type="checkbox"/> Self

Coggins Test Attach a copy of your horse's coggins test at the end of the record book

Date of Test:	Cost:
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Dental Care

Equine Dentist's Name:	Phone #
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Date	Procedure and Results	Cost
If no dental care was required, explain what you did to maintain your horse's healthy teeth.		

Deworming

Date	Product Name/Brand/Description	Cost	Method Used Daily, Paste, fecal test, etc.

Hoof Care

Farrier's Name:		Phone #
Date	Work Performed	Cost
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Trim <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Trim <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Trim <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Trim <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Describe:	

Wellness Exams, Illnesses, Injuries, etc.

List any care or treatment administered by yourself or your veterinarian. Include medicine, amount and frequency.

Date	Description, treatment and outcome

HORSE CARE AND PREVENTATIVE HEALTH MAINTENANCE

See Instruction D

IN-DEPTH REPORT

FEEDING AND BEDDING SUMMARY

See instruction E

Month	Grain		Hay		Bedding	
	Amount (pounds)	Cost	Amount (bales)	Cost	Amount Type	Cost
September						
October						
November						
December						
January						
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July (until turn in date)						
Total feed/bedding amounts & costs						

Describe where your horse is kept.

Do you board your horse? If so, how much is this expense per month.

Describe your grain.

Describe your hay and pasture.

Describe all supplements, salt blocks, minerals, etc., amount and cost.

Describe bedding used.

PROJECT PLANS

See Instruction F

What goal(s) did you have for you and your horse this year?

Describe what you did to try to reach your goal(s), what the outcome was, and what you learned through the process?

What goal(s) would you like to see for you and your horse next year?

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

See Instruction G

Complete at least 3 to receive full credit. List seminars, clinics, demonstrations, meeting presentations or educational books, articles that you read, training DVDs, etc. that you completed this year.

Date	Event/Topic
Describe what you did, what you saw, what you discovered ...	

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Describe what you did, what you saw, what you discovered ...	

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Describe what you did, what you saw, what you discovered ...	

See Instruction H

☐ I was not able to show this year. Explain please: _____

See Instruction I

Total Cost:

☐ I did not need to purchase any items or receive any gifts for my horse project this year.
Explain:

CLUB MEETING ATTENDANCE

See Instruction J

Date	Meeting Topic	Time Spent

MOUNTED MEETINGS, LESSONS, INSTRUCTION

See Instruction K

Date	Leader, Instructor, etc.	Describe what was learned	Time Spent

MANEUVERS

COMPLETE 3 *Mounted, Dismounted, On-Line, Off-Line, etc.*
See Instruction L

1ST MANEUVER

2ND MANEUVER

3RD MANEUVER

LEADERSHIP REPORT

See Instruction M

SIGNATURES

Instruction N

As a 4H Member, I verify that I have read the requirements and instructions for completion of this Record Book and I understand that I must score 70 points or higher in the requirements to complete the project and compete for awards. By signing, I agree with and understand the requirements of this project.

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:

PARENT'S SIGNATURE:

Parent Comments:

By signing my name as leader of the club I verify that this member:

- ☐ Is in good standing with the club
- ☐ Has read and understands the Requirements and knows a score of 70 or higher is required to compete for awards.
- ☐ Has read and understands the instructions for completing the record book
- ☐ Completed this record book in the current year to the best of the members ability.

LEADER'S SIGNATURE:

EXCEPTIONS

Instruction O

THE EQUESTRIAN RECORD BOOK

Judge's page and scoring Guide

A **score of 70 or more in the "required elements" section** is needed to complete your horse project. If your horse project is considered incomplete, you may exhibit your horse project at the youth fair. However, your participation will be considered Exhibition, meaning you will not be eligible for ribbons or be considered for trophies.

Section/Elements	Score Possible	Score Achieved
GENERAL ELEMENTS		
Member Information	2	
Records begin on September 1 (*See Instruction O, pg 14)	1	
Required project animal photographs	1	
Horse information	2	
Description of horse project	2	
Section Total:	8	
HORSE HEALTH		
Vet Information	1	
Vital Signs	1	
Immunizations and documentation(s)	3	
Coggins Test and documentation	2	
Dental Care	2	
Deworming	3	
Hoof Care	3	
Wellness Exam/Illness/Injury	2	
Horse care and preventative health maintenance Report	12	
Section Total:	29	
NUTRITION & BEDDING		
Feeding and Bedding Chart	4	
Description of living conditions/Boarding expense	2	
Description of Grain (no samples please)	2	
Description of Hay (no samples please)	2	
Description of Supplements	1	
Description of Bedding	1	
Section Total:	12	
PROJECT PLANS / EDUCATION / SHOWS		
Project Plans	6	
Educational Experiences (3 required) 3 points per experience	9	
Individual Horse Show Record	2	
Purchases and Gifts	2	
4-H Meeting attendance	4	
Mounted Meetings, Lessons, Instruction	5	
Section Total:	28	

PROJECT AND PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS		
Maneuvers	12	
Leadership Project Report	5	
All REQUIRED signatures	3	
Neatness and Overall Appearance	3	
Section Total	23	
TOTAL FOR REQUIRED SECTION (Must achieve 70 points or more in this section)	100	

BONUS SECTION (OPTIONAL)		
Community Service project report (3 pts. each, maximum 6 pts.)	0-6	
Extra Care and Riding/Training sheets (2 pts. each - maximum 12pts)	0-12	
OR		
Extra Maneuvers (4 pts. each – maximum 12 pts.)		
In-Depth Report(s)/Story (1-5pts. for each report. Must be dated and completed in current 4-H year. Maximum 15pt.s.) Points award is based on effort and completeness.	0-15	
Photo section displaying 4-Her and horse project	0-5	
Exceptional organization, creativity	0-3	
Extra Educational Experiences (3 points per experience Maximum of 9 pts.)	0-9	
Total possible bonus points awarded	50	
GRAND TOTAL FROM ALL SECTIONS	150	

Outstanding Award (ribbon)
 Top 10% of The Rider projects
 Top 10% of The Wrangler projects
 Top 10% of The Equestrian projects

Honorable Mention (ribbon) are awarded for Record Books receiving more then 100 points and only if ALL required elements are complete

A = 90-100
 B = 80-89
 C = 70-79
 E = 0-69 Failed to meet the requirements

*(A score of "E" - Failed to meet the requirements will **not** be allowed to compete for awards/ribbons/trophies at fair.*

Questions about this score can be directed to _____
 Comments from judge:

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

IMMUNIZATIONS

AND

COGGINS RECORDS

EXTRA CREDIT COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Name at least one community service project or outreach you have been involved in this year. How did you learn about the opportunity and how did it affect your community? Why would you encourage others to get involved in community service? How has your life been affected by your community service involvement? What does community service mean to you? Is it important? Why or why not? What are the advantages and disadvantages of community service?

EXTRA CREDIT

MANEUVERS

Mounted, Dismounted, On-Line, Off-Line, etc.

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EXTRA CREDIT
IN-DEPTH REPORT/STORY

Your report/story must be a detailed report or a detailed account of an event in order to receive full credit. Research subject examples: colic, blindness, dentistry, manure management. starting your own boarding business, etc. A story could be a detailed account of your own experience(s) with your equine.

EXTRA CREDIT EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

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See Instruction J

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